

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 25, 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, Treasurer Pam Bauser, and Sheriff Mark Oller 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 October 11, 2022, regular Board Meeting, Executive Session from October 11, 2022, and monthly Departmental expense reports from September 2022. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Hearing of Citizens (Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)**

Margaret Santos-Stier was in attendance and questioned the status of the elevator repairs at Country-Side Estates. The Board informed her that they are currently waiting on parts, and it should be fixed within two to three weeks.

Members of the Town and Country Women’s Club were in attendance to update the Board on the current Jaycee Park Revitalization Project.

Kathy Ruppel, Highway Department Administrative Technician, was in attendance and presented information on the current Highway Teamsters contract regarding insurance coverage. Ms. Ruppel was assured that the County will work with the Highway Department regarding premium deductions.

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

Dara Gilbert, Menard County Chief Probation Officer, was in attendance to request an 8% increase for her Administrative Assistant.

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

Kolbe Huss, Interim Chief, was in attendance and presented information on costs for a new ambulance and a remount. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the gas ambulance and remount.

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

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer was in attendance and presented an ordinance for Board approval. He also updated the Board on current Department activities.

**Ordinance #46-22** – ARPA Spending Authorization for Highway Department Professional Architecture Services. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on his Department's activities. He reported on the following: seven inmates at the jail, Brown County will be contracting with Menard for holding their inmates, an accident involving a squad car and deer, and the corrections academy will increase from five weeks to eight weeks.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented financials for review, an overview of the Cannabis fund, a CRESCO fund review, and overview of the tax sale.

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

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and requested approval to be added to the signatory list at Petefish, Skiles & Co. Bank Accounts for County Motor Fuel Tax and Township Motor Fuel Tax. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. She also updated the Board on the early voting amounts for the General Election.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on his office activities noting we are still waiting for ARPA submittals from the Village of Tallula and the City of Petersburg. He touched on the upcoming Safety Act, and informed the Board that the new Pre-Trial Officer, Walter Reeves, had begun employment.

### **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 the payments. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items that included the Country-Side Estates elevator repair, Health Department Annual Report, employee open enrollment for health insurance, Electronics Recycling April 15, 2023, and numerous Zoning updates.

Coordinator Worthington also discussed a potential part-time Zoning Clerk that was interviewed. A discussion ensued.

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

Commissioner Cummings presented information on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board Meeting he attended.

Overview of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Planning and Preparation.

Approval of FY23/24 Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County for the Provision of Public Health Services. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 47-22** – Reappointment of Jerry Brooks to the North Sangamon-Lattimore Creek Mutual Drainage District for a Three-Year Term Expiring the First Tuesday in September 2025. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as Resolution **#47-22**.

Approval of Country-Side Estates Rate Increase of 5%, effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Fore moved to enter Executive Session at 7:39 p.m., to discuss union and personnel. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon leaving Executive Session, there was a motion that the Highway Teamsters be covered by Menard County Insurance, effective December 1, 2022, with the County contributing 85% and employees paying 15%. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the insurance coverage for Highway Teamster employees per the motion. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.