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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. 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 Bob Lott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the March 10, 2020 regular Board Meeting and the monthly department expense report for February 2020. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of Citizens (Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington updated the Board on County Highway Engineer Tom Casson’s behalf. She presented his letter of retirement effective April 30, 2020. A discussion began on how valued an employee he has been. There was further discussion regarding what the salary and benefit package will be for the new Engineer. Commissioner Lott will be in touch with Mr. Casson and ask him to write up a job description. Commissioner Cummings will be in charge of hiring, with Commissioner Whitcomb assisting.

County Sheriff’s Report/Request for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller updated the Board on the current COVID-19 procedures in practice at the courthouse and jail and with the patrol officers.

County Treasurer’s Report/Request for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented financials for review. County Treasurer Bauser called into the meeting and briefly discussed the possibility of waiving penalties for the upcoming first installment of the county real estate taxes.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum presented information on her office's protocol on COVID-19. She also stated the General Primary Election had a 22% voter turnout for Menard County.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and requested payment approval for the Health Department bills. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She discussed information such as: the Board of Health is in need of a doctor as representative, Sunny Acres employees have lost their child care and want to know what they can do since they are unable to work, some board-appointed employee evaluations are due, and the viability of some employees working remotely. She also presented a drafted newspaper article for explanation of the road district funding/spending/hierarchy. A discussion ensued regarding clarification of a sentence in the article.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore brought forth the topic of hazard pay for our county health care workers. A brief discussion ensued. Commissioner Cummings stated he will discuss further this with Heritage.

Commissioner Lott discussed how COVID-19 is affecting our County's small businesses. He stated there are federally funded loans available to them, for helping pay for employee's insurance, salaries, etc. He added each Commissioner will be sending a letter to small businesses within their district which provides information on various assistance obtainable.

Ordinance #06-20 – Approval of Setting the Elected Official's Salaries – Assessor and Circuit Clerk. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Ordinance #06-20**.

Resolution #07-20 -The Appointment of Wade Meteer, Jr. as Trustee of the Athens/Fancy Prairie Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending the first Monday in May 2023. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #07-20**.

Resolution #08-20 - Re-Appointment of Steve Smith as Trustee of the Tallula Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending the first Monday in May 2023. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #08-20**.

Resolution #09-20 - Re-Appointment of Richard Dennis as Trustee of the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District for a three-year term ending the first Monday in May 2023. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #09-20**.

Resolution #10-20 - Re-Appointment of Gary Whitley as Trustee of the Oakford Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending the first Monday in May 2023. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #10-20**.

Resolution #11-20 - Re-Appointment of Wayne Winkelmann as Trustee of the Petersburg Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending the first Monday in May 2023. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #11-20**.

Resolution #12-20 - Re-Appointment of Dr. Donald Hartman, DDS to the Menard County Board of Health for a three-year term ending May 31, 2023. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #12-20**.

Approval of Agreement between the Illinois Department of Human Services and Menard County for Repayment of Funds – Revised. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.