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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 10, 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 physically present. A quorum was present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser and County Clerk Patricia Duncheon were both absent.

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 27, 2018 regular Board Meeting along with March 2018 Community Service Reports. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

**Zoning/GIS Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and presented information regarding the Gem Energy solar farm project. He informed the Board that he met with the solar committee discussing preparing an ordinance and concerns they have with the lease sent from Gem Energy. State’s Attorney Grosboll sent Gem Energy a timeline for project execution, and the response was discussed. Commissioner Anderson stated that our priority should be getting the ordinance done. A lengthy discussion ensued. State’s Attorney Grosboll stated he will be in contact with Gem Energy.

**Highway Department**

In County Engineer Tom Casson’s absence, Coordinator Worthington presented the Motor Fuel Tax Material low bid for County Highway oil. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the material bid. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington also presented the Motor Fuel Tax Material low bid for County Road district oil. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the material bid. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and addressed issues related to his office which included: a mock accident to be held at PORTA, jail cell lighting bids, and part time personnel at the jail.

### **EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action**

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and discussed the monthly transport log for March 2018. He also presented a low bid from Alexis Fire Equipment for a new ambulance. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **County Clerk/Request for Board Action**

In County Clerk Duncheon's absence, Coordinator Dara Worthington presented the semi-annual report from the Circuit Clerk's office for June 2017 through November 2017. She also presented a firework permit from NSPOA for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented a Class F liquor license for approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the license. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board on a cost study information for the County Clerk's Office and GIS. Clerk Duncheon had stated she won't be able to raise her rates without a recommendation from a cost study. A discussion ensued with regards to mandates, statutes and what other Counties are doing. The cost study was tabled.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll provided an overview of issues related to his office. He informed the Board that John Weathers will be assigned as the mediator for negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police as they won't re-assign. He also stated that a representative from the Highway Teamster's Union will be available two dates in May.

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

Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills to be paid. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented the Health Reimbursement Account report for review. A brief discussion ensued. She updated the Board on a complaint filed against Sunny Acres in March, reporting that IDPH followed up with Sunny Acres and a plan of correction will be forthcoming. She also informed the Board that to be in compliance with the Department of Agriculture, we need to assign a weed control superintendent, and that the weed control superintendent will be Allen Alexander since the Sangamon County Department of Public Health oversees this program for the county. She also informed the Board there were no findings in the senior transportation compliance review from the Area Agency on Aging.

She requested Executive Session minutes from September 26, 2017 be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb informed the Board the tenant from the County Farm wanted to apply pellet lime to 52 acres. Coordinator Worthington stated there is money in the line item for this. The consensus of the Board is to go ahead with the pellet lime application.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The regular session reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.