

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 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 Clerk Patricia Duncheon, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, 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 minutes from the Special Board Meeting held November 5, 2018, the regular Board Meeting held November 8, 2018, as well as the monthly departmental reports for October 2018. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

There were none.

**Sangamon County Health Department Comments/Requests for Board Action**

Jim Stone, Director of the Department of Public Health, was in attendance and introduced Gail O’Neil as Assistant Director of Public Health Department. Ms. O’Neill will be attending the board meetings upon Mr. Stone’s retirement.

**County Assessor Report/Requests for Board Action**

Jason LeMar was in attendance and presented his letter of resignation as Menard County Supervisor of Assessments effective November 30, 2018. Since the new Deputy Assessor will not be qualified until early 2019, the Menard County Central Republican Committee recommends Mr. LeMar be appointed Assessor until Mrs. Kelton has the qualifications in order to become the Supervisor of Assessments. State’s Attorney Grosboll added it is the County’s statutory obligation to have an Assessor who possesses certain qualifications. Mr. LeMar also presented a Memorandum of Agreement for review and approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Memorandum. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution #45-18** – Appointment of Jason LeMar as the Acting Menard County Assessor, effective December 1, 2018. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #45-18**.

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

County Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp was in attendance and presented a special use permit from Sunrise Energy for a solar farm to be located east of Greenview. Hollenkamp stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals had met and recommended approval of this requested permit to the Board. He informed the Board that the property is owned by the Power Family and the purchasing service host is Ameren Illinois. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**Resolution #44-18** – Approval of the special use permit for the Power Family solar farm. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #44-18**.

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

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his office. He stated that the US Marshall had performed a jail inspection and that it went well. With the completion of the inspection, it is hoped that Menard County will be able to house federal inmates. The state inspection on the jail is scheduled for next week.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Anderson moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. for the purpose of collective negotiating matters as allowed by 5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(2). Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:08 p.m.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financials for review. She also discussed Judge Atterberry requesting a pay increase for the Public Defender. The Board stated they will consider this for the future.

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

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within her office. She thanked the Board for her employment with the County, as she will retire at the end of November. She presented five 2019 liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the liquor licenses. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on office activities. He informed the Board that he's experiencing difficulty in getting attorney's in Menard County for cases due to a shortage of attorneys and the pay rate.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented health department bills for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve payment. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She requested Executive Session minutes from June 9, 2015, November 22, 2016, and May 8, 2018 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to the minutes remain closed. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented the bill from labor attorney, Rhett Barke for review and payment approval. A discussion ensued regarding the line items within the bill. State's Attorney Grosboll stated he will reach out to attorney Barke for clarification.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board on the upcoming retirement reception for County Clerk Duncheon and Assessor LeMar, the swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials, and the UCCI meeting she attended.

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

Commissioner Fore received a media inquiry regarding the County's stance on becoming a gun sanctuary. Coordinator Worthington stated that she had responded to that inquiry.

Commissioner Cummings was looking for clarification on Senate Bill 2313 regarding animal licensing fees collected and what is sent to the State. Animal Control Administrator, Brad Willis needs this information.

Commissioner Lott discussed the heater/generator situation at Sunny Acres. There was a discussion regarding the cost. Commissioner Anderson stated they will be discussing it at the Sunny Acres Advisory Board Meeting.

Coordinator Worthington stated that three bid packets have been picked up for the Animal Control Building Project.

### **Ordinance #42-18 - Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Adoption**

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Ordinance #42-18**.

**Resolution #43-18** – Re-appointment of Pat Rebbe to the Menard County Emergency Telephone Systems Board for three-year term expiring on December 1, 2021.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. as allowed by 5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:04 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.