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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **December 28, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were also present. Commissioner Jeff Fore and Sheriff Mark Oller were both absent.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included regular Board Minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting, along with the Departmental Expense Report for November 2021. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

No requests/reports for Board action.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented a Resolution for approval. He also updated the Board on the current projects happening within the County.

Resolution #64-21 – Approval of the FY22 County Highway Maintenance. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #64-21**.

Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis spoke in Sheriff Mark Oller’s absence. He reported that the current jail census was at thirteen total inmates with five out of county holds. Chief Deputy Hollis reported that new department vehicles were going into service and gave an update on the 911 Board Meeting.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented November financials for review.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented three annual liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the licenses. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and presented a Resolution for approval.

Resolution #65-21 – Participation in Service Program of Office of State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #65-21**.

Mr. Grosboll also reported on the differences in abuse/neglect cases and felony cases from 2020 to 2021. He briefly discussed the new laws taking effect in 2022.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills for review and payment. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent. She also requested Executive Session minutes from June 8, 2021 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington briefly discussed items that included: a sewage issue at Chautauqua Park, Animal Control's upcoming staff changes and the current Animal Control Officer's request for a written list of expectations of the position. Officer Craig's last day of employment will be January 21, 2022. A brief discussion ensued.

Mrs. Worthington stated there has been no update from EPA on the lagoon at Sunny Acres.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended, noting Country Side Estates is full and Sunny Acres' census is at 77.

Commissioner Lott relayed that he would like to hold a meeting with Heritage in February or March regarding future plans for Sunny Acres.

Tabled – Setting salaries for County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer and Sheriff for Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2026.

Tabled – Setting payment for inmate prescription drugs at Medicaid rate.

County Coordinator presented the IRS issued standard mileage rates for 2022 at \$.0585 per mile for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the rate. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the American Rescue Plan Act results. It was the consensus of the Board to request further information from Bellwether in order to determine how to move forward with approving requests.

Executive Session

Commissioner Brauer moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

It was the Board Consensus to sign up for participation in the Opioid settlement.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.