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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **September 10, 2019** 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 Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Clerk Marty Gum was absent.

Chairperson 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 August 27, 2019 regular board meeting, and the monthly department expense report for August 2019. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Glenn Simmering was in attendance and submitted his resignation as Commissioner of Road District #3, effective November 1, 2019. It was his recommendation that Leroy Kern be appointed to fill the remaining term. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the resignation and recommendation. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca and David Jordan, neighbors of Indian Creek Farmstead, were in attendance to voice their concerns with the noise and disruption the Indian Creek Farmstead has created for them. The Board stated they will have our Zoning Department and the State’s Attorney to see what can be done. Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp stated he had spoken with John Lyons of Indian Creek Farmstead, and Mr. Lyons had a goal to install a privacy fence and plant something for noise reduction.

Members from the 9/12 Constitutional Study Group were in attendance to discuss the upcoming Recreational Cannabis regulations within our County. They are requesting Menard County ban the sale of recreational cannabis and ban the use of recreational cannabis in public places. State’s Attorney Grosboll shared state statutes with the members. A discussion ensued regarding the state laws and regulations.

Health Department Report/Request for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented a drafted intergovernmental agreement with Sangamon County Health Department. The current contract ends on December 1, 2019. State’s Attorney Grosboll would like pricing included for use of their Administrative Courts, and stated he will try and get amounts before the final drafted contract is available.

Highway Department Report/Request for Board Action

Highway Engineer Tom Casson was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his Department. He discussed their application through IDOT under the Highway Safety Program for \$4 million to finish Segments D & F of the Athens Blacktop reconstruction. He stated a portion of that was approved for Segment D, and they will apply again next year for Segment F. He also added that the new backhoe was delivered, and they plan to sell the old one. Mr. Casson stated they are in the process of hiring a new Highway Maintainer. Their department has received prices for cleaning and painting of the interior of the cold mix storage building. Casson reported that there will be work on the reconstruction of Whites Crossing Avenue at IL Midland Railroad and IL Route 97. He also shared that the Pumphouse Street bridge over Tar Creek will be closed until repairs are completed.

Zoning Department Report/Request for Board Action

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and updated the Board on information on the Solar Farm RFP he has been working on. Hollenkamp is looking for Board input on a time frame for advertising. He stated he will have it on our website and contact the Farm Bureau about placement of an ad.

He also discussed the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act meeting he recently attended and relayed how the Act could affect Menard County. A brief discussion ensued with it being noted that there will likely be changes after the fall legislative session. State's Attorney Grosboll added the Board needs to decide what the County will or won't allow by December since the law takes effect January 1, 2020. The Board suggested that a public meeting be held regarding these new upcoming laws.

Sheriff's Department Report/Request for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census, the man on the loose causing extra patrols, the new squad car being in service, and the savings brought about due to the courthouse lighting project.

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and provided an overview of the monthly transport logs and financials. He discussed the IEMA grant and noted that it has been amended. He also discussed new rig specs from a vendor for Fiscal Year 2020 and bathroom work needed for the EMS garage.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented information on video gaming revenue. Bauser stated that as of August 31, the total county revenue from video

gaming is \$11,821.82. She also stated the budget worksheets have been passed out to Department Heads and are due back October 15, 2019. She is still working on Sunny Acres' worksheets.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington presented a Resolution in County Clerk Gum's absence.

Resolution #19-19 – Appointment of 2020 Circuit Court of Menard County Grand Jurors & Alternate Grand Jurors. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #19-19**.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll provided an overview of activities within his office and noted there have been 76 criminal cases filed through the end of August. He also briefly discussed the tower contracts. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the same terms with the agreement and do nothing.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes for September 13, 2016 and September 27, 2016 remain closed. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. She also requested Executive Session minutes for March 14, 2017, February 27, 2018, February 26, 2019 A & B all be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board on the Animal Control Building noting an additional \$15,000 is needed to finish up, which would not include an alarm system or, land line. She also went over the HRA expense report, and stated that both the FOP contract and EMS contract end November 30, 2020.

She also updated the Board on the upcoming flu clinic for County employees that will be held October 8, and the Snedeker Conference on September 25-26. She also informed the Board the Administrator for the WIOA (Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act) program would like our Representative to move to the Housing Authority Building, but the Housing Authority stated they have no room for her. Commissioner Cummings stated he would check into this.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Whitcomb discussed the Public Building Study Group meeting he attended and noted Mr. Ortgessen has requested additional funding for insulation for the Animal Control building. Commissioner Whitcomb stated they currently have \$6,000 and need an additional \$2,000 funding for insulation for the Animal Control building. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the additional funding. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented information to approve the 2020 Hope Trust Healthcare Plan for Menard County Employees. It was noted that the HOPE 2500 would only be offered to the FOP as a result of language in the contract. FOP members can elect to enroll in the HOPE 6500. All other covered employees will have only the option of the HOPE 6500 with the HRA or the Health Reimbursement Program (HRP). Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Healthcare Plan which includes the Hope 2500 with HRA and the Hope 6500 with HRA. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #20-19 – Appointment of George Deverman as Commissioner for Grove Creek Drainage District. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #20-19**.

Resolution #21-19 – Appointment of Leroy Kern to fill the vacancy of Commissioner of Road District #3, effective November 1, 2019. This appointment will fulfill the remainder of the term. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #21-19**.

Executive Session

The Commissioners entered into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(1) & (11) at 7:50 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.