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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 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 Marty Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent. Commissioner Brauer arrived at 6:17 p.m.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda that included the minutes from the December 8, 2020 regular Board Meeting, along with the departmental expense reports for November 2020. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented items for review and approval.

Approval of Construction Engineering Contract with Veenstra & Kimm for Athens Blacktop, Section B. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #60-20 – Appropriation of Local Match Funds for West Douglas Street Bridge Removal (Addendum to Joint Agreement). Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #60-20**.

Resolution #61-20 – Approval of FY2021 County Highway Department Maintenance. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #61-20**.

EMS/EMA Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and updated the Board on the activities within his department. He presented the mowing agreement with the Menard County Cemetery District for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burg also discussed replacing an ambulance in the next couple years, and will get pricing information for a future purchase. He also asked the Board to consider hazard pay for his EMS staff. Commissioner Cummings questioned whether the CURES Act could cover this cost. A discussion ensued with regards to deadline submittals and funding. State's Attorney Grosboll suggested Mr. Burg submit a proposal for a future Executive Session.

Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller presented the census for the jail at three inmates, updated the Board on a new department vehicle, and noted there's a full-time dispatch/correction opening within his department.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum presented four annual liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the liquor licenses. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll updated the Board on activities within his office.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a health department bill for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bill. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items that included: COVID vaccines for Sunny Acres residents and employees, CURES Act has paid out \$120,747.00 and covered the canopy and installation, and the increase of minimum wage to \$11.00 per hour effective January 1, 2021.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore updated the Board on the progress of the pavilions at Sunny Acres.

Commissioner Brauer discussed a 911 Board meeting he attended reporting they had toured the dispatch area of the jail.

Commissioner Cummings inquired about the EMS tax levy. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Tabled – Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Levies

Coordinator Worthington noted we need a new County representative for the Hope Trust Board. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve Commissioner Brauer as the representative. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #57-20 – Reappointment of Mark Churchill, Dennis Kunken, and Jack Knuppel to the Planning Commissioner for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2023. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #57-20**.

Resolution #58-20 – Reappointment of Steve Wilken, Karen Stott and Steve Ozella to the Zoning Board of Appeals for five-year terms expiring December 31, 2025. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #58-20**.

Resolution #59-20 – Appointment of Dan Robertson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2025. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #59-20**.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into Executive Session discuss issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2&11) at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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.