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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 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 present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Clerk Patricia Duncheon, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and State’s Attorney Kevin Tippey were also present. County Commissioner Jeff Fore arrived later.

County Board Chairman, Bob Lott, explained that the Board will vote on the Grigsby Protein I Livestock Management Facility 8 Siting Criteria after Call to Order and approval of the Consent Agenda. He stated that each of the 8 Siting Criteria will be voted on separately by a roll call vote and that the final recommendation to the Illinois Department of Agriculture will be based upon majority rule. Commissioner Lott also stated that Commissioner Fore was running late and that they would be starting without him.

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 February 10, 2015 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

County Coordinator presented and read each of the 8 Site Criteria.

1. Whether registration and livestock waste management plan certification requirements, if required, are met by the notice of intent to construct;

Allan Anderson	Yes
Troy Cummings	Yes
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	Yes
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

2. Whether the design, location, or proposed operation will protect the environment by being consistent with the Livestock Management Facilities Act (510 ILCS 77);

Allan Anderson	Yes
Troy Cummings	Yes
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	Yes
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

3. Whether the location of the facility minimizes any incompatibility with the surrounding area's character by being located in any area zoned for agriculture where the county has zoning or, where the county is not zoned, the setback requirements established by the Livestock Management Facilities Act are complied with;

Allan Anderson	Yes
Troy Cummings	Yes
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	Yes
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

4. Whether the facility is located within a 100-year floodplain or otherwise environmentally sensitive are (defined as an area of karst area or with aquifer material within 5 feet of the bottom of the livestock waste handling facility) and whether construction standards set forth in the notice of intent to construct are consistent with the goal of protecting the safety of the area;

Allan Anderson	Yes
Troy Cummings	Yes
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	Yes
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

5. Whether the owner or operator has submitted plans for operation that minimize the likelihood of any environmental damage to the surrounding are from spills, runoff, and leaching;

Allan Anderson	Yes
Troy Cummings	Yes
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	Yes
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

6. Whether odor control plans are reasonable and incorporate reasonable or innovative odor reduction technologies given the current state of such technologies;

Allan Anderson	No
Troy Cummings	No
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	No
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

7. Whether traffic patterns minimize the effect on existing traffic flows; and

Allan Anderson	Yes
Troy Cummings	Yes
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	Yes
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

8. Whether construction or modification of a new facility is consistent with existing community growth, tourism, recreation, or economic development or with specific projects involving community growth, tourism, recreation, or economic development that have been identified by government action for development or operation within one year through compliance with applicable zoning and setback requirements for populated areas as established by the Livestock Management Facilities Act. [510 ILCS 77/12(d)]

Allan Anderson	No
Troy Cummings	No
Jeff Fore	Absent
Bob Lott	No
Ed Whitcomb	Yes

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

Molly Hall thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

Jason Booth, Snedeker Risk Management Representative, was in attendance to discuss the Hope Trust Health Insurance Plan.

Highway Department Report/Request for Board Action

Tom Casson, Highway Superintendent, was in attendance and presented Fuel Quotes for Gasoline & Diesel from April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Sunrise Ag Service Company provided the low quote for both commodities.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Sunrise Ag contract. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sangamon County Health Department Director Jim Stone was in attendance and presented and discussed the Menard Board of Health Operations Report along with food inspections, septic and well inspections. He also noted that they will now be having the

Board of Health Meeting in conjunction with the County Commissioners meeting. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Fore arrived at this time (6:25 p.m.) during the meeting. Commissioner Fore left the Board of Commissioners' Meeting at this time (6:32 p.m.) in order to attend the Board of Health Meeting.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Report/Requests for Board Action

Dianne Cochran, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator, was in attendance and presented and discussed the current census. She presented a room rate increase proposal for discussion and approval.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the new rates as recommended. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and requested approval for a line item transfer for attending an instructional class on mapping/GIS. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

EMS/EMA Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS Chief/EMA Coordinator, was in attendance and provided various logs and reports for review and discussion. He requested moving his attendance to board meetings from the last monthly meeting to the first monthly meeting due to conflict with regularly scheduled MABAS meetings. The Board concurred with Burg's request.

Commissioner Fore returned at this time (7:00 p.m.) from the Board of Health Meeting.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented/discussed monthly reports. She informed the Board she has a new employee, Jolene King, who will begin employment on Monday, March 2, 2015.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Patricia Duncheon was in attendance and provided an overview of activities and issues related to her office. She presented two liquor licenses for Board approval as follows: The Boar's Nest (Shriner's function) one day license, and Pony's Golf/Shamblee Course. She also stated that the upcoming Consolidated Election is in full swing.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the two liquor licenses. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

State's Attorney Kevin Tippey was in attendance and discussed ongoing projects within his office.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a variety of information from her office. She received a request from the Tourism Council for a fund transfer. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She received an email from Jack Knuppel regarding the FOP arbitration. A request has been made for an additional week of time to finalize everything. Coordinator Worthington also noted that we do not need to proceed with the installation of the railing on top of the elevator per Snedeker Risk Management as the elevator company has insurance which will cover any employee accident or injury.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board on Rural Transportation and stated that the funding has been drastically reduced. She stated she should have more information by the end of May.

She noted that the FY15 Probation Budget Plan was approved.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Anderson informed the Board he will not be at the next meeting.

Commissioner Fore informed the Board that the Board of Health approved the Sangamon County Health Department's five year lease with Menard Medical Center.

Commissioner Cummings attended the Illinois Association of County Board Members' meeting. There was a discussion regarding State funding cuts that could possibly affect the county.

Commissioner Lott stated that we should be keeping abreast of budget issues in preparation for next year.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

