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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **February 13, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Troy Cummings, Ed Whitcomb, Jeff Fore, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, Treasurer Molly Bettis, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Assistant State’s Attorney Gwen Thomas were also present.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Regular Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from January 30, 2024, the Special Meetings Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from January 12, 2024, and the December 2024 Monthly Department Expense Reports. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department’s Report/Request for Board Action

Highway Engineer Dowd was in attendance and presented the Board with an update on his department’s current projects and an update on the new truck bed.

Kolbe Huss – EMS/EMA Chief

EMS/EMA Chief Huss was in attendance and presented the Board with the proposed EMA Software Subscription. He provided the Board with an updated financial packet. The Chief was directed to return with additional information on the proposed software.

Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Chief Deputy Sheriff Hollis was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at a total of 14 inmates and advised the Board that the new body cameras were in.

Treasurer’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Treasurer Bettis was in attendance and presented the Board with an update on her department’s current projects.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum was in attendance and advised the Board that over 200 Vote By Mail ballots were mailed out on February 8, 2024 and that Early Voting began on February 9, 2024.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll was in attendance and advised the Board that the new Elected Official salaries would need to be discussed and decided upon in early June 2024.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Worthington requested that Executive Session Minutes from July 25, 2023, remain closed Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as: ICRMT payment, Electronic Recycling scheduled for April 6, 2024 from 9 am to Noon, ARPA funds regarding Tallula, Petersburg and Greenview, Workers' Compensation Audit; Clifton Larson Allen FY22 Audit; Depreciation schedule provided by Mike Feriozzi for the FY21 Audit, IPMG Services and OSHA Training scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 10:00 am, Elected Official salaries to be set for Assessor and Circuit Clerk, Raver property pictures, Sunny Acres Nursing Home and Countryside Estates Capital Plans, Vacation/Sick Time for County employees and kept in a centralized database Proper documentation for payment of office vouchers, no HRA expenses for January, Brianne Satorious named the new President of the Board of Health, update to formatting of the County website, and thank you from the Studio on the Square for the Shelly Knuppel memorial.

Individual Board Members – Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer expressed his concern for a grant writer for the County.

Commissioner Fore advised the Board that Dr. Miller with the Board of Health expressed his concern on cyberterrorism and that CISA was a free program that would identify any vulnerabilities. Fore also thanked David Bagot for his time with the Board of Health.

Commissioner Whitcomb inquired about switching one of the two monthly County Board Meetings to daytime.

Other Scheduled Topics

Award of bid for electronic access control system of new Courthouse Doors. Upon review and recommendation, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to award the bid to Johnson Controls. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home/Countryside Estates FY24 Merit Increase. Commissioner Fore moved to approve. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Room Rate Increases effective May 1, 2024. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 08-24 – Appointment of Ryan Heavner to the Menard County Housing Authority Board with a term expiring May 31, 2025. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 08-24**.

Resolution 09-24 – Appointment of Earl Green to the Tallula Community Fire Protection District to fulfill a term expiring the first Monday in May 2025. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 09-24**.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on civil litigation and criminal litigation at 7:36 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 8:19 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.