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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Bob Lott was absent.

Interim Chairperson Jeff Fore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular Board Minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting along with the monthly department expense report for December. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

County Highway’s Report/Requests of Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer was in attendance and updated the Board on projects within the County.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance reporting current jail census at fourteen total inmates with seven of those being out of County holds. Sheriff Oller also updated the Board on the compliance check of registered sex offenders residing in Menard County, noting everyone they checked was in compliance. He briefly discussed possible updates to windows and doors for the courthouse through a grant from Tim Butler.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financial reports for review and discussion. She noted there will be changes as soon as the audit is complete.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Nothing to report.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on ARPA work he's been doing.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for payment approval. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve payment of the bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 7/30/2019, 7/14/20, and 1/12/21 all remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board on the status of the EPA referral, the proposed text amendment to the Menard County Zoning Ordinance, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grants she is working on along with Sheriff Mark Oller.

Worthington reported on the conference call held with Bellwether as it relates to the Final Rule and the revised Lost Revenue Standard Allowance. She noted that selecting the Lost Revenue Standard Allowance Ordinance results in the Treasurer completing one annual report rather than the monthly or quarterly reports.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended, noting the Sunny Acres census is at 76 and Countryside Estates is full.

Commissioner Fore discussed the issues going on with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Committee, along with the Board of Health survey. He also discussed his efforts to try and get younger people more involved with our various boards and committees. Commissioner Fore added he would like to have quarterly reporting from the Zoning Officer. Commissioner Whitcomb stated Animal Control will be reporting quarterly as well.

Resolution #6-22 – Sunny Acres Nursing Home Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Modification. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #6-22**.

Ordinance #7-22 – Setting Salaries of Elected Officials (County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer & Sheriff) for Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2026. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Ordinance #8-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Employee Computers for Remote Work, with a \$45,000 cap. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.