

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 8, 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. County Clerk Patricia Duncheon and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were both absent.

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the April 24, 2018 regular Board Meeting as well as Community Services monthly report for April. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were none.

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

Jim Stone, Director of the Sangamon County Health Department, was in attendance and presented information on a couple of programs that are offered to Menard County which fall outside of the contracted services. One is the Early Intervention Program and the second is the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. He also spoke briefly on Healthy Families, the Emergency Preparedness Program, and the Opioid Task Force.

**Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Tom Casson, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his department. He presented information on the Qualifications Based Selection Process as it relates to the engineering firm secured for right of way land acquisition for the Athens Blacktop project. He stated that it has been narrowed down to three firms and he would like to begin the negotiation process. The consensus of the commissioners was that he should proceed with the negotiations.

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

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and updated the Board on the proposed Solar Project. A discussion ensued regarding updates possibly being done to the drafted ordinance. Mr. Hollenkamp stated he will set up the necessary meetings and get recommendations ready for the Board and requested the State’s Attorney should draft a letter to Gem Energy regarding the ordinance.

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

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his office. They included the air handler issues for the courthouse, two electric poles near the jail being replaced, and the Prescription Take Back Program being a success. He also informed the Board that the Sheriff's Department has been awarded two grants, one for computers and the other for squad car cameras. He noted that there will be a policy written for the use of the in-squad cameras.

Commissioner Fore left to attend the Board of Health meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, presented EMS April financial reports and transport logs for review.

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

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon was in attendance and presented a liquor license for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the liquor license. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Clerk Duncheon presented a firework's permit for an event at the Homestead Reception Center. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

There was a discussion regarding having a cost study done for the increase of recording fees. It was the direction of the Board to check with the State's Attorney and to discuss it further at the next meeting.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a Health Department bill for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the bill. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She requested that Executive Session minutes from October 25, 2016 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator Worthington presented/updated the Board with various items/issues such as; Sunny Acres cleared complaint that was filed, another doctor is needed on the Board of Health, and the listing for the Ameren vegetation maintenance.

Coordinator Worthington presented the information requested on a in-house cost study regarding the amount of tax dollars spent on each Teamster in comparison to each county employee. The result of the study indicated that each Teamster is having \$3,246.60 more paid towards their health insurance than a county employee. The Teamsters' insurance is a Cadillac plan that covers vision and dental while the county plan does not. In the year and a half since the Teamsters have been working without a contract, a total of \$16,233 more tax dollars have been used to provide health coverage for the five covered employees.

Commissioner Fore returned to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Anderson moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.  
Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

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

Commissioner Fore updated the Board on the information he received from the Board of Health meeting he attended. They will be moving forward with a link on the County's website for online food inspection results.

Commissioner Whitcomb informed the Board he met with Dan Ortgessen and Animal Control Administrator Brad Willis regarding the possibility of building a new animal shelter. He stated that Dan has already lined up volunteer help if the Board decides to proceed with this project. A brief discussion ensued.

Tabled – Signature authority for Sunny Acres trust fund

Coordinator Worthington presented four Resolutions for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the four resolutions. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. These shall be known as Resolutions #14-18, #15-18, #16-18, #17-18 & #18-18.

**Resolution #14-18 – Appointing Paul Brown to the Menard County Housing Authority Board.**

**Resolution #15-18 – Re-Appoint Dianne Markley to the Menard County Board of Health.**

**Resolution #16-18 – Re-Appoint Dave Bagot to the Menard County Board of Health.**

**Resolution #17-18 – Appointment of Brianne Satorius to the Menard County Board of Health.**

**Resolution #18-18 – Re-Appoint Todd Hinrichs as Trustee of the Tallula Community Fire Protection District.**

**Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.