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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 12, 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 Clerk Marty Gum and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included both the Regular minutes and Executive Session minutes from the February 26, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Menard County Farm Bureau President, Brian Satorius, was in attendance and gave information on the Farm Bureau’s 100th anniversary, as well as the water quality report and noted that the Illinois Farm Bureau was presented with a stewardship award. He also updated the Board on a water quality research project happening within Menard County that is being managed through Southern Illinois University.

Craig Reincke was in attendance and discussed information regarding launching a Menard County CEO Program for students. He explained it would be offered countywide for Juniors and Seniors and designed to educate the students in the skills needed to run a business. He also presented information on an Economic Development Prep Committee which is relaunching through PORTA. The Board gave him contact information for moving forward with economic development. Mr. Reincke informed the Board that the next Prep 2.0 meeting will be held March 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Roots.

County Sheriff Report/Requests for Board Action

Menard County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented information on his office activities. He updated the Board on the census at the jail and stated there are fourteen total inmates, he also presented a breakdown of all Menard County Sheriff calls for 2018. He updated the Board on proposed the sealed bid process for the upcoming sale of two soft top Humvees. Lastly, Oller reported that they are receiving regular monthly payments from PORTA School for the school resource officer.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and provided an overview of activities related to her office. She informed the Board that in the near future, there will be a need for updating the election equipment. She informed the Board that the current voting machines were purchased in 2004, and are no longer manufactured. Clerk Gum stated she would like the machines replaced by 2020. She is working on getting pricing information from vendors.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented information that included: health department bills for budgeted, payment approval, the Sunny Acres inspection from Illinois Department of Public Health, an electronic recycling event to be held in Petersburg in April, the SMART ad hoc meeting, and an updated gun sanctuary map for Illinois counties.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 9/13/16, 9/27/16, 2/27/17, 2/28/17, and 3/14/17 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 8/28/18 be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore informed the Board he was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding solar panels on their home, and how it affected the assessed valuation. He stated that after it went through the Board of Review, everything was resolved.

Tabled – Highway Teamsters contract approval.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.