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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, Sheriff Mark Oller, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the June 8, 2021 regular Board Meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were no public comments/requests for Board action.

Highway Department

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and requested approval of the Central States Health & Welfare Fund – Letter of Understanding and Agreement. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Engineer Dowd also updated the Board on the ongoing projects within the county.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at twelve total inmates, one being female. He briefed the Board on the ABATE Rally held at the fairgrounds noting there were no issues, the upcoming fireworks scheduled at the Lake with no parking on Route 97 or below the dam, and upcoming Menard County Fair coverage. Commissioner Brauer added he had been in contact with the Mayor of Petersburg and suggested a speed radar sign on Route 97 by the Lake Petersburg entrance noting the current position of one on Oakland Avenue. Sheriff Oller will look into procuring such a device.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented financial reports for review and discussion. Ms. Bauser presented a contract from Bellwether for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, requesting Board approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the contract while Commissioner Brauer seconded the

motion. The motion carried unanimously. There was a discussion on the guidelines for the use of the ARPA funding with it noted that county mayors and village board presidents will be attending the July 27 board meeting regarding funding for projects within their communities.

Treasurer Bauser also discussed an issue encountered with the information within the DevNet system as it relates to tax bills this year. Coordinator Worthington will follow up on the matter.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on her office activities which included the closing of the Higginbotham Certificate of Deposit and the upcoming General Primary Election changes which include the Primary being moved to June 28, 2022 and changes to the filing date. Clerk Gum presented a firework permit for Lake Petersburg Association for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and reported to the Board that the murder case trial is scheduled for November of this year. Mr. Grosboll stated that general crime in the county is up from a total of 32 felonies in 2020 to 29 felonies to date in 2021. He also added that a Grand Jury focusing on drug cases is scheduled for September 2021.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Coordinator Worthington also recommended opening Executive Session minutes from December 8, 2020. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the opening of minutes. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed Senate Bill 0825 regarding the Illinois State Board of Elections requiring us to change our website domain extension to .gov from .com for cyber security reasons.

Coordinator Worthington presented and discussed various issues within her office that included: the scheduled county employee mandated sexual harassment training, upcoming Snedeker conference in September, a proposed zoning special use fee increase to cover the cost of convening a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, updating the fencing outside the courthouse, the scheduled port from Stratus to Americall

for our telephone carrier, the annual Farm Bureau membership appreciation dinner at the Menard County Fair, and an in-house HOPE Trust meeting scheduled for July.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer updated the Board on the productive meeting held with the 911 Coordinator, Sheriff's Office, and Assessor's Office.

Commissioner Fore was contacted by some of the Village of Tallula Board members regarding their water issue and by a citizen with a property/easement issue.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(5 & 11) at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The executive session returned to regular session at 7:46 p.m.

Tabled – Approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home/Country Side Estates employee Covid19 Vaccine Policy

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.