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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 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 physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. Commissioner Anderson was absent.

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2019 regular board meeting and the monthly departmental expense report. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Sangamon County Health Department Comments/Requests for Board Action

Gail O’Neill, Director of the Department of Public Health was in attendance and updated the Board on the WIC program, total immunizations, early interventions, food inspections, and private sewage inspections.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board action

County Highway Engineer Tom Casson was in attendance and updated the Board on various activities in his office.

He presented a **Resolution #31-19** for review and approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve Resolution appropriating up \$110,000 of Local Federal Aid Matching Funds toward the Douglas Avenue bridge removal project. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #31-19**.

He also presented the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Preliminary Engineering for the Douglas Avenue Bridge Removal Project. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Engineer Casson presented an Addendum #3 with Veenstra & Kim, Inc. for Segment D of Athens Blacktop Project. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Addendum. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action

Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp was in attendance and presented the new GIS Pictometry & Beacon contract. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the new contract. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

Menard County Sheriff, Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census and briefly discussed the increase in deer vs vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was also in attendance and reported that the fiber optics have been put into place for better security of our voter registration system.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financials for review. She briefly discussed the cost of the new call system at Sunny Acres.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum presented two yearly liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the yearly liquor licenses for Dean 632/Shamblee Golf Course and Parkside Tavern. 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 was in attendance and discussed the new Marijuana laws that will take effect in January 2020. He stated we need to have a Tax Ordinance in place before April 1, 2020. He also discussed a resolution from the County on whether or not to allow growers/dispensaries to be within the County limits. He stated that most Counties are informing/inviting the Public to a meeting where a Resolution is decided upon. He added one County has decided to put this on the ballot. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was noted that this will all start within our Zoning Ordinances, and State's Attorney Grosboll questioned whether or not to hold a public forum. Commissioners Whitcomb and Fore stated they would like to have a public meeting. The Board also questioned whether or not to have a referendum for public opinion on the ballot. County Clerk Gum stated she will look into the process and deadlines, etc.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented and discussed various items. Coordinator Worthington presented the Workers Compensation & Property Casualty bill payment for review and discussed a request for a soft opening for the new Animal Control Building.

She presented health department bills for payment approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve payment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

She requested to fully open Executive Session minutes from June 9, 2015. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were none.

Ordinance - Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Adoption

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent. The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance #32-19.**

Tabled – Approval of Revision to the Menard County Personnel Policies regarding Employee Cannabis Use.

Appointment of Ben Hollis as the Menard County Coroner. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes' no 'nays' and one absent.

Executive Session

Commissioners Cummings moved to enter into Executive Session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(11) November 26, 2019, at 7:03p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.