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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, Sheriff Mark Oller, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. Commissioner Jeff Fore was absent.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 regular Board Meeting, along with the June Departmental expense reports. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled & Unscheduled Guests Report/Requests for Board Action

City of Petersburg Mayor Rick Snyder and Village of Tallula President Ken Burton were in attendance to present requests for assistance with ARPA funding for municipal projects.

Mayor Snyder spoke in regards to water and sewer plans for the City of Petersburg, requesting \$400,000.

Village of Tallula President Ken Burton discussed plans for a new water plant, sewer, culverts and ditches. Tallula is requesting \$250,000.

County Highway’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board on office activities which included: a letter for a local line of credit for a new tandem truck, updates for the Douglas Street, Athens Blacktop and White’s Crossing project, and oiling.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on activities in his department which included: the jail census at twelve total inmates, Department of Corrections COVID monies coming to Menard County (approximately \$28,000), and an update on the success of the Menard County Fair. The commissioners adding how they would like to do a proclamation for the Menard County Fair.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financial reports for review and discussion. She briefly discussed the lost revenue report as it relates to potential ARPA reimbursement. Ms. Bauser also stated the first tax distribution was processed.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum provided an overview of activities and issues related to her office. She presented two Resolutions for approval along with two liquor licenses.

Resolution #31-21 – Approval of the 2022 Menard County Courthouse Closings. Commissioner Brauer 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 #31-21**.

Resolution #32-21 – Approval of the conveyance of County's Interest for Parcel 16-06-344-006. Commissioner Cummings 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 #32-21**.

Clerk Gum presented two liquor licenses for Hamilton's Catering for Board approval. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the liquor licenses. Commissioner Cummings 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 provided an overview of activities and issues related to his office.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Mrs. Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes from July 30, 2019, July 14, 2020, and January 12, 2021 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

It was the consensus of the Board for Independent Auditor, Michael Feriozzi, to provide the County with an "in relation to" letter regarding GATA FY19. Also discussed was the

management letter to the Board of Commissioners from Independent Auditor Michael Feriozzi. Mr. Feriozzi was also requesting an explanation from the State of Illinois with regard to Medicaid reimbursement. There was also a brief discussion on gathering information for GATA FY19.

Mrs. Worthington also presented information on items that included: information on the HOPE Trust proposal for health insurance for FY22, a dangerous building ordinance, the Zoning Deputy evaluation, the possible scheduling of an Animal Control open house, and the .gov domain approval.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Whitcomb discussed the cost of oiling the road to the Animal Control building being approximately \$15,000 and the grounds needing mowing. Funding for both could come from the county's Farm Account. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with oiling the road and mowing the Animal Control grounds, with funding coming from the county's Farm Account. There was a brief discussion regarding the mowing around the County Farm's grain bins, noting the need for upkeep.

Commissioner Cummings discussed the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended noting proposing raises for LPNs and CNAs, masonry work needing done, Countryside owing Sunny Acres \$60,000 and, the new proposed COVID19 vaccine policy for Sunny Acres and Countryside employees.

Tabled – Approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home/Countryside Estates Employee COVID19 Vaccine Policy.

Coordinator Worthington presented a request for Approval of Proxy for Sangamon/Menard Area Regional Transit. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Proxy. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington also presented information on the Discussion of the sale of Parcel 12-18-103-002. The consensus was to discuss with local realtor about having it surveyed and split.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss issues as allowed by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent