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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on **Tuesday, June 9, 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. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Clerk Martha Gum and County Treasurer Pam Bauser were both absent.

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 May 26, 2020 regular Board Meeting, along with Executive Session minutes from the same date. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Robert Haerr from Heritage Enterprises, Inc. was in attendance to submit bid proposals for a partial roof replacement for Sunny Acres Nursing Home. He stated there were four contractors invited to bid with only two submitting bids. Henson Robinson was the low bid and a lengthy discussion ensued. Upon conclusion, it was the consensus of the board to accept Henson Robinson’s bid of \$534,480 for a thirty-year roof with a 100% manufacturer’s warranty for materials only. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the bid being awarded to Henson Robinson. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Feriozzi, Independent Auditor was in attendance to provide the FY2019 Audit Exit Meeting information. Mr. Feriozzi discussed retirees on the County’s health insurance plan and adopting financial reporting for postemployment benefits. He also discussed the financial highlights of management’s discussion and analysis of the County’s budget ending on November 30, 2019.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on his Department’s activities. He stated there are currently four total inmates, court is back to normal with wearing masks and patrol is back to being proactive.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington presented a report Treasurer Bauser prepared at the request of Commissioner Lott of revenues for the county for the last three months for a comparison of the same three month period for 2019 in order that the board have an idea of the impact of COVID-19 to the budget.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

The County Coordinator presented the County Clerk's Semi-Annual Report for review in the Clerk's absence. She also presented a fireworks permit for approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll reported that the court schedule is back to normal, with the courtroom being blocked off to allow for approximately fifty people total. He reported that masks are required in court. Grosboll stated there have been nineteen children removed from their homes this year due to abuse/neglect. He also apprised the Board of a pending lawsuit against two elected officials. State's Attorney Grosboll stated he doubts there is much merit to this lawsuit, adding he will represent one of the officials while the Attorney General will represent the second. Mr. Grosboll stated he and County Clerk Gum have an appointment with Attorney Tice to discuss the sliver of land the County owns with regards to the surrounding land owners and easements.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills for review and approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented items for discussion which included payment to the U of I Extension, Health Reimbursement Arrangement report, and that the County Highway Engineer position resumes will be accepted until June 12, 2020. Upon further discussion, it was determined to extend the application period due to COVID-19. Also brought forth was the online sexual harassment training, her participation in a webinar regarding budgeting for FY2021, an update on the progress of the census within the county, and a report that Beacon is fully launched on the county website.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore stated he had a complaint from a taxpayer about not being able to go into the Treasurer's Office in the courthouse to pay their real estate taxes. Coordinator Worthington added there are four different methods of payment offered including a drop box in the parking lot, online payment, paying at a local bank, or payment by mail.

Commissioner Cummings stated there haven't been any Sunny Acres Advisory Board meetings due to COVID-19. He also inquired about NSPOA and how the management handles issues regarding tax sales. A discussion ensued and State's Attorney Grosboll and Chief Deputy Sheriff Hollis added that residents at NSPOA only own their personal lot, while NSPOA owns the common areas such as the pool and clubhouse.

Resolution #19-20 – Deed of conveyance of County's Interest for Parcel #12-05-404-284. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #19-20**.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.