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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, and Troy Cummings were present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Clerk Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were also present. Commissioner Anderson was absent.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests (Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)

Joel Gain and John Getz spoke on behalf of the 9-12 Group to discuss the gun sanctuary issue.

Resolution #05-20 – Menard County Commissioners honoring their oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Illinois. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #05-20**.

The subject of the stance on Menard County and the new state law for the legalization of marijuana was brought forth, and the Commissioners stated they are still discussing it and will continue to discuss it, but nothing has been decided.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Gail O’Neill, Sangamon County Health Department Director, was in attendance and updated the Board on reports for WIC, immunizations, early intervention, Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, communicable disease investigations, food inspections and private sewage. She informed the Board she will have total numbers for 2019 next month.

Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action

Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp was in attendance and presented a map of where Menard County could locate the different types of cannabis business establishments. Commissioner Lott stated he does not want to decide anything unless all Commissioners are present. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Tabled – vote on each Cannabis Business Zoning Classification

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on his total office calls for service in 2019.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financial reports for review and discussion.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and provided an overview of activities related to her office. She stated the tax levy preparation has started and early voting is ongoing. She also noted her office will be open 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Saturday, March 14th for early and grace period voting. Lastly, she presented a liquor license for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the liquor license. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

State's Attorney's Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and discussed a zoning issue and a trial he's been working on.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a Health Department bill for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Mrs. Worthington also discussed items that included: SMART Ad Hoc group meeting, SMART is requesting the addition of a third driver for Menard County, map of districts for possible changes after 2020 Census, and a listing of all the volunteers that assisted with Animal Control Building.

Tabled – Incentive Bonus for Sunny Acres Administrator and Director of Nursing.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the UCCI and Sunny Acres Advisory Board meetings he attended. He stated the Sunny Acres Board approved the incentive bonus plan for the Administrator and Director of Nursing. He also discussed their issue with the County's new personnel policy. A brief discussion ensued.

Coordinator Worthington brought up a drafted Resolution for setting the County Assessor and Circuit Clerk who will take office December 1, 2020. A discussion followed with regards to salary difference with the incoming elected officials being higher than the current County Clerk's salary. Commissioner Cummings suggested we set a base salary for newly elected officials at \$62,338.50, noting the Sheriff's position is exempt from this set salary. There was a lengthy discussion that followed.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.