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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson and Ed Whitcomb were physically present. There was a vacancy in the 3rd District Board of Commissioner position. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also present.

Interim 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 11, 2014 regular Board Meeting; approval of the monthly department expense report for February 2014; and approval of payment to FWAI Architects for services rendered related to the Courthouse Roof Project. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”.

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

There were no public comments or request for Board action during the Hearing of Citizens.

Local Agency Agreement (Athens Blacktop Road Project)

Commissioner Anderson moved to table consideration of a local agency agreement for Federal participation for construction and construction engineering on Section 08-00056-04-PV, Athens Blacktop project. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”.

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action

EMS Chief Larry Graf and Dara Worthington, Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer, were in attendance.

Mr. Graf provided a handout regarding a severe weather seminar held on March 1, 2014. He provided the latest ambulance transport logs showing 77 calls for service in February 2014 (183 for calendar year 2014). He provided an overview of mechanical issues with ambulances including one ambulance leaking oil and another needing a new starter. He highlighted a used ambulance that was for sale. There was discussion of the need for ambulance replacement, pros and cons of engine-types, etc.

Ms. Worthington presented the trial balance for the EMS Fund and other financial information. She informed that revenues related to the discontinued Medivan service would be reflected in future reports due to outstanding accounts needing to be reported.

Ms. Worthington requested that amendments be made to the written collections protocol to explicitly state that the County Board has final review and responsibility of proposed collections prior to submission to the billing company. It was decided that this Matter will be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Ms. Worthington informed that Kate Downing, Senior Services of Illinois, would be coming to the April 29, 2014 Board to provide an update on efforts to create the Sangamon/Menard Area Regional Transit (SMART) system.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Dave Bagot, Chairperson Menard County Board of Health; JD Stewart, Board of Health member; and Cheryl Lee, Health Department Administrator, were in attendance. Mr. Bagot presented three cost projections, based on providing certain services, for re-organizing the Health Department. These options include providing only the core services needed to remain a certified health department (combating infectious disease, food protection, well and septic regulation); providing the core services and women, infant and children/family case management programs; and providing all mentioned programs with additional programs such as tobacco counseling.

There was discussion about the proposals and it was pointed out that the projections were based on current conditions and not reflective of likely future, cost increases. It was pointed out that the proposed Health Department Administrator salary used in the cost projections was highly unlikely to be sufficient to attract an administrator in the future. Mr. Stewart mentioned that perhaps a combined registered nurse/administrator position could be created to alleviate cost concerns if only providing core services. Mr. Bagot informed that he believed that the Health Department had to have another stream of revenue to sustain itself going forward. Ms. Lee informed that home health services were now closed other than some follow-up billing.

The Board took the matter under consideration and no final direction to the Board of Health was given at this time.

The bills and status of the Health Department's finances were submitted, highlighting that the Health Department currently operating at a \$158,861 deficit. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the payment of various Health Department bills (and as deemed needed per the County extending the Health Department's line of credit to pay said bills), as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", one "nay" (Whitcomb) and one "vacant".

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn informed that the County had received a tax distribution related to video gaming. Ms. Horn asked the Board for their recollection about how the Sunny Acres Nursing Home generator installation project was to be paid? Interim Chair Lott informed it was his understanding that intergovernmental transfer funds were to be used. Ms. Horn informed, - per a request from Independent Auditor Mike Feriozzi - that Sunny Acres needs to have the Board authorize write-offs.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler informed that his office was finishing work related to the recent election. He praised staff and volunteers for their efforts related to the recent election.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey informed that there was likely going to be a need to expend court funds to purchase needed electronic equipment for the courtroom.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan reminded the Board of upcoming mediation with the EMTs' union and Fraternal Order of Police. He informed of an upcoming public building study group meeting to be held on April 2, 2014 and provided a layout of a possible, EMS building plan that had been provided by FWAI Architects. He informed of a City of Petersburg planned annexation hearing and informed that this would result in some lost revenue to the County.

County Coordinator Duncan informed of a model resolution that had been put together by the United Counties Council of Illinois for members use to highlight the need for new state legislation to fund 911 systems as funds were insufficient, largely due to landlines being dropped, and insufficient taxation occurring on wireless service to fund local 911 systems. It was discussed that Menard County's 911 system did not have many years left to fund its operations as the local 911 system was currently drawing down reserve funds as revenues from landline service is disappearing.

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes due for review. Commissioner Anderson moved to partially open minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting and keep closed another six months a redacted portion of the minutes due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "vacant".

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Anderson provided an overview of a recent Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting in which it was discussed budgeting for capital improvements at the facility.

Resolution – Recycling/Destruction of Open Executive Session Meeting Recordings per Illinois State Statutes (5 ILCS 120)

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution recycling/destroying open executive session meeting recordings per Illinois State Statutes (5 ILCS 120). Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "vacant". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 06-14**.

Resolution – Re-appointment of Richard Dennis as Trustee of the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District (3 Year Term to Expire First Monday, May 2017)

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution for the re-appointment of Richard Dennis as Trustee of the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District (3 Year Term to Expire First Monday, May 2017). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "vacant". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 07-14**.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and the selection of a person to fill a vacant public office as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) at approximately 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

Resolution – Appointment to Vacant 3rd District Menard County, IL Board of Commissioner Position

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution to appoint Troy Cummings to the vacant 3rd District Menard County, IL Board of Commissioner position. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “vacant”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 08-14**.

County Clerk Gene Treseler swore-in Mr. Cummings, who will serve out the unexpired term of the 3rd District which expires the first of December, 2014. Mr. Cummings assumed the position of Commissioner of the 3rd District.

Health Department Discussion Continued

There was continued discussion about the Health Department’s status. County Treasurer Horn provided a spreadsheet showing what her unaudited records indicated for the Health Department’s financial status. She expressed concern that the Health Department had no new revenue to expect this fiscal year that wasn’t already calculated into their cost projections. The Board requested that the State’s Attorney and County Coordinator look into what the County was legally required to provide related to public health services.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.