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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 27, 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 present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Patricia Duncheon, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were also present.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the February 13, 2018 regular Board Meeting, along with the monthly expense reports for January 2018. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no public comments or requests.

Health Department/Requests for Board Action

Jim Stone, Sangamon County Health Department Director, was in attendance and updated the Board on Health Department information on the Menard County website. He also stated that the attendance at the clinic is slowly rising.

Highway Department/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented information on the purchase of a new pickup truck via state bid. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the purchase. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Further information will be obtained on the equipment trailer.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Rod Harrison was in attendance presented information on his office activities and discussed an intergovernmental agreement between the County and the City of Petersburg’s Police Department. This would be for law enforcement provided by the City of Petersburg in the area West of town around Oakwood Subdivision. There will be further discussion with the City of Petersburg before anything is decided. He also updated the Board on the acquisition of a 2013 Jeep Cherokee to replace his old Ford truck and the courthouse fire alarm.

Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and updated the Board on information he has received regarding the proposed Solar Farm. A lengthy discussion ensued. There will be a joint meeting of the Menard County Board of Commissioners, the Menard County Public Building Study Group, the Menard County Planning Commissioner, and the Menard County Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. Gem Energy will be making a presentation on solar energy farms.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon was in attendance and provided an overview of activities related to her office. She updated the Board on early voting for the General Primary Election. She also informed the Board that her office will no longer be selling hunting and fishing licenses because of hardware updates versus cost effectiveness.

State's Attorney's Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and discussed ongoing projects within his office and the increase in court cases.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Mrs. Worthington updated the Board on various items such as: Rotary recycling event at the courthouse parking lot on March 24, 2018 8 a.m. to Noon, the Professional use WIFI form going into effect, and SMART rural transportation information.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on a Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended and the issues discussed.

Commissioner Lott discussed the request of a credit card for the Maintenance Director at Sunny Acres. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the sexual harassment section of the Menard County Handbook. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to go into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.