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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 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 Pam Bauser, County Clerk Patricia Duncheon, and State's Attorney Kevin Tippey were present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington was also present.

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., County Clerk Duncheon then called for nominations to serve as the Menard County Board of Commissioners' Chairperson for the 2015 fiscal year (December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015). Commissioner Fore nominated Robert Lott to continue to act as the Menard County Board of Commissioners' Chairperson for the 2015 fiscal year and close nominations to serve as the Menard County Board of Commissioners' Chairperson for the 2015 fiscal year. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lott assumed the position of Chairperson.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the November 25, 2014 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Doug King was present and briefly discussed the transferring of ownership from Menard County to Menard County Rescue Squad.

Tabled – Discussion of transferring ownership of the building from Menard County to the Rescue Squad.

Jeff Sampson, from the Menard County Fair Board was present and discussed/presented the Menard County Fair's Year End Report. He discussed the improvements made, attendance and the 2015 County Fair.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented and discussed Highway Department bills for November 2014. He briefly discussed repairs done to equipment/vehicles.

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 including various repairs that had been made or will be done in the future. She also noted that they received IGT money and are still waiting for payment from the State of Illinois Department of Public Aid. Ms. McNeal stated that the census for Sunny Acres was 84 total and that Country Side Estates currently has two vacancies. She reported that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A – 9 plus 2 insurance; Private Pay – 39; Public Aid – 27; Managed Care – 7.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented various Departments' budget reports. Ms. Bauser presented a bill for repayment of \$85,000 to Capital Reserve for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the repayment of \$85,000 to the Capital Reserve. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon was in attendance and presented five liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve all five liquor licenses. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for review and payment. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Fore seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington also presented a bill for approval for the State's Attorney Special Prosecutor who attended a Board Meeting. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator Worthington discussed payment for storage used at the Farm Bureau Building. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve payment for storage for the next year. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She stated that there will be a public meeting, regarding the Grigsby Protein Plant, held here at the Courthouse, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Worthington also presented a letter and refund she received from UCCI. She requested approval to pay yearly dues for UCCI. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve payment of UCCI dues. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented Executive Session minutes from June 10, 2014. Under direction of the State's Attorney, the Board decided to partially open those minutes and keep the remaining closed. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to partially open minutes. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Worthington stated she received a bid for the purchase of four recycling bins. The bid is for a total of \$2500. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the sale of recycling bins. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Anderson stated he would be interested in meeting with each of the County's Appointed Boards for yearly updates.

Commissioner Cummings stated he attended a Workforce Alliance meeting discussing how counties determined raises for their employees. He stated that other counties determine the raise by a county average, not by the State's CPI. There was a brief discussion on various ways on determining raises in the future.

Commissioner Whitcomb stated he and Coordinator Worthington attended a Building Committee meeting last week regarding the new EMS building. He noted that Mike Burg and the EMS crew had lots of good ideas and was thankful for that.

Tabled - Approval of 2015 Mileage Reimbursement Rates (Effective January 1, 2015).

There was a brief discussion of changes to the Commissioner's Oversight Assignments.

Approval of FY2015 Menard County Board of Commissioner's Committee and Oversight Assignments. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the FY2015 Oversight Assignments. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the 2015 Calendar of Regular Meetings of the Menard County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the meetings. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Mike Burg for EMS Chief/EMA Coordinator starting January 1, 2015. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tabled - Appointment of Mike Burg as the EMS Chief/EMA Coordinator for Menard County, effective January 1, 2015.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The open meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

County Treasurer Pam Bauser presented a printout of IGT money received within the last three years, for review, along with the check printed out from today. A brief discussion ensued on IGT funding.

State's Attorney, Kevin Tippet was in attendance and presented a contract from Heritage regarding the operation of Sunny Acres. A lengthy discussion followed, and it was the consensus of the Board to approve the core terms of the contract with Heritage. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the core terms of the contract with Heritage. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.