

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 10, 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 Marty Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the both the minutes from the February 25, 2020 regular board meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Hearing of Citizens (Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)**

Craig Reincke, Menard County appointee to the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority, was in attendance asking for guidance on re-organizing a Menard County Economic Planning Committee. Commissioner Lott stated that investors will be needed to fund this program. Commissioner Cummings suggested he reach out to other counties for guidance. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding involving a representative from each city and village within Menard County.

Anne Smith from the Menard County Housing Authority was also in attendance. Smith interjected there is a need for a comprehensive plan in order to pursue state and federal grants for projects. She expressed interest in receiving funding through grants for Broadband throughout the county.

Anne Smith introduced Brad Ames as the new Menard County Housing Authority Director, effective March 1, 2020. They requested Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to fund Luken’s Landing which consists of the rehab of the current 74 housing units. Smith explained that Payment in Lieu of Taxes is based on 10% of rents collected for those combined 74 units. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Tom Casson, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented four oil and rock bids for approval.

A County Oil Bid was presented for approval of Asphalt Sales Company as low bidder. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A Road District Oil Bid was presented for approval of Asphalt Sales Company as low bidder. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A County Rock Bid was presented for approval of Jeff Clark Trucking as low bidder. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A Road District Rock Bid was presented for approval of multiple vendors (Central Stone, Jeff Clark Trucking, and Callender Construction Company). Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance to be there was ongoing painting at the jail and that they are getting closer to being able to house federal inmates. He also stated they are exploring promoting a corrections officer to Sergeant. They have been in discussion with the Fraternal Order of the Police and sent an offer to them for a six-month trial period.

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

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and presented call logs and financials for review. He also presented information on the Coronavirus from IEMA and IDPH as it relates to a required plan to address the virus within Menard County. Burg reported that Sarah Yoder had been helpful to him. He added the new ambulance should be here in April.

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

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on the early voting going on in her office. She also presented a firework permit for NSPOA for Board approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and discussed the expungement cases and that he's been working closely with the Circuit Clerk's Office. He also stated they are hoping to convene a grand jury, noting they have not had one since 2007. The plan for this jury is either June or July.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and requested that Executive Session minutes from 9/16/2016 and, 09/27/16 to be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented information on the following; worker's comp audit, the program and fiscal compliance review for senior transportation, coronavirus plan for senior transportation submittal, requesting permission to sell 2006 Chevy Express van, updates to Health Insurance affiliation for medical providers and hospitals, information on employee complaints and the process being implemented to address those complaints.

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

Commissioner Fore would like to make information available to the public on how tax money is spent for Road Districts and how the system works. A brief discussion ensued on how to make this information available.

Commissioner Cummings discussed HB5056 which proposes that no County Board member shall be a member of the county Board of Health.

Approval of Incentive Bonus Program for Administrator & Director of Nursing. Worthington reported that this proposal has been approved by the Sunny Acres Advisory Board Committee. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Bonus Program. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Cannabis Business Establishments for Menard County. Commissioner Cummings stated that he wanted to make sure that it was on record that this action taken tonight could be reversed by a new vote at a later meeting. A roll call vote for each establishment is as follows:

Should Menard County Allow for the following establishments to be operated within the County?

Cultivation Center: Commissioner Anderson - Nay, Commissioner Cummings - Nay, Commissioner Fore - Nay, Commissioner Lott - Nay, Commissioner Whitcomb - Nay.

Craft Grower: Commissioner Anderson - Nay, Commissioner Cummings - Nay, Commissioner Fore - Nay, Commissioner Lott - Nay, Commissioner Whitcomb - Aye.

Processing Organization: Commissioner Anderson - Nay, Commissioner Cummings - Nay, Commissioner Fore - Nay, Commissioner Lott - Nay, Commissioner Whitcomb - Nay.

Infuser Organization: Commissioner Anderson - Nay, Commissioner Cummings - Nay, Commissioner Fore - Nay, Commissioner Lott - Nay, Commissioner Whitcomb - Nay.

Dispensing Organization: Commissioner Anderson - Nay, Commissioner Cummings - Nay, Commissioner Fore - Nay, Commissioner Lott - Nay, Commissioner Whitcomb - Nay.

Transportation Organization: Commissioner Anderson - Nay, Commissioner Cummings - Nay, Commissioner Fore - Nay, Commissioner Lott - Nay, Commissioner Whitcomb - Aye.

Approval of the agreement between IHDS and County for Repayment of Funds. This agreement allows for the repayment of General Assistance funds upon a recipient being determined eligible for Supplemental Security Income. The county will be reimbursed prior to the recipient receiving their lump sum back payment. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion regarding the elected official's starting salaries and the need to those salaries to be close throughout most of the elected offices.

Tabled - Approval of ordinance for setting the upcoming salaries for the Supervisor of Assessment and Circuit Clerk.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.