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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, 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 Bob Lott was absent.

County Clerk Martha Gum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. County Clerk Gum then called for nominations to serve as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2020 fiscal year (December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020). Commissioner Anderson nominated Robert Lott to continue as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2020 fiscal year. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

Commissioner Cummings moved to nominate Commissioner Jeff Fore as the Interim Chairperson for Menard County Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year 2020. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting along with the November 2019 Community Service Reports. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented the renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement Number 930A for the Sangamon Valley Trail. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

Sheriff Report/Requests for Board Action

Menard County Sheriff, Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on his office activities, which included the jail census.

EMS/EMA Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, County EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and presented financial reports and monthly call logs for review. He informed the Board that the 2008 ambulance blew an engine and would cost approximately \$20,000 to repair. Funds for the repairs will come from two fiscal years. He added that the EMA grant was approved for two years and discussed an exercise that was held at the Growmark facility.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser updated the Board on her office activities.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented five liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the licenses. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. She also presented the County Clerk's Semi-Annual Report for review.

State's Attorney's Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the upcoming expunged hearings and obtaining more detailed information on the marijuana growers and dispensaries from other counties, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and Illinois Department of Agriculture.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for review and payment. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Cummings seconded it. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington also requested that Executive Session minutes from 5/28/19 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington briefly discussed items such as: the upcoming required sexual harassment training for all county employees, the animal control expenses, and forming a census Complete Count Committee.

Coordinator Worthington discussed the question Commissioner Cummings had with regards to recreational cannabis being sold/grown within the County and the possibility of putting that on the ballot. County Clerk Gum reached out to the Illinois State Board of Elections and we would need our State's Attorney to prepare the referendum, and filing deadlines are fast approaching. A discussion ensued and State's Attorney Grosboll

stated there was only one County putting it on the ballot, adding he will be discussing with other State's Attorneys.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were none.

Other Scheduled Topics

Tabled – Approval of the 2020 mileage rate for reimbursement.

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented information on the 2020 Menard County Board of Commissioners Committee & Oversight Assignments. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the assignments. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington presented the 2020 calendar of regular meetings for the Menard County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the meeting calendar. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

County Coordinator Worthington presented the following resolutions for approval.

Resolution #33-19 – Re-Appointment of Rod Reich, Julie Wankel, and Landon Lounsberry to the Menard County Planning Commissioner, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #33-19**.

Resolution #34-19 – Establishing new operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Menard County Courthouse. This will take effect January 2, 2020. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the operating hours. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #34-19**.

Resolution #35-19 – Deed of Conveyance of County's Interest for parcel #11-24-406-209. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Deed. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #35-19**.

Resolutions #36/48-19 – Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Levies.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Levy Resolutions 36-19 through 48-19. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

County Coordinator Worthington presented the tax levy summaries for the Fiscal Year December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020 as follows:

- **Resolution 36-19** - General Fund in the amount of \$1,017,000.
- **Resolution 37-19** - IMRF Retirement Fund in the amount of \$362,000.
- **Resolution 38-19** - FICA Medicare Fund in the amount of \$286,000.
- **Resolution 39-19** - Liability Insurance Fund in the amount of \$332,400.
- **Resolution 40-19** - Ambulance Service Fund in the amount of \$356,600.
- **Resolution 41-19** - Tuberculosis Fund in the amount of \$9,500.
- **Resolution 42-19** - County Fair Fund in the amount of \$39,800.
- **Resolution 43-19** - County Bridge Fund in the amount of \$151,600.
- **Resolution 44-19** - Federal Aid Matching Fund in the amount of \$151,600.
- **Resolution 45-19** - County Highway Fund in the amount of \$312,600.
- **Resolution 46-19** - Road Repair & Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$151,600.
- **Resolution 47-19** - Extension Service Fund in the amount of \$30,700.
- **Resolution 48-19** - General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$47,500.

These shall be known as **Resolutions #36-19 through 48-19**.

Resolution #49-19 – Approval of the 2020 Menard County Fence Watchers. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #49-19**.

Resolution #50-19 – County Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the County Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2020. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #50-19**.

Resolution #51-19 – Appointment of Tracy Thornton to the Menard County Board of Review, replacing Jerry Skilbeck. Commissioner Anderson 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 51-19**.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(3) at 6:41 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

Resolution #52-19 – Appointment of Norm Knous, as Highway Commissioner for Road District #5, effective December 10, 2019. 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 52-19**.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.