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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **March 28, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Troy Cummings, and Ed Whitcomb were physically present. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were also present. Commissioner Rich Brauer, County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, Treasurer Pam Bauser, and Sheriff Mark Oller were absent.

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Regular Minutes as well as the Executive Session Minutes from March 14, 2023. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

Steve Holliday from the Menard County Farm Bureau was present to update the Board on projects. Farm Bureau Manager, Ryan Held, expressed the Farm Bureau’s gratitude for their support of agriculture.

Pam Bultman was present to express her concerns regarding proposed and current businesses coming to Menard County as it relates to Exotic Animal Outreach and their request for a text amendment. She inquired how the property owner, Bartenslager, is able to have a website advertising their business if they have not yet been approved by zoning and are they able to have a petting zoo. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Menard County Zoning Officer Joe Crowe advised that they will research this matter.

Menard County Zoning Officer

Joe Crowe, Menard County Zoning Officer, was in attendance and advised the Board that the Bartenslager petition has been withdrawn at this time; advised what was discussed at the IACO Seminar regarding wind and solar; provided an update with regard to the solar and wind committee and advised that he and the Assistant State’s Attorney, Gwen Thomas, have plans to restructure the zoning office with enforcement becoming part of that restructuring.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

Kolbe Huss, Menard County EMS/EMA Chief, was in attendance for the discussion/approval of a Memorandum of Understanding and/or Job Description for

EMS Chief/EMA Director. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the job description as outlined. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Kolbe Huss then provided the Board with the department's earnings report; advised the Board that he has a person lined up for an opening to start in 1-2 weeks and has one additional opening.

Highway Department's Report/Request for Board Action

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Board with an Award of Bid for Menard County Highway Office Building and Septic. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to accept the Custom Structures low bid for the office building along with Addenda 1 for the floor finishing and Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Corey Dowd then updated the Board on his department's current projects.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll was in attendance and provided the Board with an update on the Countryside Estates Lease; Wind and Solar Ordinance; Schindler Elevator contract and a significant case coming up regarding child pornography.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as: DCEO update; CLA update; Public Building Study Group meets on April 5, 2023; Worker's Compensation Audit FY23 concerns and update for FY22; Countryside Estate updates and 9-1-1 Coordinator John Balster watching his hours.

Individual Board Members – Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings provided an update regarding Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

Commissioner Whitcomb recognized Commissioner Fore on the outstanding job he did on the fireplace at Countryside Estates.

Chairperson Lott advised that Two Men & A Truck would be available April 15, 2023 for moving back into Countryside Estates.

Other Scheduled Topics

Resolution 05-23 – Approval of Allies in Agriculture in Menard County. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 05-23**.

Resolution 06-23 – Appointment of Mike Burg to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term of Ken Yocom expiring December 1, 2025. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 06-23**.

Resolution 07-23 – Reappointment of Wayne Winkelmann to the Petersburg Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term commencing the first Monday in May and terminating the first Monday in May, 2026. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the revision. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 07-23**.

Approval of Countryside Estates Door Alarm System. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the bid of Young's Security Systems, Inc. as submitted. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of litigation at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.