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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **May 9, 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 Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis 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 25, 2023. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Whitney Canterbury, on behalf of the Town and Country Women’s Club, presented the Board with an update on the Jaycee Park playground fundraising.

Highway Department’s Report/Request for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington, on behalf of the County Highway Engineer, presented the Board with an update on his department’s current projects. The item 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

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at a total of 11 inmates and advised the Board toilets are being replaced in the jail.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum was in attendance and presented the Board with **Resolution 15-23** for an increase to the Predictable Recording Fee Schedule to be effective July 1, 2023, per the recent HB3878 which increases the Rental Housing Support Fee by an additional \$10.00. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 15-23**.

County Clerk Gum also advised the Board that she “rolled” the tax extensions to the Treasurer on 05/08/2023 and has submitted grant funds to the Illinois State Board of Elections for voter registration costs.

State’s Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State’s Attorney Grosboll was in attendance and presented the Board with an update on zoning projects from Gwen Thomas.

State’s Attorney Grosboll also updated the Board on items such as: Elevator Contract, Countryside Estates Lease, Wind and Solar Ordinance, Roots building on IL Route 97, and dilapidated properties, Eminent domain, Child Advocacy Center, and the need for a joint meeting in its regard and a conference coming up for the State’s Attorney.

County Coordinator’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and discussed items such as: final payment to ICRMT, uplighting project completed, workman’s compensation refund, UCCI Conference registration, proposed new employee timekeeping with the current payroll system for the audit, Dr. Hartman retiring from the Board of Health, update on projects and residency at Countryside Estates, Menard County Probation Plan approved, DCEO grants update, family members of Sunny Acres Nursing Home residents, and the end of Public Health Emergency.

Individual Board Members – Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer advised the Board that the old Gilmore’s Restaurant on IL Route 97 has been cleaned up and he has received a lot of positive comments on the Courthouse uplighting.

Commissioner Fore advised the Board of new billboards coming through health department funding with COVID advertisement on them, calls he has received regarding Zoning issues, and the need for a new Sunny Acres Nursing Home sign as the current sign is outdated and falling apart.

Commissioner Whitcomb complemented Joe Crowe, Gwen Thomas, and members of the Zoning Advisory Board on the great work they are doing. Commissioner Fore agreed.

Commissioner Cummings inquired of pending funds and future plans with the ARPA Fund.

Other Scheduled Topics

Approval of Hospital Liaison Co-Operation proposal. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of purchase of new server, router and software upgrade for Sunny Acres Nursing Home. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Countryside Estates rates effective May 1, 2023. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 16-23 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Sunny Acres Nursing Home Pole Barn. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of employee matters at 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.