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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 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 Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey were present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington and Patricia Duncheon were also present.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 26, 2014 regular Board Meeting, approval of the monthly department expense report for August 2014, and approving payment to State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor – 7/25/2014 County Board Meeting Attendance. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

Highway Department

County Engineer Tom Casson provided an overview of activities and presented monthly bills for approval. Mr. Casson presented the County Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the County Engineer’s Salary.

Resolution of County Motor Fuel Tax for the County Engineer’s Salary.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution to appropriate from the County Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the payment of the salary of the County Engineer. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution shall be known as **Resolution #34-14.**

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented various Health Department bills to be approved for payment. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the payment of various Health Department bills as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. An update on the progress regarding the closure of the Menard County Health Department was made. It was noted that Jim Stone will be in attendance at the next meeting on September 30, 2014.

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 87 total and that Country Side Estates currently has one vacancy. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A - 7 plus 3 insurance; Private Pay – 40; Public Aid – 37.

Ms. McNeal discussed various repairs that were completed. She also discussed information received for the upcoming roof replacement project. Carl Fischer, from FWAI was present and provided the Board with more information regarding the roof replacement project. Commissioner Fore motioned to start the bid process for roof replacement of Sunny Acres. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action; Discussion of Ambulance Replacement Options (Request for Board Action Possible)

Ann Gorman and Dara Worthington were representing EMS, and provided bid information for the Board to review. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve Alexis Fire Equipment Company for remounting of ambulance. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn was in attendance and went over an article in an Illinois Times regarding missing, historical, Menard County documents. She stated that she was in contact with the State of Illinois and that we will be getting a microfilmed copy of the books, along with the Petersburg Library and Athens Library.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gene Treseler was in attendance and presented the listing of the 2015 Grand and Petit Jurors for approval by Resolution.

Resolution for approval of 2015 Grand and Petit Jurors listing. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #35-14.**

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey discussed the Nursing Home Management Contract Issue. He stated he had been reaching out to different counties for guidance on a Request for Proposal. Mr. Tippey stated that Champaign County was the only one contracting out and they did the RFP internally and did not hire a consultant. State's Attorney Tippey stated he will continue working on this issue.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington reported on the progress of SMART – Sangamon Menard Rural Area Regional Transportation noting that four minivans were scheduled for pickup on September 18. Sample uniforms were shown to board members. It was reported that a FOIA request had been received regarding the courthouse roof project.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore reported that he has received calls on how well the Animal Control Officer is doing.

Resolution – Appointment of Billy Ross Edwards as Grove Creek Drainage District Commissioner. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution shall be known as **Resolution #36-14.**

There was a brief discussion on budget preparation.

Commissioner Cummings discussed in detail the medical marijuana cultivation center and noted after approval of the Benefits Agreement, that we will need to send a letter of endorsement.

Resolution – Authorizing the Execution of a Community Benefits Agreement, involving a medical marijuana cultivation center, to be located in District 9.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Community Benefits Agreement with Cresco Labs, LLC. along with the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Community Benefits Agreement, involving a medical marijuana cultivation center. Commissioner Fore seconded it. The motions carried unanimously. The Resolution shall be known as **Resolution #37-14.**

Executive Session

Commissioner Anderson moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1&5) at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The open meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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