

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **January 31, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Jeff Fore, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, 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 Special Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2023, Regular and Executive Session Minutes from the January 10, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2023 as well as the Special Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2023. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and updated the Board on his department’s current projects.

**EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action**

Coordinator Worthington, on behalf of Menard County EMS/EMA Chief, Kolbe Huss, presented the Board with two quotes for mowing service at the EMS Building. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the quote with American Mowing. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and reported to the Board that the current jail census was at seven total inmates.

**Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

Treasurer Bauser presented the financials for review and discussion.

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

County Clerk Gum advised the Board that the 2022 Tax Extension Process has begun and that early voting for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election will begin on February 23, 2023.

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

State's Attorney Grosboll provided an overview of activities within his office. He advised the Board that there will be a Jury Trial held in Menard County starting on February 14, 2023.

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

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and requested that Executive Session Minutes from July 12, 2022, July 30, 2019, and January 12, 2021 remain closed. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as: single audit; exploring 501(c)3; a sexual harassment hearing; Ameren tree trimming; DCEO and historical windows; ARPA requests that are upcoming; first insurance submission by adjuster re: Countryside Estates; 3 phase electric duct heaters for three systems for Countryside Estates; an upcoming meeting of Joe Crowe and Gwen Thomas; a text amendment and Special Use Permit meeting; Memorandum of Understanding coming from BLH Recycling; the upcoming end of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; Advisory Board handouts; Advisory Board meeting; update on Countryside Estates paint and flooring; Menard County Probation Annual Probation Plan; meeting scheduling for Health Department and Sunny Acres Nursing Home; an insulation contractor and a roof repair contractor being secured for Countryside Estates, and bathroom fixtures for Countryside Estates.

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

Chairperson Lott wanted to give his thanks to the County for their good work on increasing the revenue for the County from 2014 to now.

Commissioner Fore advised that the Board of Health would be meeting on February 1, 2023.

Commissioner Brauer wanted to thank Coordinator Dara Worthington for all of her hard work with regard to Countryside Estates.

Commissioner Whitcomb advised that he will be meeting with Highway Engineer Dowd on February 1, 2023 at the Animal Control property for tree and brush removal.

Commissioner Cummings wanted to thank Sheriff Oller for his comments with regard to HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act.

### **Other Scheduled Topics**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve an Ordinance authorizing the spending for a board room television. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance #2-23**.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.