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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 25, 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 Clerk Marty Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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 June 11, 2019 regular Board Meeting as well as the monthly departmental expense reports for May 2019. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests (Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)

Michael J. Feriozzi CPA, Independent Auditor, discussed the FY18 financial statement audit results. Mr. Feriozzi reported that the County had improved economically in 2018.

County Circuit Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Circuit Clerk Penny Hoke was in attendance to present an ordinance regarding new fines and fees. Deputy Clerk Elyse Waibel informed the Board that the updated fines and fees came via the Supreme Court law and will be effective July 1, 2019. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Associate Circuit Judge Kevin Tippey added there will be fee waiver provisions for some and there may need a need for amendments to the ordinance as they become aware of situations warranting such. Circuit Clerk Hoke added this new structure may affect the court document storage and court security revenues as it relates to use within the budget.

Ordinance#14-19 – Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Ordinance #14-19**.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sangamon County Director Gail O’Neill was in attendance and updated the Board on activities. There are currently 48 WIC cases for Menard County. She also discussed the possibility of changing the Thursday clinic hours to 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. She added there will be food inspections coming back June, July and August for high risk establishments. O’Neill briefly discussed Sangamon County’s safe housing enforcement.

She will be providing the Board of Health and the Commissioners with a list of covered services they have to offer Menard in addition to what is already provided for within the intergovernmental agreement.

Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the jail census. He discussed items such as; the new vehicle being prepped for fleet use, Starcom radio system up and running, and the school resource officer is working out well.

Highway Department

County Engineer Tom Casson provided an overview of activities within his department. Mr. Casson requested approval of Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation, Supplement #1 with Cummins Engineering in the Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500. Casson reported that this supplement includes direct cost for one additional appraisal and two additional review appraisals for the Athens Blacktop Land Acquisition Services. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Supplement #1. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Casson also presented a Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Cummins Engineering for Phase 1 (PE 1) for a Two Mile Extension of the Sangamon Valley Trail from the South Side of Irwin Bridge Road in Sangamon County to the North Side of Ethell Avenue in Menard County in the Amount Not to Exceed \$59,973.13, Casson noted that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will cover 100% this cost.) Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

He also discussed replacing a 1997 JCB backhoe for his Department, and requested to move forward with getting bids for a new backhoe. The consensus was to secure bids for a new backhoe.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented a Resolution for approval in EMS Administrator Mike Burg's absence.

Resolution #13-19 – Approval of the Menard County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #13-19**.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented information on the quote for surveying the sliver of land discussed previously. She requested to move forward with contacting surveyor Ron Moss. It was the consensus of the commissioners that she move forward with contracting Mr. Moss. Clerk Gum presented information on how other counties handle levies/tax caps for their Veteran's Assistance Commission. There was a brief discussion on the options for funding such a department.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll also presented an update on the sliver of land, noting he has been contacted by only one of the four residents that were sent letters. He updated the Board on the criminal and juvenile cases within the County and reported that in his opinion, methamphetamine plays a recurring role in a lot of those cases. Lastly, he will be attending a State's Attorney Conference and plans to discuss the new fees and fines with other state's attorneys.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Coordinator Worthington presented and discussed various issues within her office that included: funds received from Cresco Labs in the amount of \$6250; the sale of windows from the Courthouse for Animal Control fundraising, the Menard County Farm Bureau Anniversary Celebration to be held on July 13th, the availability of a NACO scholarship, a half year report on building permits within Menard County, a possible recruitment event for US CENSUS employees, and the fact that she has hired three new part time, probationary drivers for Senior Transport.

Individual Board Members Report/Requests

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting and stated that new Medicaid rates will go into effect July 1, 2019. He also stated there are currently empty rooms at CountrySide Estates and they are looking into increasing the room rates. They are also getting three bids for a new air conditioning unit for the laundry room at Sunny Acres.

Coordinator Worthington presented information on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board having recommended an increase in room rates for Sunny Acres to be effective August 1, 2019 for new residents and September 1, 2019 for current residents. These rates will increase 2.25%. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the increase as recommended by the Advisory Board. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #15-19 – Appointing Amy Ruppel to replace Debbie Nichols on the Menard County Rescue Squad District with said term to expire on the second Monday in December 2020. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #15-19**.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.