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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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 “Marty” Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the March 30, 2021 regular Board Meeting along with Executive Session minutes from the same evening. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Highway Department

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented a bid for Roadway Oil. The sole bidder was Asphalt Sales Company at \$2.94 per gallon. Commissioner Brauer moved to award the bid to Asphalt Sales. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dowd also presented a resolution for Board approval.

Resolution #20-21 – Approval of Menard County’s Portion of Funding for Construction of Section 19-00056007-PV-Athens Blacktop, Segment B. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #20-21**.

Engineer Dowd also discussed the upcoming retirement of a Highway Maintenance employee. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise for this job, with applications due May 14, 2021. Interviews will follow quickly with the plan being to have someone hired by the middle part of June. Commissioners Lott and Whitcomb will be participating in the interview process.

Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented the current jail census being nine males and two females. Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance and presented information on Lexipol. This company can provide comprehensive, up-to-date, state-specific policies for the Sheriff's Department. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need, cost, and funding source.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented information on the Consolidated Election that was held April 6, 2021. She stated there were 883 total votes cast in the election costing \$25 per vote.

Clerk Gum also presented a liquor license for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the liquor license for Hamilton's Catering. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and requested we extend the lease with American Tower as outlined in the review of the options by Assistant State's Attorney Carrie Magerl. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grosboll provided an overview of issues related to his office, which included: Senate Bill 1602 zoning ordinances for wind facilities, possibly having a jury trial in summer or fall of this year, and Zoning Board recommendations for regulation changes regarding propane tank zoning permits.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills to be paid. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She requested Executive Session minutes from September 10, 2019 and October 8, 2019 remain closed. She requested minutes from September 29, 2020 to be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington also discussed items that included: financials from EMS, HB 3630, Sangamon County Health Department's issue with a county restaurant, meeting to address the Independent Auditor's concerns with some Department Heads, and the personnel policies of Menard County and Sunny Acres Nursing.

Assessor Dawn Kelton reported that a new member is needed for the Menard County Board of Review.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore mentioned a citizen's concern with a property in Oakford that needs to be cleaned up. A brief discussion ensued on how to handle such properties, and whether it's within the village limits of Oakford or rural property. He also informed the Board of Dave Bagot's thank you for the letter of support. He discussed picnic tables for Sunny Acres and concrete work being done there.

Commissioner Brauer briefed the Board on his discussion with Petersburg Rural Fire Protection District member Chris Schirding along with a plan to possibly install a dry hydrant at Lake Petersburg. Coordinator Worthington stated she will draft a letter of support to the Lake Board. Mr. Brauer also questioned why Menard County EMS does make calls outside of the County. EMS Administrator Mike Burg clarified that we normally do not go outside the County, unless they are requested by neighboring Counties. A discussion ensued.

Other Scheduled Topics

The different options made available for the new American Tower Lease were discussed as presented by Assistant State's Attorney Carrie Magerl. Upon discussion of the commissioners, it was the consensus to move forward with extending the lease.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.