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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **September 29, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Patricia Duncheon, State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were present. Chairperson Jeff Fore and County Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the September 8, 2015 regular board meeting and approval of the monthly department expense report for August 2015. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

**Hearing of Citizens (Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)**

There were no public comments or requests for Board action.

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

Jim Stone, Sangamon County Health Department Director, was in attendance and discussed the upcoming contract for next year. He asked the Board for input and Commissioner Lott stated that he has not heard anything negative. Mr. Stone stated that from a contract standpoint, he doesn’t see anything changing, but would like the Board to consider some recommendations. A brief discussion on rate structuring followed.

Mr. Stone informed the Board that the office located at Menard Medical Center is finally complete, and the open house is currently on hold.

**Sunny Acres/Heritage Report/Requests for Board Action**

Dianne Cochran, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator, and Marge Oblinger of Heritage Enterprises were in attendance and presented information to the Board which included: the census for both Sunny Acres and Country Side Estates, repairs done to the bus, and trading in the tractor for a newer model, which the Board approved. Ms. Cochran presented bids for sewer repair for which Prairie State had the lowest bid. She also informed the Board that the roof project is currently underway.

Marge Oblinger presented financial reports for review and discussion.

### **Sheriff's Department Report/Request for Board Action**

Coordinator Worthington presented the annual Menard County Jail Inspection in Sheriff Rod Harrison's absence. There was also a discussion regarding an updated elevator agreement that included an \$875 upgrade. The Board's consensus was not to proceed with the upgrade.

### **EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and provided an overview of activities and issues related to his office. He discussed a memo from Independent Auditor, Michael Feriozzi, regarding a payback of funds from EMS to the County. A discussion arose and the Board suggested Mr. Burg discuss this further with Mr. Feriozzi.

Coordinator Worthington presented the Board with bid information from area companies for the EMS building. It was the Board's consensus along with the Building Committee to reject all bids. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to reject all bids. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

A lengthy discussion regarding the EMS building project costs followed with the end result being to rebid the project.

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

County Clerk Duncheon presented financial reports to the Board in Treasurer Bauser's absence.

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

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon was in attendance and presented two Class F liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the licenses. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

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

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey provided an overview of activities within his office. He updated the Board on a complaint that was filed with Sunny Acres, noting that it has been resolved/withdrawn in a recent hearing. He briefly discussed the Kincaid Trust, and the potential county cost for an upcoming jury trial.

Mr. Tippey looked for direction on the Victim Witness Coordinator grant position. He stated that the grant deadline is October 1, 2015 and questioned moving forward without State released funding. The Board informed him to move forward with the grant position.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department's bills for approval and payment. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Menard County Tourism requested \$4000 out of their budgeted promotion fund. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

She stated that Administrative Services offered a new program to coincide with our cafeteria plan called the "Benny Card". The plan was declined by the Board.

Coordinator Worthington also discussed various issues related to her office which included: a field report from Sunny Acres, a rural transportation meeting with IDOT to be held on October 6, 2015, a senior transportation meeting next week, and the ongoing budget process.

Mrs. Worthington informed the Board that a contract has been signed for fiber optics to be installed for the new phone system.

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

Commissioner Anderson questioned whether the State's current lack of budget will affect any of the Departments within the County. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cummings briefed the Board on a UCCI meeting he attended.

Commissioner Whitcomb questioned whether we could extend the current County Farm contract if we are happy with the current tenant? State's Attorney Tippey will look further into this. A brief discussion ensued.

### **Resolution #41-15 – Appointment of the 2016 Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors.**

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #41-15**.

### **Resolution #42-15 – Appointing Patrick Rebbe to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board term ending December 1, 2015.**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #42-15**.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.