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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, Allan Anderson and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. State's Attorney Kevin Tippey, County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also present.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 21, 2014 special Board meeting; May 27, 2014 regular Board Meeting; the Menard County Community Services Report for April 2014; and approval of payment to FWAI Architects for services rendered related to the Courthouse Roof Project. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion & Direction on Treatment of Pot-Bellied Pigs as Pets (in lieu of livestock) for the Purposes of Zoning Compliance

There was continued discussion on treatment of pot-bellied pigs as pets (in lieu of livestock) for the purposes of zoning compliance. Commissioner Whitcomb informed of his discussion with Dr. David Bromwell, Chief Veterinarian with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, where Dr. Bromwell informed they were treated as pets by his agency. State's Attorney Tippey informed that he believed it would be difficult to justify pot-bellied pigs as livestock with such determinations being made by the State of Illinois. County Coordinator Duncan informed that if the County did not regulate the issue, it would become incumbent upon active subdivision homeowners associations in the County to prohibit the keeping of pot-bellied pigs through their private covenants. After discussion, the Board informed that they believed that pot-bellied pigs should be treated as pets and not livestock per zoning determinations.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Larry Todd was in attendance to request support to close a portion of West Oakford Avenue (CH 12) for the 5th Annual Jim Todd Memorial Ride to Remember. It was discussed that a resolution should be prepared if the Board was willing to support the request. The Board expressed support for the preparation of resolution for their consideration. Mr. Todd was informed that the County would like a letter of support from the Village of Oakford.

Request for Assistance in Sangamon River Clean-Up

George Sinclair, representing the Friends of Sangamon Valley, was on the agenda to make a request to provide support for trash removal for a Sangamon River clean-up. He was unable to attend but there was discussion with the Board directing that the County Highway Department could work with Mr. Sinclair if it was deemed by County Engineer Casson to be workable for his department.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented monthly, Highway Department bills for May 2014.

A request for the Board to support a vacation by the State of Illinois of a portion of Old Route 29 (west of Prairieland FS/Greenview location) was presented by adjacent landowners including Prairieland FS. The Board informed that they were also in support of the vacation.

Mr. Casson informed of the next phase of construction regarding improvements to the Athens Blacktop Road.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan informed of a recent meeting with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health and other Sangamon County officials to discuss contracting with that agency to manage and provide services to the Menard County Health Department. He informed that he was encouraged by the meeting that something could be put together unless something unforeseen was presented in their contract proposal. There was discussion that there may be no Menard County Health Department employees retained if an agreement is reached as the Sangamon County Department of Public Health may provide employee needs as part of the agreement. It was stressed that would have to be determined if an agreement is reached with Sangamon County.

Sherrie Leezer was in attendance, representing the Health Department. The bills and status of the Health Department's finances were submitted, highlighting that the Health Department is currently operating at a \$154,941 deficit (county's extension of a line of credit with other County funds being used to cover many of the costs of the Health Department) as of the end of May 2014.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the payment of various Health Department bills (and as deemed needed per the County extending the Health Department's line of credit to pay said bills), as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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. Ms. McNeal stated that the census for Sunny Acres was 83 total and that Country Side Estates currently has two vacancies. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A – 8 plus 3 insurance; Private Pay – 36; Public Aid – 36.

County Coordinator Duncan informed that the County's independent auditor was looking for clarification of the intent of the County's practice of budgeting a transfer of funds from Sunny Acres to the County's General Fund. The Board informed that the budgeted funds were a transfer to the County's General Fund, as Sunny Acres funds allowed, to act as a benefit to the County taxpayers and stakeholders of owning a nursing home and being in that business, as the monies provided a source of revenue for other County needs and services. The monies were not to be looked at as due to the Sunny Acres Nursing Home Fund.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Horn provided various financial reports to the Board and gave an overview of said reports.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action; Ordinance – Prevailing Wages for Menard County

County Clerk Treseler presented an ordinance to adopt prevailing wages for Menard County. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 19-14**.

County Clerk Treseler presented a fireworks display permit application from Lake Petersburg Association. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the application, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Treseler presented a liquor license application from the Menard County Fair. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the application, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Tippey provided an update on office activities.

Commissioner Fore informed of complaints he had received regarding the condition of a property located off of Cassen Avenue. Mr. Tippey provided an overview informing that a Sheriff's deputy had been dispatched to inform the property owner that criminal action (misdemeanor) may be pursued if the property was not cleaned up of trash/junk/debris.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes due for review. Commissioner Anderson moved to partially open minutes from the December 10, 2013 Board meeting and keep closed another six months a redacted portion of the minutes due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan asked for clarification from the Board if they felt they were at the point that they wanted to advertise for bids on replacing ambulances. The Board informed that right now they were waiting for the EMS Department to present rough estimates on options that they want to recommend before spending funds to advertise for bids on a chosen option.

Mr. Duncan informed that the roofing contractor had informed that they were hoping to finish the balance of the courthouse roofing project by the end of June. He informed of roof leaking that the contractor had caused that they had accepted responsibility to fix.

Mr. Duncan passed out a draft of proposed updates to the County's personnel manual that he asked the Board to review. He informed that he had also sought legal counsel from the county's insurance group, Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust, to also comment on needed changes.

Mr. Duncan passed out mailings from the United Counties Council of Illinois. He informed that a new computer had been purchased for Judge Atterberry's office. He informed a representative of ADP was requesting to come into the County to do a business analysis (to likely make the case for the sale of office equipment). The Board informed they were not interested in such an analysis.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Lott informed that a company was looking at a five county area to locate a facility to legally produce medicinal marijuana.

Resolution – Menard County Board of Health Appointment

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution appointing to a three year term that expires May 31, 2017, Dr. Don Hartman to the Menard County Board of Health. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 20-14**.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at approximately 7:35 p.m., Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

Commissioner Lott asked for the Board's support in having the Sunny Acres Advisory Board look into other management firms that may be contracted with to provide management services to Sunny Acres. The consensus of the Board was that they should evaluate other management firms.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.