

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **March 14, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioners Ed Whitcomb and Jeff Fore, and Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Regular Minutes from the February 28, 2023 and the minutes from the Special Joint Meeting with Heritage Enterprises and Sunny Acres Nursing Home Advisory Board. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action**

Alissa Bilyeu and Whitney Canterbury from the Town & Country Women’s Club were present to provide the Board with an update on the progress of Jaycee Park.

**Menard County Health Department**

Gail O’Neill was present and provided the Board with an update of the Menard County Health Department.

**Highway Department’s Report/Request for Board Action**

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Board with an Approval of Hauling Bids for Delivery of Previously Awarded Motor Fuel Tax Sourced Aggregates. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the bids and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and two absent.

Corey Dowd then updated the Board on his department’s current projects.

### **EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action**

Kolbe Huss, Menard County EMS/EMA Chief, was in attendance and presented the Board with the MABAS Agreement. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent. **The ordinance shall be known as Ordinance #4-23.**

Kolbe Huss advised the Board that there is a need for a mass scale exercise such as an earthquake scenario at the Highrise. He also advised that there is no update on an ETA on the ambulance as of today.

### **Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at a total of seven inmates.

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

County Clerk Gum was in attendance and advised the Board that as of March 15, 2023, there have been 24 early voters. She advised that the Election Judge training was taking place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Tallula Community Center. She advised that training for the new APEX program for all licenses and permits will take place beginning Monday, March 20, 2023 with the system going "live" on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Ms. Gum advised that the tax extension process has begun in her office and is going smoothly.

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

State's Attorney Grosboll was in attendance and provided the Board with an update on the elevator contract, an update on the 501(c)3 inquiry, an update on the Ordinance changes for the Menard County Animal Control Ordinance; an update on the Countryside Estates Lease as well as the solar and wind lawsuit. State's Attorney Grosboll also advised that the Contract with Heritage Enterprises ends December 2023.

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

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and requested that Executive Session Minutes from August 10, 2021, February 23, 2021, August 11, 2020, and August 13, 2019 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as: the March 6, 2023 ICRMT payment, the April 1, 2023 Regional Office of Education payment, FY22 Audit process and DCEO updates, the Worker's Compensation Audit scheduled for March 21, 2023 at 9:45 a.m., IACO Conference set for March 27, 2023 regarding the Wind and Solar Ordinance, Countryside Estates update, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting March 23, 2023 regarding the Exotic Animal Outreach, and creation of a Zoning Ordinance Committee.

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

Commissioner Cummings suggested that the County give each of the Counties' Veteran Organizations a donation of an amount to be decided at the next Board Meeting.

Commissioner Brauer inquired if there was an Ordinance in place for property damaged by fire and a time frame in which said property should be cleaned up.

### **Other Scheduled Topics**

Approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home Turnaround Plan Recommendation. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Plan Recommendations with the noted revisions. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

22-IGA-3 Village of Oakford ARPA Request for a Project Revision. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the proposed revisions. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Courthouse Uplighting Project. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the project. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of personnel and litigation at 7:37 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.