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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Patricia Duncheon and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb, County Treasurer Pam Bauser and State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey were absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2016 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ and one ‘absent’.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the February monthly expense reports. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ and one ‘absent’.

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

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mr. Jim Stone, Director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, was in attendance and presented a check to the Board from a class action lawsuit between the State and a hazardous waste company. He also touched on items such as the state budget, grants, the upcoming flu season and immunization sites, and an upcoming Transport Exercise with the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Department, the Menard County Sheriff’s Department and PORTA High School.

Commissioner Fore brought up the matter of current Board of Health members that need to be replaced or re-appointed.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Report/Requests for Board Action

Dianne Cochran, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator, was in attendance and reported that the Advisory Board was making a recommendation for a \$6.00 per day room rate increase beginning June 1, 2016. Ms. Cochran along with Aflac representative, Chris Skeeters, discussed the previous issue regarding the lack of payment and employees being dropped from coverage. A lengthy discussion ensued.

There was also a discussion regarding the fact that Medicare funds are still in limbo and that cash flow at Sunny Acres is OK at this time. There was a lengthy discussion regarding Affordable Care Act required 1094C/1095C tax forms for Sunny Acres employees.

Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Rod Harrison was in attendance and updated the Board on three carpet cleaning bids for the courthouse, the completion of the window cladding, bees on West side of courthouse and the installation of the mandated Circuit Clerk's public access computer in a second floor room.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, County EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and updated the Board on the current status of the work being done to the new EMS building.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent. County Clerk Patricia Duncheon presented the Treasurer's monthly financial reports for review.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon updated the Board on how the Primary Election went and the current tax levy process.

She submitted a fireworks permit for approval from NSPOA. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' and one 'absent'.

Clerk Duncheon presented a Resolution to re-appoint Mark Stewart as Trustee of Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District with his term expiring the first Monday in May 2019 .

Resolution #04-16 – Re-Appointing Mark Stewart to a Three Year Term as Trustee of Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' and one 'absent'. This shall be known as Resolution #04-16.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve payments.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' and one 'absent'.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board on various items that included: handling an issue with the Health Department getting turned into a collection agency, a complaint filed with the Illinois Department of Public Health against Sunny Acres, with no findings and a public notice on noxious weeds published in the newspaper. Coordinator Worthington also briefed the Board on a company that can provide an independent audit of our courthouse phone bill (free of charge) to see if we could save money. It was the Board's consensus to proceed after discussing with Sheriff Rod Harrison.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from October 24, 2013 be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' and one 'absent'.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on a UCCI meeting he attended and the handling of civil trials/juries. He also informed the Board on a Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended and the possibility of giving more reign to Heritage to run Sunny Acres financials. It was the consensus to put this on hold until the State's Attorney researches it more.

Commissioner Lott presented the agreement with our current Independent Auditor for review and discussion.

Resolution #05-16 - Appointing Jason Huffman to the ETSB Board to fulfill the remaining time of a four year term held by Rod Harrison that expires December 12, 2017. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' and one 'absent'. This shall be known as Resolution #05-16.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' and one 'absent'.