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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **October 14, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey were present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington and Tricia Duncheon was also present. Commissioner Allan Anderson was absent. Commissioner Chair Robert Lott arrived late.

Vice Chairperson Jeff Fore 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 30, 2014 regular Board Meeting and approval of the monthly department expense report for September 2014. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

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

Randy Leka, from Ag Plus Developments, Inc. was in attendance regarding the Developmental Plan for a livestock management facility in western Menard County. Mr. Leka presented to the Board, an Application for a “Notice of Intent to Construct” filed with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Mr. Leka presented handouts and discussed the area in which the facility will possibly be located, and stated that the official notification will be coming from the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Ben Hollis was in attendance proposing a five year extension on the current lease with the Fairgrounds. Mr. Hollis presented the Board with an updated copy of the lease for review. The Board determined it will review and discuss more at next board meeting.

Jason LeMar, County Assessor, was in attendance to discuss a Zoning/GIS Position. He presented the Board a drafted position description for review. The Board determined they would discuss further at the next board meeting.

Mr. LeMar also expressed concern with the current HP Plotter, used for mapping purposes, in that it needs replacing. He and Tom Casson have been in discussion on purchasing a new HP Plotter and it was determined that funds are available for the purchase of the new mapping equipment this fiscal year.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Tom Casson provided an overview of activities and presented monthly bills for approval. He discussed various items that included: replacement of MH-2, purchase of backhoe, and the sale of a conveyor and 1967 Ford 1 Ton truck through a sealed bid process. The bids will be opened on October 23, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. He

also stated that they will dispose of an old Bantam crane and an old paver as scrap metal. Quotes for those will be opened on October 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. The successful bidder is to pay the awarded price per ton and pick up the items at Highway Department yard.

He also presented an update of the Athens Blacktop Construction Project and stated that they plan to pave Thursday and Friday of this week.

Sunny Acres/Countryside Estates Report/Requests for Board Action

Pat McNeal, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator was in attendance and provided an overview of Sunny Acres and Countryside Estates Operations. Ms. McNeal stated that the census for Sunny Acres was 86 total and that Country Side Estates currently has one vacancy that is already reserved. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A - 11 plus 4 insurance; Private Pay – 37; Public Aid – 34.

Ms. McNeal discussed that future roof repairs will not likely take place until spring. She noted they received an insurance reimbursement for the rooftop unit and fire panel replacement. There was also a discussion with John Smith, in regard to the IGT funding.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Dara Worthington, Health Department representative, presented various Health Department bills to be approved for payment. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the payment of various Health Department bills as presented. Commissioner Cummings seconded it. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn was in attendance and presented and discussed end of month reports.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler was absent, Chief Deputy Patricia Duncheon was in attendance and discussed the upcoming election and the fact she is currently working with Jackie Horn on the tax sale that will be held this Thursday.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey informed the Board he has met with several different people including law enforcement personnel in regard to a Major Crime Task Force. He stated that it is a program in which county law enforcement would enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois State Police to handle major crimes. Mr.

Tippey explained the task force would have organized protocol in place to handle any major crime situation.

Mr. Tippey informed the Board of a potential problem regarding Applewood Farms, and indicated that he is in touch with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

He also updated the Board on the RFP with Sunny Acres. Mr. Tippey stated to the Board that he will be sending the Request For Proposal to Heritage, and that this RFP will be published in the Petersburg Observer, Menard County Review, and State Journal Register.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington reported that an inspector had come to look at the courthouse roof which was the last thing needed before the warranty card can be issued and the final payment issued to Trotter. Executive session minutes from October 8, 2013 and October 14, 2013 were presented to the board for consideration to open. There was recommendation to open the October 8, 2013 as litigation has been finalized and to keep the minutes dated October 14, 2013 closed due to ongoing personnel review. Ed Whitcomb made a motion to follow the recommendation on the two sets of minutes and Bob Lott seconded. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. It was reported that Steve Ozella will start working on the platform and ladder to the dome in the next couple of weeks. The Coordinator reported that Larry Graf, EMS Chief, had presented his Letter of Resignation to be effective December 31, 2014.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

The Board discussed the renewal of Michael J. Feriozzi's contract with the county to provide auditing services. It was decided that he should attend the Board meetings on a quarterly basis.

The contract for The Approval of Independent Auditor, Michael J. Feriozzi, CPA to continue as the County Auditor was presented to the board. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the appointment of Michael J. Feriozzi, CPA as County Auditor. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented an Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement for the Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Approval of new Menard County Personnel Policies was tabled until the next meeting after the board was notified that no comments had been made.

Mrs. Worthington presented a letter from the Menard County Tourism Council requesting \$4,000 for their operating expenses. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the

request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Patricia Duncheon presented a one day liquor license for Rolling Meadows for an event to be held on October 26, 2014 at Indian Creek Farmstead. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the one day liquor license. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Dara Worthington presented the Board with information regarding FY15 Worker's Compensation & Property/Casualty Renewal. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the renewal of Worker's Compensation & Property/Casualty Renewal. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Mrs. Worthington also discussed the Employee Health Insurance Changes/Considerations of Hope Trust Proposal.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(2)(5) at 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

INSERT CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

The open meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

The Board discussed further about making an offer to purchase the Lion's Club Building and adjacent property. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve an accepted counter offer of \$185,000 to purchase both properties to house EMS. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Dara Worthington, presented information regarding the upcoming budget for FY15. Specifically, for the new Zoning/GIS position and the Board determined the starting salary will be set at \$35,000. She also noted that the computer in that office needs replacing as well as new software to cover all aspects of that job position.

The Board determined that the County Farm Budget will stay the same, as well as the 9-1-1, & Sunny Acres budgets. There were lengthy discussions in regards to the Building Improvement Fund, and the Sangamon County Health Department Fund. The Board also stated that the new EMS Chief's salary will be \$56,500 for FY15.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.