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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 26, 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 physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Jeff Fore was absent.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021 regular Board Meeting as well as the Executive Session. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Eric Golden, Road District #9 Commissioner, was in attendance and informed the Board his clerk has submitted her resignation.

Resolution #42-21 – Appointment of Interim Clerk for Road District #9 Adrienne Sweet. Commissioner Brauer 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 #42-21**.

Nancy Gorney, representative from the Menard County Tourism Board, was in attendance requesting ARPA funding for Looking for Lincoln Tourism Project.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues as well as possible litigation as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) & (11) at 6:07 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Upon resuming regular session, Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the recommended salary increase for Sunny Acres Nursing Home Healthcare Workers and Ancillary Staff. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Highway Department’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented two Addendums for review and approval.

Addendum to Preliminary Engineering Contract for 09-00056-05-EG (Athens Blacktop) for Completion of Final Plans for Athens Blacktop, Segment D. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Addendum. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Addendum to Construction Engineering Contract for 18-00069-00BR (West Douglas St. Bridge Removal) for Construction Engineering Work Completed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Addendum. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

County Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented the current jail census at ten males and one female.

Sheriff Oller presented his proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget for review and discussion. Commissioner Cummings noted the \$160,000 increase from last fiscal year. A discussion ensued.

Sheriff Oller presented information for ARPA funding request for a speed radar machine.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented a deed for signature for property in Oakford going to Auction Flippers, LLC.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll discussed the funding we received from CRESCO Labs, the County Farm auction held, along with the current Public Defender ending services November 30, 2021.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from April 13, 2021 be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Mrs. Worthington also presented the following information: Sunny Acres/Countryside census, Illinois Association of County Board Members FY 22 membership dues, property complaint for Tracy Raver was sent to Illinois Department of Environmental Protection Agency, Sunny Acres sewer lagoon update, GATA 19 & 20 still pending, and selected an end date for submitting applications for ARPA funding. It was the consensus of the Board to close ARPA applications on November 30, 2021.

Coordinator Worthington also discussed the County's cybersecurity and how we need multifactor authentication. The Board consensus was to budget for this cost.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Nothing to report.

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Planning & Preparation including discussion of the following: Special Revenue & Fiduciary Fund Preparation & Review, as needed & General Fund Budget Preparation & Review

Coordinator Worthington presented information for Board approval.

Approval of the two-year Menard County Farm Lease bid, to Steve and Greg Hoke for \$415 per acre. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the lease. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Resolution #43-21 – Re-Appointment of Kenneth Deverman to the Grove Creek Drainage District for a Three-Year Term expiring the first Tuesday in September 2024. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #43-21**.

Tabled – Resolution appointing John Alvarez as Menard County Public Defender.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

