

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **February 28, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, 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 Chief Deputy Ben Hollis were also present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was absent.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Regular Minutes from the February 14, 2023. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action**

Josh Sathoff, Mayor of the Village of Oakford, was present to inquire about what to do if the Village changes their plan for a phase. State’s Attorney Grosboll advised that they need to submit documents of the proposed changes to the committee for their review prior to bringing them before the Board of Commissioners. Sathoff also inquired about setting aside \$5,000 for overages. State’s Attorney Grosboll advised him to follow the same procedure as mentioned earlier.

Jamie Sandidge and Elizabeth Henrikson with Menard County Animal Control were present and inquired as to the process to make changes to the Animal Control Ordinance. State’s Attorney Grosboll advised that they need to first speak with Dr. O’Brien and present such changes/suggestions to State’s Attorney Grosboll for his review prior to bringing them before the Board of Commissioners for possible approval.

Pam Bultmann and Theresa Gutzman were present and advised the Board of their concerns with the Exotic Acres Animal Outreach zoning issue.

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

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Board with an Approval and Award of 2023 MFT Material Letting for Menard County and Road Districts. The consensus of the Board was to approve the award.

Corey Dowd then updated the Board on his department’s current projects.

### **Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action**

Joe Crowe, Zoning Officer, was in attendance and advised the Board that the Exotic Acres Animal Outreach request which went before the Zoning Board of Appeals has been tabled until March 30, 2023. He also advised that he attended the UCCI meeting regarding wind and solar statewide standards.

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

Kolbe Huss, Menard County EMS/EMA Chief, was in attendance and advised the Board that as of February 28, 2023 they have received 236 calls. Huss also advised: he has an interview with a candidate for an opening; the necessity for updating their cybersecurity at the office; the 2022 EMA Grant is ready to receive expenses; the condition of the current ambulances.

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

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance reporting the current jail census being at six inmates and the new squad car is on its way.

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

Treasurer Bauser presented the financials for review and discussion and advised the Board that she moved the 9-1-1 money to Petefish Skiles & Co Bank.

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

County Clerk Gum was in attendance and presented a liquor license for Hamilton's Catering for review and approval. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the liquor license for Hamilton's Catering. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Clerk Gum advised the Board that early voting for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election started on February 23, 2023 and as of today they had had a total of 6 early voters. Gum advised that the vote by mail ballots had been mailed out. Gum also advised that the Assessor would be rolling to her on March 2, 2023 so that she can continue her tax extension process.

### **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 the jury trial was completed; that the Lease with Countryside Estates

needs to be updated; he provided an update on the 501(c)3 and discussed the Clifton Larson Contract.

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

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as: insurance checks for Countryside Estates for reconstruction, contents and mitigation repairs; disaster plan; DCEO Grants awarded and accepted; quote from Don Shimkus for courthouse doors and keyless entry; Schindler contract; workman's compensation audit; Sunny Acres Nursing Home/ Heritage/ Board of Commissioners meeting on March 1, 2023; Sikich single audit complete; VAC update; revocation of Public Health Emergency; Courthouse uplighting project; UCCI Legislative meeting scheduled for March 28 and March 29, 2023 and IDPH Plan of Correction.

### **Other Scheduled Topics**

Review and Approval of Clifton Larson Allen Auditing Contract. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Contract. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ARPA Ordinance 4-12 – Spending Authorization for Upgrading Courthouse Wi-Fi and Migrating Menard County Highway Department to Courthouse Server. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Purchase Furniture for Countryside Estates. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Contract. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of possible litigation at 7:13 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.