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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 11, 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 Allan Anderson were physically present. There was a vacancy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Board of Commissioner position. A quorum was present. County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Treasurer Jackie Horn 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 January 28, 2014 regular Board Meeting, Menard County Community Services Report of January 2013 and approval of Menard County Farm Bureau membership dues. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”.

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

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

**Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action; Consideration of IDOT Amendment & Affidavit related to Athens Blacktop Ave (CH 2) Safety Project for Curves Near Barber’s Glen Subdivision; County Maintenance Resolution related to Appropriation of County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Calendar Year Maintenance in 2014; County Maintenance Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County Engineer’s Salary; Consideration of Fuel Contracts/Purchase; PrairieLand FS Request to Possibly Vacate a Portion of Old Hwy. 29 (west side of Greenview area PrairieLand FS facility)**

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve Board approval of, and authorizing Chairperson signature, of an Illinois Department of Transportation amendment & affidavit related to Athens Blacktop Ave (CH 2) safety project for curves near Barber’s Glen Subdivision. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a County Maintenance Resolution related to appropriation of County motor fuel tax funds for calendar year maintenance in 2014. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 04-14.**

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve a County Maintenance Resolution to appropriate motor fuel tax funds for the County Engineer’s salary. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 05-14.**

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the contract accepting the low bid received from Sunrise Ag for provision of gas and diesel fuel (10,000 gal. gas at \$2.902 per gallon & 5,000 gal. diesel at \$3.366 per gallon) from June 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”.

Mr. Casson informed that PrairieLand FS was seeking Board support for getting the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to vacate public road located behind their facility (west of facility) in the Greenview area (at Jellystone Ave. & State Hwy. 29). He explained that IDOT required County support and all property owner support. The Board informed they wanted requests from all the affected property owners informing that they wanted it to be vacated.

Mr. Casson informed that an IDOT representative, the Road District #5 Commissioner and the County Highway Department were going to meet to evaluate traffic concerns in Atterberry. He informed of a Bridge Inspector’s course that he would like to attend in March. The Board expressed no objections to attending the Bridge Inspector’s course.

### **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 83 total and that Country Side Estates currently has two vacancies. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A – 7 plus three insurance; Private Pay – 41; Public Aid – 32.

Ms. McNeal provided an overview of issues including: Medicare audit with no problems noted; U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General and their work plan for 2014; Facilities are now required to post “Concealed Carry Prohibited Area” sign at entrances; and issues related to managed care.

### **Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Dave Bagot, Chairperson – Board of Health was in attendance representing the Health Department. (Ms. Lee was unable to attend). He informed the Board that the Board of Health had voted to close and phase out home health services. There was discussion about the need to get a plan of action and revised budget in place to further evaluate the Health Department.

The bills and status of the Health Department’s finances were submitted, highlighting that the Health Department is currently operating at a \$104,845 deficit.

Commissioner Anderson 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”, one “nay” (Whitcomb) and one “vacant”.

### **County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Treasurer Horn provided various financial reports to the Board and gave an overview of financial related issues.

### **County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Clerk Treseler informed that he was in need of election judges for the upcoming election to be held in March 2014.

### **County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes due for review. Commissioner Anderson moved to, as follows: keep closed for another six months a portion of the January 29, 2013 minutes due to on-going litigation (a portion of the minutes had already been approved to be opened) and keep closed another six months all of the July 9, 2013 minutes due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations and evaluation of specific employee compensation. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "vacant".

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve entering into an agreement with the County's information technology professionals (Hanson Information Systems) to provide email message filtering. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "vacant".

Mr. Duncan, per Commissioner Anderson's request, provided information pertaining to the ambulance mileage and ambulance repair costs. Cody Szerletich, Menard County EMT-Paramedic/Captain, was in attendance and was asked by the Board to provide his views on the pros and cons of various types of ambulances. He informed he had put together some pros and cons of various ambulance types. The Board asked him to forward the report to Mr. Duncan for dissemination to the Board. There was discussion about the EMS Department's ambulance fleet.

Mr. Duncan informed of the need for Chairperson Lott or a Board designee to be aware of meetings of the "CEO Group" of the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance. He informed of an upcoming United Counties Council of Illinois legislative reception and education seminar.

### **Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action**

There were no report/requests for Board action.

### **Executive Session**

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "vacant".