**COUNTY OF MENARD )**

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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Marty Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Allan Anderson was absent.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the November 10, 2020 regular board meeting, November 17, 2020 special board meeting, along with the monthly Departmental reports for October 2020. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

Carol Pope, Lake Petersburg Association Representative, was in attendance and requested approval for an amended plat for Lake Petersburg Association as presented. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the amended plat. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Steve Smith, representative for the Road District Commissioners, was in attendance to discuss a proposed per diem increase for Road District Clerks and Road Commissioners. A discussion ensued and State’s Attorney Grosboll explained two laws regarding the procedures possibly increasing the per diem for Road Commissioners to $125 per day and Road Clerk’s to $50 per day. State’s Attorney Grosboll spoke with UCCI attorneys according to statute, it can be done. The County Coordinator’s office will prepare a Resolution for presentation at the December 8, 2020 board meeting.

**Zoning Administration’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance to inform the Board that his last date of employment with the County will be December 31, 2020. He has accepted another job with the Illinois Department of Transportation that begins January 4, 2021.

**County Highway’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board on the following projects his department is working on: Price Street Bridge, Athens Blacktop and registered for the bridge inspection class with the Illinois Department of Transportation which will be in May 2021.

**County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his office. He stated COVID has affected the courthouse and he’s restricting inmates at the jail. He added both the jail and courthouse were cleaned and fogged by ServPro. Sheriff Oller also informed the Board that new carpeting tiles were installed on the first floor of the courthouse while all stairs, the landing and third floors will be done in December. Oller also noted that the installation of the canopy outside the entrance to the courthouse occurred on the previous day.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented monthly financials for review. There was a discussion regarding revenue comparisons between fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020. Also discussed was the difficulty encountered with the budget process this year as it relates to timeliness and budget completion. The Board requested the budget process be started earlier next year.

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

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented five yearly liquor licenses including West of Wise, Country Hills Golf Course, Wankel Brothers, AM PM New Salem, and Hill Prairie Winery, all for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve all five liquor licenses. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

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

State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll updated the Board on his office activities. He stated his office has received complaints only from one lone person for two businesses that are still allowing indoor dining. Grosboll phoned both businesses and spoke with the owners. Mr. Grosboll also noted Edie Sternberg was concerned with Menard County citizens going to other counties to do business, because some people are not wearing masks. A brief discussion ensued, and Commissioner Fore added he’s had multiple business owners contact him concerned with losing their entire life investments.

State’s Attorney Grosboll also was in contact with Mike McCreery regarding the contract with CRESCO. Mr. McCreery informed Mr. Grosboll that there had been big turnovers within the company and the new management was unaware of the contract. Mr. Grosboll stated a letter from him and the County Board Chairperson should be sent to CRESCO.

**Resolution #37-20 -** Participation in Service Program of the Office of State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor. Commissioner Fore 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 #37-20**.

**County Coordinator’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for approval and payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington also discussed items such as: the Cures Act funding received and requested, a mobile COVID testing at Athens administered 56 tests, the current status of testing of employees and residents of Sunny Acres, a UCCI meeting update, and information on the swearing in of newly elected officials.

**Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action**

Commissioner Cummings discussed the press conference he attended with Gail O’Neill and Dave Bagot on behalf of the Menard County Health Department.

Commissioner Lott also discussed the same press conference, noting the commissioners are trying to support our community.

Commissioner Fore discussed the press conference as well, noting he went to support our Board of Health.

Tabled – Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

**Ordinance #39-20 –** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County for the Provision of FY2021 Public Health Services. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Approval of Revision to the Menard County Personnel Policies – RE: Employee Cannabis Use – Certified Nurse Assistant. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the revision. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent.

**Resolution #40-20 –** Appropriating Funds for Payment of County Engineer Salary. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the funds. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’ no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #40-20**.

**Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion.

The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.