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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. Commissioner Allan Anderson was unable to attend. 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.

Interim 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 March 25, 2014 regular Board Meeting, the Menard County Community Services Report for March 2014 and payment of Bruce Harris & Associates invoice related to quarterly GIS map maintenance expenses. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

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

There were no public comments or request for Board action during the Hearing of Citizens.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for construction and construction engineering on Section 08-00056-04-PV, Athens Blacktop project (TABLED AT MARCH 25, 2014 MEETING)

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for construction and construction engineering on Section 08-00056-04-PV, Athens Blacktop project. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented monthly, Highway Department bills for March 2014. He provided an overview of Highway Department issues including issues related to Athens Blacktop Road safety project (e.g., Statement of Interests received with negotiations underway with Allen Henderson & Associates to develop an engineering agreement).

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 80 total and that Country Side Estates currently has two vacancies. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A – 6 plus 3 insurance; Private Pay – 36; Public Aid – 35.

Ms. McNeal provided an overview of issues related to Countryside Estates and Sunny Acres Nursing Home including various repairs that had been made or will be done in the future and information from financial consultant John Smith on available funds for capital improvements. Ms. McNeal indicated that there were CNA job openings.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve "write offs" for End of Fiscal Year 2013 (includes aging accounts from 2004 to 2013). Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Horn handed out a proposal for amendments to the County's investment policy to allow for investment of funds in irrevocable letter of credits issued by Federal Home Loan Bank. She informed that these investments were permitted by State of Illinois law (Public Funds Investment Act). The Board was informed that consideration of the amendments to the investment policy would be placed on the next meeting's agenda. State's Attorney Tippey informed that he had no issues with the proposed amendments.

County Treasurer Horn provided various financial reports to the Board and gave an overview of financial related issues including projected Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund rates for 2015.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Dave Bagot & J.D. Stewart, representing the Menard County Board of Health, were in attendance (Ms. Lee Health Department Administrator was not in attendance per the agenda). There was much discussion regarding the re-organization of the Health Department. Mr. Bagot indicated that Ms. Lee would not be staying in the position, long-term, and that an administrative solution would need to eventually be pursued.

County Coordinator Duncan informed that he did not see any way to fund the health department with grants and fees, even after cutting back to core functions, without subsidizing with other County funds. However, he did caution against completely closing the health department. He highlighted potential cost savings, from the attrition of employees and lay offs, in the County's retirement fund that may be able to be shifted to fund a scaled back Health Department.

Commissioner Cummings questioned looking into working with adjoining counties. There was discussion that this would be looked at as a possible long-term solution.

After this discussion, Commissioner Fore moved that the Board of Health should re-organize the Health Department to provide the core functions to stay certified (public health/communicable disease programs and environmental health - e.g., food sanitation/restaurant inspections and septic/well regulation) and the Women, Infants & Children/Family Case management programs. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The bills and status of the Health Department's finances were submitted, highlighting that the Health Department is currently operating at a \$165,382 deficit (county's extension of a line of credit with other County funds is being used to cover many of the costs of the Health Department).

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 four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler informed that new plat books were available for sale. Mr. Treseler informed that the County Board would need to set the salaries for the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Sheriff at one of the May meetings. He recommended that the salaries be set at their current levels, in conjunction with the practice of adjoining counties Cass and Mason. There was discussion about what to set these salaries at but no new direction was given by the Board.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Tippey informed of a task force that was being planned between State of Illinois police and Menard County agencies to more quickly respond to Menard County incidents that involve multiple agencies.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes due for review. Commissioner Fore moved, as follows: keep closed due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations minutes from the August 27, 2013 Board meeting; partially open minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting and keep closed another six months a redacted portion of the minutes due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations; keep closed due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations and job performance appraisal minutes from the September 24, 2013 Board meeting; partially open minutes from the October 1, 2013 special Board meeting and keep closed another six months a redacted portion of the minutes due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations and job performance appraisal; and partially open minutes from the October 8, 2013 Board meeting and keep closed another six months a redacted portion of the minutes due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations and litigation. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Duncan informed of upcoming United Counties Council of Illinois events and other mailings (UCCI legal opinion). He provided an overview of upcoming meeting agenda items including a visit from Kate Downing of Sangamon Menard Area Regional Transit, status of roof issues, and that it was his understanding that Dennis Bowman, Menard County Rescue Squad trustee, had indicated that he only intends to serve out his term which ends the second Monday of December 2014. Mr. Duncan informed of a City of Petersburg ordinance to annex an area generally described as most of Oakwood and Lake Robles Estates subdivisions.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Newly-appointed Commissioner Cummings informed that he had been studying the County's budget and had some questions. He informed that he would like to get together with the County Treasurer to go over the budget and ask some questions for clarification.

Commissioner Whitcomb informed that lime would be placed on the County-owned farm ground to comply with the lease agreement. Mr. Duncan informed that there was money budgeted to address this cost. It was the consensus of the Board for Commissioner Whitcomb to proceed as outlined.

Resolution – Re-Appointment of Kyle Thomas as Trustee of the Oakford Fire Protection District for a Three-year Term

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution for the re-appointment of Kyle Thomas as Trustee of the Oakford Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire the first Monday in May 2017. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 09-14**.

Resolution – Re-Appointment of Wayne Winkelmann as Trustee of the Petersburg Community Fire Protection District for a Three-year Term

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution for the re-appointment of Wayne Winkelmann as Trustee of the Petersburg Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire the first Monday in May 2017. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 10-14**.

Resolution – Re-Appointment of George Castles as Trustee of the Greenview Community Fire Protection District for a Three-year Term

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve a resolution for the re-appointment of George Castles as Trustee of the Greenview Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire the first Monday in May 2017. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 11-14**.

Resolution – Re-Appointment of Bill Meter as Trustee of the Athens-Fancy Prairie Fire Protection District for a Three-year Term

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution for the re-appointment of Bill Meter as Trustee of the Athens-Fancy Prairie Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire the first Monday in May 2017. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 12-14**.

Menard County EMS Local 4622 of International Association of Fire Fighters/Paramedics Contract Ratification (Tabled)

Commissioner Fore moved to table consideration of ratification of the contract between the County and Menard County EMS Local 4622 of International Association of Fire Fighters/Paramedics due to the need for more review. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

Nominations & Election of Permanent Fiscal Year 2014 Menard County Board of Commissioners Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to name Bob Lott as the permanent Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2014 and that the Vice Chairperson (or Interim Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson) shall be the member with the longest tenure on the Board of Commissioners, in attendance at the meeting (i.e., Commissioner Jeff Fore, then Commissioner Ed Whitcomb), beginning with the April 29, 2014 Board meeting. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays”, one “abstain” (Lott) and one “absent” (Anderson).

Approval of Re-organization of FY 2014 Menard County Board of Commissioners Committee & Oversight Assignments

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the re-organization of FY 2014 Menard County Board of Commissioners Committee & Oversight assignments. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss collective negotiation matters as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and specific personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at approximately 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.