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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 12, 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 and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were 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 April 28, 2020 regular Board Meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Kathy Ruppel, Acting Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented a letter of resignation from Andrew Langley, Road District #9 Road Commissioner, effective May 12, 2020. Langley recommended Eric Golden to fulfill the remainder of his term. Commissioner Whitcomb and Commissioner Lott both voiced support for Eric Golden as a replacement. Commissioner Fore stated the President of the Road Commissioners had expressed their support of the appointment and that the three bordering Road District Commissioners had pledged their willingness to help Mr. Golden. A discussion ensued.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Captain Jason Huffman was in attendance and updated the Board on the following: the current jail census is three (due to COVID-19), more patrol is being will be conducted in June and the department expects to take in more inmates in July. The Captain also gave an overview of the COVID procedures within the department. Huffman reported an increase in crime-related calls within the last three weeks, adding there have been numerous car burglaries reported in Athens, noting all those suspects were from Springfield. Captain Huffman also informed the Board that the Sheriff’s office is planning on having a meeting with all elected officials and department heads regarding returning to normal operating procedures.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented information in County Treasurer Pam Bauser's absence. She stated the tax bills should be mailed out next week.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum presented a survey for the sliver of county-owned land off of Curtis Blacktop that had been discussed previously. Coordinator Worthington stated she will further discuss with State's Attorney Grosboll.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented information in State's Attorney Grosboll's absence. There has been an increase in domestic violence attributed to COVID-19.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented information on a personnel issue at Sunny Acres and a lengthy discussion ensued. Also discussed was a request from Deer Park Campground to re-open, correspondence from Independent Auditor, Mike Feriozzi, and one resume received for the County Highway Engineer position. It was the consensus of the commissioners to report to the campground contact that the board has no authority to open businesses.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings mentioned employee appreciation meals for Sunny Acres, EMS and the Sheriff's Department along with cookies for other departments.

Coordinator Worthington had Todd Volker from the US Census on the phone and he stated 67% of Menard County households have responded to the Census. He spoke about their plan in the upcoming months to reach out to get more responses.

Resolution #17-20 – Re-appointment of George T. Castles as Trustee of the Greenview Community Fire Protection District. This will be a three-year term to expire the first Monday in May 2023.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the re-appointment. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #17-20.**

Resolution #18-20 – Re-appointment of Shelly Knuppel to the Menard County Housing Authority Board. This will be a five-year term expiring on the Monday 31, 2025.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the re-appointment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #18-20**.

Resolution #19-20 – Appointment of Eric Golden to fulfill the remaining term of Road District #9 Commissioner. This will be effective May 12, 2020.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #19-20**.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.