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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **September 30, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey were present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington was also present. Chairperson Bob Lott was absent.

Vice Chairperson Jeff Fore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the September 9, 2014 regular Board Meeting and approval of the monthly department expense report for August 2014. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

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 pick-up truck and backhoe, selling conveyor and 1967 Ford 1 ton truck through sealed bid process, and disposal of very old equipment. He will obtain a local bid to compare it to the state bid for the pick-up truck

He also discussed approach work for Shanghai Avenue at the Union Pacific Railroad Crossing that will include installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates. There will also be construction of railroad sidings at Hardin Avenue and the Atterberry Blacktop Street in Atterberry. Mr. Casson stated this upgrade will include automatic flashing light signals and gates.

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

Sally Atterberry was in attendance and discussed Zoning Permitted Uses for Kennels. She stated her concerns and would like to see the county consider changing the definition of Kennel by adding language to include “a place of business”. The board advised her report back to the Zoning Officer within 60 days after securing letters of support and meeting with the Village of Oakford.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Jim Stone, Sangamon County Health Department Director, was in attendance and discussed upcoming Flu Clinics to be held within the county. He also discussed past inspection files and current inspection files.

Mr. Stone also stated he met with Memorial Medical Center and discussed renting space for the Health Department. There was also a discussion about Menard County entering into a 5 year contract with Sangamon County Health Department, starting on December 1, 2014. Mr. Stone stated he will be forwarding said contract within the next week or two for review and approval.

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

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Ann Gorman, representing EMS, was in attendance and provided an overview of activities and issues related to that office. She stated that EMA received a grant in the amount of \$12,000. She also presented and discussed a rate study she did on EMS.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn was in attendance and stated that the Tax Distribution is complete. She also noted that the State of Illinois is in the process of microfilming and storing some of Menard County's history and preserving some of Menard County's governmental history.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler provided a Resolution to Appoint Mark Stewart to fulfill the remainder of Robert Heyen's term as Trustee to the Menard County Cemetery District. He also presented an Approval of Deed for Conveyance of Interest in Parcel # 11-24-406-123. It was noted that a quorum was present and in agreement of this conveyance with Chairperson Bob Lott absent.

Resolution to Appoint Mark Stewart as Trustee to the Menard County Cemetery District.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution to Appoint Mark Stewart as Trustee to the Menard County Cemetery District. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution #38-14.**

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey provided an overview of where we are currently in the RFP process. Mr. Tippey stressed that we are on a timeline and that he has completed a rough draft for review. The Board suggested they discuss/review further with Chairperson Lott.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented information on a private consulting and brokering firm for senior housing, the Illinois Department of Corrections 2014 Menard County Jail Inspection, an offer from Landmark Dividend on cellular leasing and informational packets from HOPE Trust and Snedeker Risk Management. It was reported that the dome is leaking and that the Public Building Study Group had recommended that a permanent platform and ladder be built for safety. A bid was obtained for this work from Ozella Construction for a total of \$655.00. The board directed the Coordinator to proceed with securing the Ozella ladder work for the dome. A request was made for the Courthouse to be included in the Christmas Tour in December. The Board deferred this decision to the future sheriff. A request was presented to locate a Navigator for the Affordable Care Act in the courthouse one day per week. The Board determined to pass on this.

Executive session minutes from 07/30/2013 and 08/13/2013 were presented with the recommendation that they remain closed due to ongoing collective bargaining. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to keep both sets of minutes closed. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings informed the Board that a gentleman had contacted him regarding opening a Swine Farm/Operation in western Menard County. Mr. Cummings suggested to him that he attend the next Board meeting to discuss further.

There was an in depth discussion regarding the Sunny Acres Roof Inspection Report. The Board determined they would wait for input from Mr. Carl Fischer of FWAI Architects.

Consideration/Approval for Audit Engagement of Independent Auditor, Michael J. Feriozzi, CPA (Tabled).

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss real estate as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(5) at 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

INSERT CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

The open meeting reconvened at 9:05 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 offer of \$150,000 to purchase said property to house EMS. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Adjournment

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