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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 30, 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, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and County Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent. 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 Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the June 9, 2020 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

Steve Smith, President of the Menard County Road Commissioners, was in attendance and presented the commissioners with a picture from around 1972 with all the County Road Commissioners. He stated that the county has been blessed to have the last two Highway Engineers, John Smith and Tom Casson, and that both Smith and Casson were great to work with. Road Commissioner Smith requested the Board consider the Road Commissioners during the process of hiring a new County Engineer. He also requested that before the next Consolidated Election, the commissioners consider an increase to the daily per diem rate for the Highway Commissioners and Clerks.

**EMS/EMA Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and presented monthly financials and transport logs for review and discussion. He stated the bay bathroom is being worked on and will soon be finished, and that the new ambulance is still on order and should be received in the fall. Burg reported the replacement of an air conditioning unit to the building.

**Highway Department**

Coordinator Worthington presented information in Acting County Engineer Kathy Ruppel’s absence. She presented two resolutions for Board approval.

**Resolution #20-20** – Approval of FY20 Supplemental Maintenance Resolution for County Engineer’s Salary for continuation through August 2020. Commissioner Whitcomb

moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #20-20**.

**Resolution #21-20** – Approval of Maintenance Resolution for County Engineer’s Salary at \$105,000.00 per year. It was noted that this amount can be revised. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #21-20**.

### **Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented the current jail census with five males and zero females. Sheriff Oller stated the courthouse has fully opened up, with the public being offered masks. The courts are still requiring masks. He informed the Board that his department purchased new hand guns with money from items sold through the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program. Sheriff Oller also wanted to personally thank the Board and the citizens of Menard County during this unsettling time in our society, noting that our community has been very supportive of law enforcement.

### **County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented financials, including the Treasurer’s Semi-Annual Report, in County Treasurer Pam Bauser’s absence. A brief report was given on the first installment of property taxes.

### **County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented information on the upcoming General Election and the Vote By Mail application mass mailing. She stated anybody that has voted in the last three elections will be receiving an application before August 1, 2020. She also informed the Board that the State of Illinois will be reimbursing the county for expenses incurred for this mandate.

### **State’s Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action**

State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll was present and informed the Board that he will have a new Victim Witness Coordinator as of July 1, 2020 as Lisa Standley’s last day was today. Michelle Wethington will be taking Lisa’s place. He added that his office will be busy through August with court getting caught up from the backlog created by coronavirus. He briefly discussed the possibility of convening a Grand Jury in September and the mandate for the cannabis expungement cases creating the possibly of hiring a law intern to assist with project.

## **County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action**

Coordinator Dara Worthington presented a Health Department bill for review and payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve bill payment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes from May 28, 2019 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington presented information on the following: a possible electronics recycling to be held September 12, 2020, the Public Building Study Group will be meeting on July 1, 2020, an update on the Sunny Acres roof project that should begin in late August or early September and openings on both the Menard County Housing Authority Board and Menard County Planning Commission Board.

Worthington reported that recycling is being done differently this year, noting we have to sponsor the event. Coordinator Worthington stated the first truck filled would cost \$200 as would the second truck, with the third truck being free. The fee structure would start over again for a fourth truck. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve funding for sponsoring an electronics recycling event. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Individual Board of Commissioners Report/Requests for Board Action**

Commissioner Anderson discussed the possibly of getting a grant promoting Menard County as a travel destination and place to live.

Commissioner Fore wanted to make note of the fact that the newspaper omitted his name as being present at one of the recent board meetings in the one of the publications of the Board Minutes. Fore indicated that he has not missed one board meeting this year. He also noted his contributions to the new Animal Control building.

Commissioner Cummings informed the Board the Sunny Acres Advisory Board will be having a meeting via teleconference July 1, 2020.

## **Other Scheduled Topics**

Coordinator Worthington presented three grants for Board approval.

Approval of the FY21 Senior Transportation Grant. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the FY20 Medicare Improvement Patients & Providers Grant. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the FY21 Senior Health Assistance Program Grant – Commissioner Fore moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.