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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on **Tuesday, June 11, 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 physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Clerk Marty Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were present.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 2, 2019 regular Board Meeting and approval of the monthly department expense report for May 2019. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Greg Andrews, Post Service Officer for all three Veteran’s organizations within Menard County, was in attendance to have dialogue with the Board to discuss the possibility of having a Veteran’s Assistance Commission in Menard County. Mr. Andrews explained to the Board that the current local Veteran’s programs can only assist minimally. Commissioner Whitcomb inquired about the minimum financial backing he is requesting from the County. Andrews stated would try and get figures before budget discussions for the next fiscal year. He also stated a County Board member would have to oversee operations and report to the State of Illinois, along with an officer that will need to be appointed, by Mr. Andrews. He added the officer will need to be paid, and only he would volunteer his time. Commissioner Lott asked Mr. Andrews to propose a budget with salary, benefits, services, etc.in order for the Board to review and discuss.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Tom Casson provided an overview of departmental activities. He presented a 2nd Addendum for \$5,736.00 on Segment B for the Athens Blacktop project for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fore inquired about a Price Road bridge replacement date and Mr. Casson stated it being surveyed and probably won’t get replaced until 2021.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance and updated the Board on the replacement car for the one that was totaled in the recent storm. Hollis stated they received \$10,600

for the totaled sheriff's department vehicle and informed the commissioners that he located a replacement in Marion with a bid for \$30,983.81. Treasurer Bauser informed the Board she will revise this line item closer to the end of the fiscal year. He also updated the Board on a bid received for additional cameras in the courthouse. He stated that our insurance managing group (IPMG) will provide a maximum match of \$10,000 assist with the cost. He also went over the census at the jail and stated the lighting project is near completion at the courthouse.

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 that office.

He reviewed call logs for May and year to date financials.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(1) at 7:17 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion on how to handle employees moving between union contracts as it relates to payout. It was emphasized they have to follow the Union contract and that future contract language may need to be revised.

Chief Burg asked for board approval for filling his current vacancy. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the hiring of Nathan Schirding. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and stated the tax bills have been mailed.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented a liquor license for approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the liquor license for Hamilton's Catering. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and discussed the possibility of the Health Department administering citations. He stated Gail, Administrator for Sangamon County Department of Public Health will be sending us a list of services the Sangamon County Health Department will be providing since some changes are happening within their department and the Sangamon County Zoning Office. He added

they would like to know which services that Menard County would like and reminded the Board that the Board of Health would like to be involved in this process.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills for review and approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented items for discussion, which included: possible re-negotiation of the American Tower contract, Zoning will be notifying property owners violating the noxious weed ordinance, discussion with a solar company that has solar farm sites in Tazwell County, and an update on the Animal Control Building project.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were none.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(1) at 7:56 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.