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

The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **July 14, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Allan Anderson, Jeff Fore, and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll were also present. Commissioner Whitcomb and County Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent. This meeting convened under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 as it relates to the Open Meetings Act as a result of COVID-19.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included both Regular and Executive Session minutes from June 30, 2020. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

# **Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

There were none.

# **Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Acting County Engineer Kathy Ruppel was in attendance providing an overview of departmental activities and presenting June bills for review. She informed the Board that there are currently four bridges that are requiring underwater inspections all due in September. The cost of these inspections will be approximately \$11,000 and they will all need to be completed by a consulting firm since no one on staff is qualified as a structural engineer. Mrs. Ruppel also stressed it would be wise to hire someone that is a structural engineer to cut cost to various projects for both the county and road districts. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the inspections. Mrs. Ruppel also added that the Union Pacific Railroad will be closing it's crossing on the Greenview Middletown Blacktop starting July 20, 2020 for three days of improvements. She noted that oiling should begin towards the end of July. State's Attorney Grosboll added there is a 100-day limit to hiring the new County Highway Engineer with the deadline for doing so being August 8, 2020. He's waiting to hear back from IDOT about the possibility of getting an extension on this hiring policy rationalizing that it has been difficult to do outreach as a result of COVID-19.

#### **Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance, briefing the Board on the current jail census with six inmates. He stated he was attended the Public Building Study Group

where flooring for inside the courthouse was discussed along with the proposed courthouse entrance canopy. Payment for the flooring could possibly come from Senator Brady's program. Sheriff Oller also added that Joel Gain will be coming to finish up woodwork in the third floor courtroom.

### County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington presented the 2019 audits for the County and Sunny Acres for review.

# County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented information on the new law from the Governor making this upcoming election day, November 3, 2020, a state holiday. She also presented a liquor license for the Menard County Fair fall event. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the license. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll updated the Board on the sliver of land issue, reported on recent action taken by DCFS, and relayed that Pike County recently held its first jury trial since COVID-19. Grosboll added that an issue will be coming before the board as it relates to possible zoning for a business wanting to add a large LP tank to their property.

#### County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes from June 11, 2019B remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent. She also requested Executive Session minutes from November 6, 2019 and December 2, 2019 be opened. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

She presented the Semi-Annual Report for the Circuit Clerk for review. She also discussed our health insurance company and retiree benefits. Coordinator Worthington presented a letter from the EMS Local Union #4622 noting they wish to begin bargaining. A brief discussion ensued ending with the Board requesting the union put everything in writing so that they can schedule a meeting. She also presented a report from the Zoning office on building permits issued through June 30, 2020. Zoning Officer Brian Hollenkamp

reported that he has issued 35 building permits with seven being residential. She briefed the Board on the following: electronic recycling will be held September 12, the county reappraisal, mandated sexual harassment training, and the Highway County Engineer posting closes on July 17, 2020.

Coordinator Worthington received information from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health regarding grant monies from the CURES Act that have been allocated by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Worthington has reached out to different departments to obtain unplanned expenses related to COVID-19 for possible reimbursement and for possible future purchases/coverage, also not planned for within the current budget.

## <u>Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action</u>

Commissioner Fore reported that he has been in contact with Eric Golden who with his crew has been working the roads in District 9. Commissioner Fore noted that a marked improvement can be seen in the roads.

Commissioner Cummings stated he will be attending the Menard Animal Protection's golf outing fundraiser being held this Saturday, July 18, 2020.

Coordinator Worthington presented a Resolution for review and approval.

**Resolution #22-20** – Approval of Deed of Conveyance of County's Interest for Parcel #16-07-104-007. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #22-20**.

#### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Upon resuming regular session, Commissioner Fore made a motion to set the list price for the possible sale of parcel #12-18-103-002 at \$70,000. Commissioner Anderson 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 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.