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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **April 25, 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, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, 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 Brauer moved to approve the Regular Minutes as well as the Executive Session Minutes from April 11, 2023. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Menard County Zoning Officer

Gwen Thomas, Menard County Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and presented the Board with the Kone Elevator Service Agreements for the Menard County Courthouse and Countryside Estates. Commissioner Fore moved to approve both agreements and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’.

Gwen Thomas also presented the Board with the Lease and Policies for Countryside Estates. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve both the Lease and Policies and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’.

Gwen Thomas discussed the Wind and Solar Ordinance Introductory meeting.

Zoning Administrator Thomas also provided updates to the Board on the two properties south of Petersburg on State Route 97 damaged by fire.

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. The approval of Supplemental Agreement for Athens Blacktop, segment D for Completion of Right of Way Acquisition was tabled.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and reported the current jail census at a total of nine inmates with two of those inmates waiting to go to prison.

Sheriff Oller also discussed items such as wind turbine located at PORTA Highschool, the Boy Scout walk to take place on Saturday, April 29, 2023, the new squad car is in, and that two of the correctional officers will be graduating the academy on May 5, 2023.

Treasurer Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington, on behalf of the Treasurer, presented the Board with the financials. Worthington also advised the Board that the Annual ARPA Report has been completed and that the audit is ongoing.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum was in attendance and provided the Board with an update on the tax extension process.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll was in attendance and presented the Board with **Resolution 09-23** for the approval to participate in the Appellate Prosecutor Service Program. Grosboll noted that the cost was less than that of last year. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 09-23**.

State's Attorney Grosboll also updated the Board on his department's current projects.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and presented the Board with a Menard County Health Department bill for payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payment of the bill. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as: Town and Country Women's Club Jaycee Park update, communication with Cass Communications regarding Countryside Estates, insurance and non-insurance report update for Countryside Estates, Countryside Estates Statement of Loss update, Wick proposal adjacent to Sunny Acres

Nursing Home, ARPA Spreadsheet; quotes for power washing Countryside Estates, update on progress at Countryside Estates, and uplighting installation and ceremony.

Individual Board Members – Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings advised the Board of the Sunny Acres Nursing Home Advisory Board's discussion of a rate increase. He advised that there have been no COVID cases at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in two months and that John Hurley, the Interim Administrator at Sunny Acres Nursing Home is leaving and that Marge Oblinger will take his place as the Interim Administrator at Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

Chairman Lott discussed the possibility of a Wick building being erected at Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

Other Scheduled Topics

Resolution 10-23 – Reappointment of Richard Dennis as Trustee of the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District for a three-year term commencing the first Monday in May 2023 and ending the first Monday in May 2026. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 10-23**.

Resolution 11-23 – Reappointment of Steven Smith as Trustee of the Tallula Fire Protection District for a three-year term commencing the first Monday in May 2023 and ending the first Monday in May 2026. Commissioner Fore moved to approve. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 11-23**.

Resolution 12-23 – Reappointment of Wade Meteer, Jr. as Trustee of the Athens/Fancy Prairie Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending the first Monday in May 2026. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 12-23**.

Resolution 13-23 – Reappointment of George Castles to the Greenview Fire Protection District for a three-year term expiring the first Monday in May 2026. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 13-23**.

Resolution 14-23 – Appointment of Julie Ishmael to the Oakford Fire Protection District for a three-year term expiring the first Monday in May 2026. Commissioner Fore moved to approve. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 14-23**.

Approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home private pay rate increase effective June 1, 2023 for all new private pay residents with current private pay residents being grandfathered in at the current rate until January 1, 2024. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of litigation at 7:34 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 7:58 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.