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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 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 present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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 February 8, 2022 regular Board Meeting, along with the monthly expense reports for January 2022. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Marge Oblinger, Heritage Operations Group’s Regional Director of Operations, was in attendance and introduced her replacement, Melissa Stachowiak. Ms. Oblinger presented an overview of the timeline for her retirement and Ms. Stachowiak’s transition into the her position.

Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action

Jayme Ray, Menard County Zoning Officer, was in attendance and presented an Ordinance for approval.

Ordinance #11-22 – Adopting Text Amendment to the Menard County Zoning Ordinance, Article 5, Section 6.03 C(1)(r) to Allow for Retail (with stipulations) in the Agricultural District. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Ordinance #11-22**.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve a Special Use Permit as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission to Allow Retail Business in Agricultural District at 24514 DiGiovanna Avenue, Athens, IL 62613, with stipulations. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Josh Montgomery was in attendance and informed the Board of his tech-support business located across from Deer Park.

Josh Sathoff, Village of Oakford President, was in attendance and presented an overview of proposed projects to be completed from a proposed request for ARPA funding from Menard County.

Highway Department/Requests for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Department Engineer, was in attendance and updated the Board on current projects. Mr. Dowd informed the Board the first snow event was declared a disaster, and he's working with Mike Burg, the County's Emergency Management Administrator, on gathering expenditure figures for that event in order to determine if our expenses meet the required threshold to receive financial assistance.

County Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census, with sixteen total inmates. Of those inmates, five are holds for Cass County and one is for Brown County.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented two Illinois State Board of Elections Grants for signatures.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the current ARPA funding requests requiring an Intergovernmental Agreement. Grosboll proposed a process for handling these requests which would entail forming a committee to review each of the requests for funding. The funding would be disbursed in three separate payments upon being reviewed and approved by this committee. Each of the three steps would require benchmarks be met. It was decided that the committee would consist of Commissioner Lott, Commissioner Fore, State's Attorney Grosboll and County Coordinator Worthington.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Mrs. Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes from August 10, 2021 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington and Sheriff Oller discussed the new window project for the courthouse. It was decided that the Public Building Study Group should convene to assist with direction on the project.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on a Sunny Acres meeting he attended and the issues discussed. Commissioner Lott added that there would be vacancies that will need to be filled on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board.

Ordinance #12-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Digitizing County Records in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Ordinance #12-22**.

Ordinance #13-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Purchase of 911 Public Safety Software System, amount approved \$343,000.00. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Ordinance #13-22**.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.