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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Marty Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. Commissioner Allan Anderson was absent.

Chairperson 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 March 12, 2019 regular Board Meeting and the monthly departmental expense reports for February 2019. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

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

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

Animal Control Administrator Brad Willis was in attendance and the Board discussed having donations for Animal Control managed by the County Coordinator and County Treasurer. Mr. Willis also discussed generating more revenue by increasing the fee for rabies tags along with the possibility of having cats require rabies tags. He will be looking into this further and studying other county fee structures.

**Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Gail O’Neill, Interim Director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health , was in attendance and discussed the following items: monthly immunizations, WIC and food inspections. She spoke briefly on an opioid grant which will consist of working with the local law enforcement agencies. She stated there have been a couple sewage issues within the County. State’s Attorney Grosboll added they are working on what steps can be taken to handle the issues. Lastly, they will be advertising clinic hours in the near future.

**Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current census at the jail, thirteen males and two females. He also informed the Board they will be picking up two new vehicles of which one is for the new PORTA School Resource Officer. Sheriff Oller spoke regarding having a prisoner doing outdoor cleanup around the courthouse. Chief Deputy Ben Hollis added they have applied for another grant for more cameras. He also stated they are in need of corrections employees at the jail.

## **Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented bid information on rock and oil for the County and Road Districts.

Commissioner Cummings moved to reject the bid from Tri-State due to an improper technicality in the bid, as well as IDOT's recommendation for rejection. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the bid of Asphalt Sales for County oil. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the bid of Asphalt Sales for Road District Oil. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the low bid of Jeff Clark Trucking for County Rock. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

County Engineer Casson presented the Menard County Road District's Aggregate Bids as followed: Item numbers 1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 18 & 28 – No Bids; Item numbers 2, 19, 21 & 23 – Reject (Central Stone); Item numbers 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 24 thru 27, 29 thru 31 – Approve (Central Stone); Item number 4 Approve (Jeff Clark Trucking); Item numbers 15, 17 & 22 – Approve (Callender Construction) Commissioner Fore moved to approve the presented items. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financials for Board review. Ms. Bauser went over activities within her office. She stated the law library fund is over budget. There was discussion regarding Sunny Acres and Country Side financials. She also informed the Board she is preparing to send out Mobile Home tax bills.

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

Clerk Gum presented an application for a firework display permit for NSPOA. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the NSPOA firework display. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

County Clerk Marty Gum presented two liquor licenses for Hamilton's Catering for events to be held at Roots. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the licenses. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Clerk Gum also updated the Board on the Consolidated Election and stated the Public Test was preformed and everything was good.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and went over the possible enforcement of Health Department Rules. He also reported that their office is getting more requests for expungement and sealings of hearings. He stated an expungement is a record being completely destroyed whereas sealings involve a record being sealed in an envelope or file. Sealed records may be petitioned to be opened in the future. He spoke in detail on what all it takes for both processes to occur. Lastly, he discussed a recent search warrant for social media.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for review and approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Mrs. Worthington also informed the Board there is a NACCO flag disposal bin located in the courthouse and that notice of this will be published in the local papers. She has been working on inventory of records from the Health Department and distinguishing the records disposal timeframes.

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

Commissioner Fore discussed a problem with removing water from a low area within Road District #9. He stated it's been causing problems over driveways, and has spoke with Road District #9 Commissioner as well as County Highway Engineer Tom Casson to resolve the issue.

Commissioner Cummings reported on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended and stated that occupancy is down at Sunny Acres and that the new nurse call station is being installed. He also updated the Board on the UCCI meetings he attended.

Commissioner Lott wanted to send a personal thank you's to MAPS/Animal Control donors.

Commissioner Whitcomb also added that some of the MAP members do not want to put funds toward the Animal Control infrastructure. They are willing to help with fundraising

as long as the County Board has ideas for fundraising projects. A lengthy discussion ensued and Commissioner Lott stated that it is a County owned building, and there needs to be a process to this whole project.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:29 p.m.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Teamsters contract, conditional upon approving the new Exhibit B and side letter. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.