

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Brauer and Treasurer Bauser were both absent.

Chairperson Bob 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 February 23, 2021 regular board meeting and Executive Session minutes from the same date. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guest**

Dave Bagot, owner of Petersburg Pharmacy, was in attendance and presented information on a legislative bill concerning pharmacy benefit managers and their impact on independent pharmacies and the community.

**Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented information regarding the Supplement for Right of Way Acquisition on Athens Blacktop Segments D & F. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Engineer Dowd also updated the Board on departmental projects and activities consisting of: Douglas Street project, brush clearing on Athens Blacktop, the Sangamon Valley Trail project development report, patch work to be done, and lighting in the truck shed.

**Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on his office activities which included: the current jail census at nine males and one female, Mike Burg and the Paramedic Association purchased ten new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the patrol cars, the initiation of a monthly quota of stops for Deputies due to the uptick in criminal activity. He also informed the Board as of March 1, 2021, there won’t be a Central Illinois Enforcement Group (CIEG) officer in Athens due to lack of results.

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

County Clerk Martha "Marty" Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on her office activities, noting early voting for the Consolidated Election is currently happening in her office.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department expenses for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from August 13, 2019 and August 11, 2020, remain closed, while the August 25, 2020 Executive Session minutes be opened. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Mrs. Worthington discussed items that included: EPA Quarry Reclamation project, COVID-19 Relief Bill, zoning information from Jared Streder that included upcoming redistricting, a new radio tower on Fancy Prairie Ave, and Petersburg Rural Fire Protection District and fuel tank zoning.

She also informed the Board that Dr. Brian Miller has agreed to serve in the capacity of physician on our Board of Health until a resident physician from Menard County is available. She's also reached out to Brad Ames regarding the term of one of the board members on the Menard County Housing Authority Board.

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

Commissioner Cummings thanked the Board on behalf of County School Boards for getting vaccines out to their districts. He also discussed the property located on Five Points Road that needs to be cleaned up.

Commissioner Lott stated the new zoning administrator should have a six-month evaluation.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

