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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Clerk Martha Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present.

Chairperson Bob Lott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the July 9, 2019 regular Board Meeting as well as the monthly department expense report for June 2019. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

Kate Downing, Director of Sangamon Menard Area Regional Transit, was in attendance and updated the Board on the progress of SMART in the county. She stated they are planning on expanding the rides, but not the hours. The current hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Passes are available for purchase.

Cindy Sinclair and Juliana Hackman were in attendance and voiced their concerns on how Animal Control handles feral cats and the adoption process. The Board advised the ladies to contact Animal Control Administrator, Brad Willis for further discussion.

Craig Reincke, Menard County Central Illinois Economic Development Authority (CIEDA) representative, was in attendance and requested from the Board their expectations from him with regard to him serving on the committee. Reincke will work on scheduling a time for the Executive Director of CIEDA to come and talk to the Board.

James Meister, a concerned citizen who resides within New Salem Properties Owners Association, was in attendance and voiced his concerns with people committing unlawful acts within NSPOA. The Board stated they would look into this matter and indicated they will also talk to the Supervisor of Assessments.

Jason Booth and Jake Janssen, representatives from Snedeker Risk Management, were in attendance and updated the Board on the upcoming fall conference. Booth reported that rate renewal information should be available within several weeks.

### **Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Gail O'Neill, Director of Sangamon County Department of Public Health, was in attendance and updated the Board on the census for the Health Department. She also informed the Board that the catering company 5 Flavors will be coming to New Salem with food service.

### **Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action**

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and discussed the Solar Farm Request for Proposal draft he is currently working on. State's Attorney Grosboll added it still needed some work, and they are hoping to have it ready by September.

### **County Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller and Jail Administrator/Captain Jason Huffman were in attendance. Captain Huffman spoke in detail about the recent search for Floyd Jurgens. Huffman noted that the search was a large operation involving groups from surrounding counties. Sheriff Oller updated the Board on the current jail census and noted the Menard County Fair went well, with zero arrests and only a couple warnings. State's Attorney Grosboll and Sheriff Oller went to NSPOA and spoke with the President of the Association regarding issues at the campground. The association stated they are working on resolving the issues. Sheriff Oller stated officers will continue to patrol Colson Loop Road and respond to any calls.

### **County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financials for review and discussion. She discussed the proposed budget from Greg Andrews, the Veteran's Assistance Commission representative. Bauser reported that she had contacted other counties regarding their VAC budget. A brief discussion ensued on how this would impact the County and as well as tax payers.

### **County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on office activities.

### **State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action**

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll provided an overview of activities and issues related to his office. Mr. Grosboll informed the Board he has not received any written proposal for the phone tower lease and is still working on this. He also updated the Board on how the new fines and fees are broken down. He noted the county may be losing money due to the ability of those convicted to waive certain fees. Grosboll indicated that it's too early to tell since the new schedule only went into effect on July 1, 2019. A brief discussion ensued.

## **County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action**

Coordinator Worthington presented the FY2020 Senior Health Assistance Program Grant for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented the FY19/20 Senior Health Insurance Program Basic Grant for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented the FY2020 Senior Transportation Grant for approval noting that this Grant has been cut 46%. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes from January 31 2012, August 23, 2016 and January 8, 2019 all be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented a Health Department bill for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington presented a letter drafted to the Governor for signing Senate Bill 2023 into law. This law would permit all counties to impose up to a 3% tax on the sale of recreational cannabis within a municipality and up to 3.75% tax on sales within unincorporated areas. This item was tabled until the August 13 meeting.

Coordinator Worthington presented information from the Assessor's office and noted the county is in need of two Board of Review replacements with one being a registered Republican and the second being a registered Democrat. To be qualified, they will be required to pass an Illinois Department of Revenue test. Board of Review members receive \$120 per meeting plus mileage.

Additional reporting was done on, the Animal Control new facility expenditures, the UCCI trip to Washington D.C., the Participating Employer Information Verification for FY2020, benefits coordination for Sunny Acres Nursing Home and Menard County along with the plan for beginning work on the FY2020 budget.

## **Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action**

There were none

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) at 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.