

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
                                  ) S.S.  
STATE OF ILLINOIS    )

The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **November 21, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. Commissioners Jeff Fore and Rich Brauer were absent. County Clerk Marty Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and Treasurer Pam Bauser were also present.

Chairperson Bob Lott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

FY24 budgets were further reviewed and discussed for the following departments: Assessor, State’s Attorney, Sheriff, Highway, Oil Fund, EMS, and Zoning. Discussions with the various elected officials, department heads, and staff addressed staffing, raises, shifts, Cresco funding, and vehicle trading/purchasing.

Assistant State’s Attorney Gwen Thomas followed up on the November 14 regular meeting with dialog on the definition of “Agritourism”. Thomas outlined the steps to follow upon being prepared to move forward with the topic.

Thomas provided the commissioners with an update on the status of the upcoming election as it relates to the announcement of the current treasurer, Pam Bauser’s, retirement. Thomas relayed her consultations with two separate attorneys and their recommendations for moving forward with filling the vacancy being created for that office.

**Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.