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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore and Troy Cummings were physically present. Commissioners Ed Whitcomb and Alan Anderson were absent. A quorum was present. State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey, County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and Patricia Duncheon were also present.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the July 29, 2014 Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Report for July 2014. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes” no “nays” and two “absent”.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve payment #4 to Trotter General Contracting, Inc. for the Courthouse Roof Project. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes” no “nays” and two “absent”.

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

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Mr. Casson updated the Board that Rock Salt bids for 400 ton went out and also noted that we were purchasing 200 ton from Cass County. He also noted that the Road Construction Project for the Athens Blacktop was on schedule.

Vacation of three parcels of excess public rights-of-way were discussed. Public notice will appear in the Petersburg Observer and the Menard County Review on August 14 and 15 respectively. Public comments will be heard at the regular County Board meeting on August 26 at which time the Menard County Board will consider the resolutions to vacate.

Commissioner Fore discussed an extremely dangerous area at Gudgel Bridge Ave. and Price Rd. and asked Tom Casson to look into it. Mr. Casson stated he would contact IDOT Safety Division to come out and do an assessment of the area.

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. Ms. McNeal stated that the census for Sunny Acres was 85 total and that Country Side Estates currently has two vacancies. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A – 7 plus 4 insurance; Private Pay – 35; Public Aid – 38 + 1 Public Aid Pending.

Ms. McNeal stated there would be a disaster drill on Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 1 to 4:30pm.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sherrie Leezer, Representative from the Health Department was in attendance and noted that there will be a letter coming from Sangamon County Health Department stating that they will start services beginning September 1, 2014. Ms. Leezer also questioned what to do with all the Home Health Client Records and Personnel files. The Board suggested finding a secure storage place for the time being until a permanent place is located.

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 with three "ayes" no "nays" and two "absent".

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

County Clerk Treseler presented a list of Election Judges for certification/approval from the Board.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Tippey provided an update on current office activities and discussed his role in reviewing the contract between Sunny Acres/Country Side Estates and Heritage. He stated that it is a work in progress and suggested he could get a synopsis prepared, from a legal standpoint, and present it to the Sunny Acres Advisory Board for review and discussion.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented that the FOP Arbitration has tentatively been scheduled for December 4, 2014. Binders on union contracts were provided for the board members by the State of Illinois State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor. She informed the board of the fact that the property/casualty and worker's compensation renewals were being made available the next day via a meeting with Eric Snedeker. Additionally, the group health insurance will have a new third party administrator, CoreSource effective January 1, 2015. Plan members can expect to receive a new insurance identification card. Discussion was held regarding how to handle the county's website. This subject was tabled. Discussion was also held about the purchase of backup to the server. The Coordinator was directed to consult with Jason LeMar on this matter. Board members were notified that Menard County Senior Transportation received One-Time Funds through the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, Inc. for the purchase of bulk fuel from the Menard County Highway Department. She apprised the board that a sales agent from Lee O'Keefe had made contact regarding placing a bid for all of the county's property/casualty and worker's compensation insurance. Due to time constraints regarding the need to enter into the bid process, she was directed to have the sales agent make earlier contact next year.

Recommendation was made to open minutes from board executive sessions for both June 19, 2012 and February 25, 2014. Jeff Fore made a motion for the release of the executive session minutes. Troy Cummings seconded. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

It was announced that UCCI will be holding an educational seminar/reception/dinner on October 17 and 18 and that more information would be forthcoming.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Lott informed that the Lions Building was for sale and discussed the possibility of housing EMS at that site. There was much discussion about said building and Commissioner Lott asked if Commissioners Cummings and Fore could go and check it out.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at approximately 7:46 p.m., Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes” no “nays” and two “absent”.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes” no “nays” and two “absent”.

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