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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 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 Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Clerk Gum was absent.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular Board Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Regular and Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Marge Oblinger, Regional Director of Operations for Heritage Operations Group, was in attendance and presented detailed information on the proposed Incentive Bonus Program for the positions of Administrator and Director of Nursing. A lengthy discussion ensued including the impact on IMRF. Commissioner Cummings stated he would like this to go before the Sunny Acres Advisory Board and hear their valued opinion. Tabled.

Health Department/Report Requests for Board Action

Gail O’Neill, Director of Sangamon County Department of Public Health was in attendance with an update for the Board on December and January activity. She also stated she will get the yearly agreement signed and back to us.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Highway Engineer Tom Casson, was in attendance and presented information on the Highway Maintainer Position. It was the consensus of the Board that the Highway Maintainer must live within Menard County.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance reporting that the census of the jail is currently seven males and two females. He also discussed items such as: a shooting threat reported at the AC Central school, a family from the County would like to donate a granite bench for the courthouse lawn, and painting within the courthouse has been completed for the year.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financials for review and discussion. There was a brief discussion regarding generated gambling money funds. Treasurer Bauser also requested signature for submittal for PTAX Form reimbursement for the County Assessor's salary.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the following: he was appointed special prosecutor on a Sangamon County Case, the Menard County Farm Bureau would like to invite the Board to a meeting, the Circuit Clerk and State's Attorney's office will be affected by the cannabis laws that allow for automatic expungement, upcoming jury call in February with a good chance there will be a jury trial, and there were seven felony cases in January, which is higher than usual.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

EMS/EMA Administrator Mike Burg was in attendance and presented information for approval.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the contract opening of IAFF Local 4622 for the purpose of modifying the shift start time to 0700, effective February 1, 2020. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District and Menard County EMS for the mowing maintenance at their building. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a Health Department bill for payment approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington also requested Executive Session minutes from July 31, 2018 be opened and from July 30, 2019 remain closed. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed Edie Sternberg would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Animal Control Building, and the Board agreed, but requested that the Public Building Study Group be included before reporting back to Ms. Sternberg.

Coordinator Worthington also noted that the salaries for the offices of the Assessor and Circuit Clerk must set by resolution by the end of May. A discussion ensued, and the Board suggested Dara's office to do a wage comparison with other Counties.

Mrs. Worthington discussed the UCCI meeting she attended

She also informed the Board that someone has submitted an application to become a craft grower to the Illinois Department of Agriculture. IDOA sent it to our Zoning Department for zoning verification. A brief discussion ensued regarding us not having any zoning rules and regulations in place. State's Attorney Grosboll stated he will look into this further. The commissioners requested that the Zoning Officer be present at the next meeting to provide them with detailed information on how the different categories of licenses will impact local zoning.

Tabled – Information on Zoning and Cannabis laws.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore received a couple calls asking what could be done to consolidate the Road Districts and put them under the Highway Department. A brief discussion ensued.

Coordinator Worthington presented information for Board approval noting that updates are expected as this unfolds.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the updated Menard County Personnel Policy to include updates to the Cannabis, Drug and Alcohol policies. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the solicitation of bids for partial Sunny Acres roof replacement and shower replacements, along with an update to the fire alarm system at Countryside Estates. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss personnel issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)). Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.