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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. Commissioners Allan Anderson and Jeff Fore were absent, along with County Clerk Marty Gum.

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 April 30, 2019 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and two absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Dave Bagot, owner of Petersburg Pharmacy, was in attendance requesting the Board submit a letter to Senator Bill Brady in support of House Bill 465. Mr. Bagot presented the county revised draft letter and went into detail regarding the importance of this bill, which could impact our County’s independent pharmacies. The consensus of the Board is to send the letter.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented information regarding proposed Menard County highway projects for a capitol bill. She stated Engineer Casson would like to submit projects for which the County could benefit with funding for. Proposed projects include bridge painting, an office for Highway Department and a salt storage building. The board consensus was to go ahead with submitting the proposal to Bill Brady.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance and updated the Board on the lighting project for the courthouse. Hollis stated the Circuit Clerk’s Office went well, so they proceeded with the order for the remaining offices. He also informed the Board on possible plans to place more cameras within the public areas of the courthouse. Lastly, there was a brief discussion on the possibility of extending the fiber optics from the jail to the courthouse from a grant funded through the Illinois State Board of Elections.

EMS Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, presented EMS April financial reports and transport logs for review. He updated the Board on various issues such as: rig maintenance, the possibility of paying off the cardiac monitors, fleet age, and getting figures on connecting

the two buildings. There was a lengthy discussion regarding an employee exit and payout per the union contract. The employee will be moving within the County from one union contract to another union contract. The Treasurer will be contacting the County's retirement system (IMRF) for guidance, and Mr. Burg will be contacting the EMS Union for better interpretation of the contract.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and discussed issues related to her office. She discussed the Coroner's Office and how she would like to set it up as a separate department for FY20, for better tracking of revenues and expenses.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented a liquor license for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the liquor license. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll informed the Board he is still waiting to hear back from Sangamon County Department of Public Health regarding the handling of sewage dumping violations. He also updated the Board on the sliver of land discussed in the last meeting and explained each resident has been notified, as well as a notice for survey bid has been published. Lastly, he discussed the upcoming trials.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and requested Executive Session minutes from October 30, 2018 remain closed. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Coordinator Worthington also requested Executive Session minutes from October 25, 2016, December 12, 2017, January 9, 2018, May 29, 2018, June 12, 2018, and June 26, 2018 be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the requests. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

County Coordinator Worthington presented/updated the Board with various items/issues such as: Dawn Kelton will be taking the Illinois Department of Revenue test for Assessor certification, animal control donations, and information on Senate Bill 7 legalization of recreational use cannabis in Illinois.

Mrs. Worthington also presented a Resolution for review and approval.

Resolution #10-19 – Appointment of William Buchanan to the Board of Trustees of the Tallula Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to begin the first Monday of May 2019 and end on the first Monday, May 2022. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and two absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #10-19**.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

No reports or requests.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and two absent.