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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met for a special budget planning meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, Rich Brauer, Dalton Whitley, and Rod Riech were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Molly Bettis, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also physically present.

Chairperson Whitcomb called the meeting to order.

Scheduled Topics

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Planning & Preparation including discussion of the following: Special Revenue & Fiduciary Fund Preparation & Review, as needed, & General Fund Budget Preparation & Review

Menard County Zoning – Joe Crowe, Menard County Zoning Administrator

Zoning Administrator Joe Crowe was physically in attendance and presented the proposed budget for fund 013.

Menard County Probation – Dara Gilbert, Menard County Chief Probation Officer

Chief Probation Officer Dara Gilbert was physically in attendance and presented the proposed budget for fund 009 and 060. Possible salary increases were discussed.

Menard County Supervisor of Assessments – Dawn Kelton, Menard County Supervisor of Assessments

Dawn Kelton, Supervisor of Assessments, was physically in attendance. Kelton presented proposed budgets for funds 007, 000, and 044.

Menard County Highway Department – Corey Kelton, Menard County Highway Engineer

Menard County Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented his proposed budgets for funds 045, 046, 047, 048, and 049.

Menard County EMS – Kolbe Huss, Menard County EMS/EMA Chief

Chief Huss was physically in attendance and presented the proposed budget for fund 031.

Menard County Clerk – Marty Gum, Menard County Treasurer

In Menard County Clerk's absence, the commissioners reviewed the proposed budgets she had submitted to them for funds 004, 050, 056, and 000.

Menard County Sheriff – Mark Oller, Menard County Sheriff

Sheriff Mark Oller was physically in attendance. Together Sheriff Oller and Administrative Assistant Ann Gorman presented their proposed budgets for funds 001, 002, 012, 017, 000, 026, 029, 054, 077, 058, and 018.

Menard County Coordinator – Dara Worthington, Menard County Coordinator

Coordinator Dara Worthington was physically in attendance and presented budgets for funds 041, 042, 093, 039, 094, and 015.

Additional topics presented for board discussion included: FY27 levies, the draft 2027 Menard County Board of Commissioners' meeting schedule, and the Sunny Acres Nursing Home Advisory Board members' roles and responsibilities.

Adjournment

Having no further business coming before them, Commissioner Cummings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 PM. Commissioner Riech seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.