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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 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 Gabe Grosboll were present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington was also present.

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 July 10, 2018 regular Board Meeting, Executive Session from July 10, 2018 and the Menard County Community Service report for June 2018. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were none.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mr. Jim Stone, Director of Sangamon County Department of Public Health, was in attendance and updated the Board on clinic hours and the FY19 tentative contract for public health services. Commissioner Whitcomb questioned what it would entail to install a new septic tank for the Animal Control building project. A brief discussion ensued and Mr. Stone stated it could be done, would just be done a little differently considering the animal waste.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, Highway Engineer was in attendance and presented agreement information and a resolution for approval.

Resolution #27-18 – Approval of the County of Menard to acquire right-of-way for the future improvement of three segments of the Athens Blacktop Road, County Highway 2, segments B, D & E. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as Resolution **#27-18**.

Mr. Casson presented a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Athens Blacktop Right-of-Way Acquisition. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented information on the courthouse being used for public meetings, State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll added that he, along with the Sheriff, County Clerk, and Coordinator have done a lot of research regarding this. He stated that it's an analysis that depends on our history, and that we have never been approached to have a partisan event inside the courthouse. He stated, in the past, the Republican Central Committee have held meetings in the courthouse and the Democratic Central Committee was granted the right to have meetings in the courthouse, but never did. Mr. Grosboll stated since April 24 of this year, it's county policy not have political meetings held within the courthouse. This was determined after being questioned by the local Republican Central Committee representatives.

State's Attorney Grosboll recommended that there needs to be a resolution or ordinance drafted, stating there will be no political, partisan, public forum meetings held within the Menard County Courthouse. He added it would be a good idea to have a permit process for any future events held on the courthouse lawn and parking lot. Chairman Lott indicated that he would like to see a simple resolution put into place for this topic. It was the consensus of the Board to draft a resolution stating this.

Sheriff Oller also updated the Board on office activities within his Department.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financial reports for review and discussion. She stated that she has done the first distribution to the taxing districts, and that the budget process for Fiscal Year 2019 will be starting soon with worksheets being forwarded in September.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon provided an overview of activities and issues related to her office. She informed the Board she will be ordering a laptop for election night processing only, and stated this will be non-internet based. She also presented two resolutions for approval.

Resolution #28-18 - Approval to execute deeds of conveyance for parcel #11-24-406-044.

Resolution #29-18 – Approval to execute deed of conveyance for parcel #11-24-406-072.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve both Resolutions. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. These shall be known as **Resolution #28-18 and Resolution #29-18.**

County Clerk Duncheon also presented two class F liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the liquor licenses. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll provided an overview of activities and issues related to his office. He stated he is still waiting on information on the Solar Project.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills for approval and payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Worthington updated the Board on activities within her office. She presented information for the health reimbursement plan and she should have updated rates for health insurance soon. She informed the Board she received a request for an increase of funding from the U of I Extension office.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 1/31/12, 6/11/13, 2/14/17, 9/12/17 and 9/19/17 be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 8/23/16 and 1/31/18 remain closed. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested payment approval for attorney fees on the Solar Project. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the \$1,078 bill. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington also presented information on the following; USDA grant work and a new canopy example presented to Board, FOP contract still on hold, Teamsters are wanting to meet again, and Sunny Acres information.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator was in attendance and informed the Board of an old bill from an inmate that is now housed in a Missouri prison. Mr. Burg suggested the County write off the amount owed from this inmate. A brief discussion ensued. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the write off amount of \$1,360. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' and one 'nay'.

Ben Hollis, Deputy Sheriff representing the Coroner, was in attendance and updated the Board on the current coroner expenses being over budget. He stated that it would be a good idea to increase the Coroner's line item for Fiscal Year 2019.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore stated he had a lengthy discussion with someone regarding the gun sanctuary and the person stated they are getting a petition ready for presentation to the commissioners.

Commissioner Cummings discussed the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended and stated Country Side owes Sunny Acres approximately \$250,000. County Treasurer Bauser stated she needs documentation on labor costs from Sunny Acres, and she has discussed this issue before and they should adjust their payroll to reflect this. He also informed the Board the ice machine has quit and they are seeking approval for replacement. It was the consensus of the Board to go ahead with ice machine purchase, considering this is part of operations.

Tabled – Fraternal Order of Police contract approval

Coordinator Worthington presented bid information for a new nurse call phone station and door security system. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(3) at 7:25 p.m. 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 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.