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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. Commissioner Jeff Fore was unable to attend. 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.

Chairperson Bob 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 May 13, 2014 regular Board Meeting; approval of the monthly department expense report for April 2014; and approval of payment to FWAI Architects for services rendered related to the Courthouse Roof Project. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

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

Ashley Bodine was in attendance to request that the County not look at pot-bellied pigs as livestock. It was discussed that Ms. Bodine had been notified of a zoning ordinance violation for keeping livestock in the R-1 single-family zoning district. Ms. Bodine passed out information proclaiming that pot-bellied pigs were not livestock but pets including an Illinois Department of Agriculture position that they looked at pot-bellied pigs as pets. After discussion, Commissioner Cummings moved to table discussion of the issue to provide time for research and review. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

**Snedeker Risk Management & ICRMT Representatives - Risk Management Services; Potential Purchase of Hydraulic Cots via Grant Funds through ICRMT**

Alex and Eric Snedeker, Snedeker Risk Management, and Kim Gaston, Insurance Program Managers Group and risk management specialist, were in attendance and spent time highlighting the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) risk management services. The Board expressed no objections to the County’s insurance representatives working with County department heads and elected officials to encourage risk management and safety training within their departments.

There was discussion of an ICRMT grant of funds opportunity to assist the EMS Department in the purchase of power cots (which help mitigate employee injury and workers compensation claims). It was explained that the ICRMT would grant funds up to a 50% match in funds with a maximum amount of \$10,000 for such equipment. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve seeking such ICRMT grant funds and allocate necessary EMS Department funds (contingent upon getting ICRMT grant dollars) to purchase two (2) power cots for the EMS Department. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

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

There was discussion about entering into an agreement with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health to manage and provide services for the Menard County Health Department. There was discussion that one of the issues to try to work through was insurance coverage and who would provide insurance to make such an arrangement workable. Eric Snedeker informed that it would make the most sense for Sangamon County to provide their own insurance as a contractor to the County, recognizing that the cost of such insurance to Sangamon County would likely be passed on to Menard County in the form of contractual fees. He informed that the ICRMT could insure the professional liability of contracted, Sangamon County Department of Public Health employees but could not insure their auto liability, workers compensation, etc. There was discussion that Menard County should seek to enter into a straight forward, contract for service arrangement with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

County Coordinator Duncan informed that the Health Department had engaged another individual to work on well and septic permitting. There was discussion about whether certain Health Department workers should be treated as contractual or part-time employees.

Health Department employee Sherrie Leezer was in attendance and passed out the list of bills and updated financial position, highlighting that the Health Department is currently operating at a \$139,948 deficit as of the end of April 2014 and a projected deficit of \$155,045 as of May 27, 2014. 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 Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

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

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

Mr. Graf provided the latest ambulance transport logs showing 107 calls for service in April 2014 (380 for calendar year 2014). He informed of ambulance repairs. There was continued discussion of the need for ambulance replacement. There was discussion about the County Coroner's transportation needs.

Ms. Worthington presented the trial balance for the EMS Fund and other financial information.

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

County Clerk Treseler presented a fireworks application from the New Salem Property Owners Association (NSPOA). Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the fireworks application, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

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

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey provided an overview of activities and issues related to his office.

### **County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action; Approval of IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for William Wheat & Chris Macomber**

County Treasurer Jackie Horn presented for approval IMRF benefit protection leave for EMS Department employees William Wheat and Chris Macomber.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve IMRF benefit protection leave for EMS Department employee Chris Macomber, as presented (December 2008 only). Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve IMRF benefit protection leave for EMS Department employees William Wheat, as presented. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

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

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes due for review. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to partially open minutes from the November 26, 2013 Board meeting and keep closed another six months a redacted portion of the minutes due to on-going collective bargaining negotiations. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Duncan informed of additional work to the courthouse roof related to more damaged, rotten and unsafe substructure. He informed of more United Counties Council of Illinois mailings.

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

There were no reports/requests for Board action.

### **Ordinance – Setting Salaries of Elected Officials (County Clerk, County Treasurer & Sheriff) from Fiscal Year 2015 through Fiscal Year 2018**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve an ordinance setting salaries of elected officials (County Clerk, County Treasurer & Sheriff) from Fiscal Year 2015 through Fiscal Year 2018. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 17-14**.

### **Resolution – Menard County Housing Authority Appointment(s)**

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve a resolution for the re-appointment of Elizabeth Roberts and Jean Stewart to the Menard County Housing Authority for five-year terms to end May 31, 2019. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 18-14**.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Anderson moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and collective negotiating matters as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

The open meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to reject the union contract counterproposal submitted by the Fraternal Order of Police. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.