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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 29, 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 present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Clerk Gum was absent.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular Board Minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

County Assessor’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Dawn Kelton, Assessor Administrator was in attendance and updated the Board on office activities. She stated that after this year is complete, Jerry Skillbeck is leaving the Board of Review resulting in a vacancy to that board. She updated the Board on upcoming meeting and hearing dates.

County Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action

Brian Hollenkamp, County Zoning and GIS Administrator, was in attendance and presented information on a new lease for a scanner/plotter in his office. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with this budgeted item.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and discussed various items. He stated that in spite of the forecasted weather, the Courthouse will not be closed. Each individual office and Elected Official/Administrator may make a decision for their office. He updated the Board on some internal Courthouse improvements being done, such as, painting and carpets being replaced. He also stated he had a lighting audit preformed with Green Edison, where we would have new lighting installed in the Courthouse, with a contractor of our choice, and obtain partial reimbursement through Ameren recouping our investment in 18 months through energy savings to our bill. A discussion ensued regarding the contractors submitting bids and how the program with Green Edison and Ameren works.

The consensus of the Board was to move forward with this project.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financial reports for review and discussion. Bauser reported that her office was being painted and that she is experiencing computer issues.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

In Clerk Gum's absence, Dara Worthington presented a liquor license for review and approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the liquor license for Parkside Tavern. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the court schedule and the possibility of an increase to that schedule due to a trend in petitions to expunge records. This means people are scheduling hearings to get their old convictions sealed. He also informed the Board that fees are going to be court standardized across the State. Lastly, he wanted to make the Board aware of a Senate Bill that has been introduced and which is re-defining the assault weapon. He stated it still has to pass the House and get signed by the Governor, before it becomes a law.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a variety of information from her office which included the approval of Health Department bills for payment. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve payment of the bills. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from August 22, 2016 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She requested Executive Session minutes from July 10, 2018 be opened. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She also reported on that the Federal Government Shutdown is not reported to be affecting any departments within the county. The Farm Bureau membership dues are scheduled to be paid and the Farm Bureau is holding a Health Fair on February 25, 2019 from 9 a.m. to noon. Lastly, she spoke regarding upcoming changes that need to be made to our Menard County Policy Handbook, per IPMG. The only new item will be the nursing mother policy. There was a brief discussion regarding the reimbursement policy section.

Coordinator Worthington stated that the Human Services Transportation Board for Region 7 is needing the County Board to appoint someone to be on their Board. Coordinator Worthington stated she will be willing to do this, since she already attends the meetings. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the appointment of Mrs. Worthington to the HSTP Region 7 Board. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on a Sunny Acres Advisory Board Meeting. He informed the Board there was a discussion regarding the status of the past due bills and what funds will be used to pay these, specifically the IGT funds.

Commissioner Fore discussed the Sheriff's Budget increase for the new PORTA School Resource Officer and how it read in the County paper. He wanted to re-iterate, that of the \$120,000 budgeted amount, approximately \$92,238 will be reimbursed from the PORTA school district. Specifically, \$57,238 for the salary and \$35,000 over a six-year period for the vehicle. Sheriff Oller added his article went into more detail, and Commissioner Whitcomb added that the end result for having a school resource officer, is to prevent a tragedy. Fore also requested it be noted that while the Assessor's budget did increase, it was due to the Supervisor of Assessments resignation and the required training for a new Supervisor while keeping a certified person on with the county until the training is completed and certification is achieved. That budget is projected to decrease when the trainee takes on the position of Supervisor of Assessments.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Highway Engineer Tom Casson was in attendance and presented information on the Menard/Sangamon Bike Trail status. He stated that Phase I funding is available through making application with the Department of Natural Resources and that for future Phases, funding will be available through ITEP (Federal highway monies earmarked for enhancement programs). He briefly updated the Board on the Highway Department and activities within his office.

Resolution #02-19 – Appointment of Shelly Knuppel to the Menard County Housing Authority Board to fulfill an open 5-year term that will expire on the last Tuesday in May 2020. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #02-19**.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator was in attendance and presented year end financials for review. He also informed the Board the final check was received from the Kincaid Family Trust. He briefly spoke about getting ideas and cost amounts, for possible finishing of the garage and/or connecting the two buildings together.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) at 7:18 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the hiring of Angela Stuebs as a full-time EMS paramedic. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss collective negotiating issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2) at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.