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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Robert Lott, Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Patricia Duncheon, State's Attorney Kevin Tippey, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb and Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the April 14, 2015 regular Board Meeting as well as the monthly department expense report for March 2015. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

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

Steve Brady was in attendance and discussed the illegal dumping of waste material in Menard County. He presented and read copies of emails regarding this subject matter. A discussion ensued.

Wade Meteer was in attendance and discussed his application for a Zoning Map Amendment on a piece of his property that he wants re-zoned from A-Agriculture to RR-Rural Residential. Zoning Administrator, Brian Hollenkamp, also presented information regarding this request and stated that both the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission had recommended approval this request.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Ordinance allowing for a zoning map amendment on this property. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Ordinance #14-15. The properties are hereby zoned Rural Residential and the official zoning map of the County of Menard, Illinois is hereby amended in conformance with the terms of this Ordinance #14-15.

Chris Schirding was in attendance to discuss opening a Companion Animal Crematory Service on his rural property. He stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals suggested that a text amendment be made to the Menard County Zoning Ordinance Manual in order to define Companion Animal Crematory Services. There was a brief discussion on this subject. Zoning Administrator Hollenkamp stated that this text amendment is for special use in the A-Agriculture District only and that again, both the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission had recommended approval of this text amendment.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the **Ordinance #15-15**, text amendment to define Companion Animal Crematory Services. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Jim Stone, Sangamon County Health Department Director, was in attendance and discussed issues such as: an updated well water ordinance draft, and grant money available for West Nile Virus testing and the potential July opening of the Health Clinic which will be located at Menard Medical Center.

Sunny Acres Report/Requests for Board Action

Dianne Cochran, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator and Cheryl Lowney, Heritage Representative, were in attendance and discussed the current census of Sunny Acres and Country Side Estates.

Cheryl Lowney, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer from Heritage Operations Group, discussed the financial transition of Heritage. There was also a brief discussion regarding the audit of Heritage.

The Board and Sunny Acres/Heritage Representatives had a lengthy discussion in regards to collecting unpaid/overdue bills.

A discussion was held regarding allowing for an increase to the starting wage of a CNA. The Administrator shared information regarding the impact a proposed increase would have on the budget as well as the census. It was noted that members of the Sunny Acres Advisory Board had recommended approval of this increase. Upon further discussion, Troy Cummings made a motion to approve the proposed starting wage for CNAs and Allan Anderson seconded. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Rod Harrison provided an overview of activities in his office which included, illegal dumping, task force hire, and his budget.

County Coordinator Worthington intervened with a lengthy discussion regarding some of the offices outdated computers and funding for new ones.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

In County Treasurer's Pam Bauser absence, County Clerk Patricia Duncheon presented the monthly financial report for review.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Duncheon was in attendance and requested Board approval of a line item transfer. She informed the Board of an upcoming bill that if passed, will affect our monthly County Board Meetings. County Clerk Duncheon discussed the upcoming Special Elections and how she can cut costs.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey provided an overview of items related to his office which included the possibility of a part time Victim's Service Coordinator position that will be funded through a grant.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented health department bills for approval and payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve bill payment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

She presented Executive Session Minutes from October 29, 2013 with the recommendation that they stay closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the continued closing of those minutes. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington informed the Board that due to the transition period with Heritage taking over Sunny Acres and Country Side Estates, payment for auditing services is overdue to Independent Auditor Michael Feriozzi.

She informed the Board of various issues such as; an upcoming UCCI Conference on July 19th through July 21st, Ameren trimming trees in Tallula, and a letter she presented to the Board from the Department of Agriculture for the final verdict in Grigsby Protein Plant.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board members on the leak damage done to Courthouse. She stated the bill has been given to the Insurance Adjustor for review.

Mrs. Worthington also discussed a meeting that was held with Illinois Department of Transportation and Rural Transportation. She is hoping to receive a transportation grant for the Senior Transportation Program.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings questioned Coordinator Worthington as to whether Heritage staff has inquired about the County's insurance. A brief discussion ensued.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.