

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 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 Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and County Treasurer Pam Bauser were also present.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2022, Regular and Executive Session meetings, as well as from the Special Meeting held September 8, 2022. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

**EMS/EMA Administrator’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

Kolbe Huss, EMS/EMA Interim Chief, was in attendance and presented an amendment to the FY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Huss gave an overview of his current office staffing and presented a current patient billing question. The consensus was to have the patient pay half of the balance owed and to write off the other half.

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

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented information on the current generator bid. He reported that the Public Building Study Group recommended Ryan Electric’s bid. The consensus was to move forward with using ARPA funds for this purchase with this being placed on the next meeting agenda for passage.

Mr. Dowd also briefly discussed a new office building for the Highway Department. The recommendation from the Public Building Study Group was to use an architect. The consensus was to move forward with meeting with the architect.

Engineer Dowd also presented a contract for review and approval.

Approval of contract with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly (CMT) to complete third party appraisal evaluation for right-of-way acquisition needed on the Athens Blacktop, Segment D project. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tabled – Commitment of Funds to the Construction of the Sangamon Valley Trail Phase 3 Extension to Ethell Road.

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

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance and discussed the current jail census at nine inmates and noted they are still looking to hire people.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within her office. She briefly discussed her office's budget, along with getting the other Department's budgets soon.

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

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on the polling place change for Tallula. The polling place will be in the Tallula Christian Church for the November Election only. She stated post cards with the information regarding the polling place change are being mailed soon.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the ARPA updates for municipalities. He also discussed the Safety Act, that goes into effect on January 1, 2023, and noted that there will be a meeting to discuss how Menard County will implement this.

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

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for review and approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested 8/13/2019, 8/11/2020, 2/23/21 & 8/10/2021 Executive Session minutes all remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington also discussed the need for a FY22 Auditor, DCEO Grant updates, and the courthouse flu clinic that is slated for October 11, 2022.

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

It was the consensus of the board members that Countryside Estates should proceed with the reconnection of the fresh air vents.

**Resolution #43-22** – Appointment of 2023 Menard County Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #43-22**.

Second Extension and Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the County of Sangamon and the County of Menard Regarding the Menard-Sangamon Educational Service Region. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the extension and amendment. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Increase to the IRS 2022 Mileage Reimbursement Rate to be effective September 14, 2022. Rate will increase to 62.5 cents per mile. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the increase. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY23 Participating Employer Information Verification. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the information. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ben Hollis stated the County Fair's lease needs to be extended. Also, inquired about the possibility of using ARPA funds for updates at the County Fair's Office. A brief discussion ensued.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.