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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **January 12, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Marty Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Treasurer Pam Bauser and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present.

Chairperson Robert 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 December 29, 2020 regular Board Meeting along with the Executive Session minutes from that date as well. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were none.

Assessor’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Assessor Dawn Kelton was in attendance and presented information for hiring a consulting firm to temporarily handle the GIS mapping maintenance until a Zoning Administrator is hired and trained. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the contract for the initial time period. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and updated the Board on his department’s activities. He informed the Board that Price Street is open, and he is working with the Road Commissioners on road/drainage issues.

Tabled – Approval of Construction Engineering Contract with Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering for West Douglas Street Bridge Removal

Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board that the current census at the jail was five inmates. He also reported on the body recovery from the river, and the updates being done at the courthouse.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

Upon leaving Executive Session, EMS/EMA Chief Mike Burg was in attendance and presented information for his employees to get hazard pay for COVID19. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the hazard pay for EMS employees as submitted. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Treasurer Bauser presented November financials for review, along with her six-month Treasurer's report. She also briefly discussed the possibility of providing for an increase to the hotel/motel tax by resolution. Bauser will further consult with Dick Moss.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum had nothing to report.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll updated the Board on the proposed Senate Bill and how it will affect our law enforcement, court proceedings and community. He also stated his Assistant State's Attorney Richard Mann's last day will be January 13th. Carrie Magerl will replace Richard and will start on January 15th. Mr. Grosboll also noted domestic cases are on the rise since Thanksgiving and that a resolution is needed regarding the sliver of land off Curtis Blacktop.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

She presented the bill for the Farm Bureau membership for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the bill. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington also briefly discussed items that included: the Cures Act funding status, zoning building permit reports, and COVID-19 vaccination plans. Upon discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to keep paying employees if they are out for COVID19 related reasons from January to March 2021 with this being re-evaluated after March. It was reported that any Zoning Administrator applicants have until Friday, January 15th to submit their applications.

Mrs. Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from June 11, 2019 B and June 30, 2020 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer reported that the annual fireworks held at Lake Petersburg on the 4th of July will no longer be sponsored by the Lake Petersburg Association. He was looking for suggestions on how to make this a Community event.

Resolutions 1-21 – 13-21 – Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Levies. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve all thirteen tax levy resolutions for fiscal year 2021. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. These shall be known as **Resolutions 1-21 – 13-21**.

Coordinator Worthington presented information on the IRS 2021 Mileage Reimbursement rate of .56 cents per mile, effective January 13, 2021. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the mileage rate for 2021. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1,2&11) at 7:09 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.