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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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 Martha “Marty” Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the April 27, 2021 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented updates on the Athens’ Blacktop project and the Douglas Street project, noting the road closure for Douglas Street will begin June 1, 2021. He also discussed the Sangamon Valley Trail and the status of applicants for the Highway Maintainer position.

EMS Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, presented EMS April financial reports and transport logs for review. He updated the Board on his plan to increase his part-time pay rate possibly \$2.00 per hour and reported March was the highest number of calls received, since he’s been the Administrator.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented activities within his Department that included: jail census at seven males, the triathlon coverage, and a unique security opportunity provided for the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture at New Salem.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on submittal for unclaimed funds for Menard County received through the Illinois State Treasurer’s website. She also stated she has finished her part in the tax process and has rolled to the Treasurer’s Office.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll discussed issues within his office which included and update on jury trials and the upcoming Reapportionment Plan. A meeting was held between his office, the County Coordinator, County Assessor, County Clerk and Commissioner Brauer discussing our commission style of government as it relates to reapportionment and the need, as dictated by statute, for our Reapportionment Plan to be in place by May 31, 2021. Due to COVID, the U.S. Census won't be delivering information to us until September 2021, therefore making the plan improbable. A discussion ensued.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

She requested Executive Session minutes from October 27, 2020 to be opened. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator Worthington presented/updated the Board with various items/issues such as: changing the current phone coverage for the Courthouse, proposed amended personnel policies from Heritage, the Zoning Position advertising in the State Journal Register and the County papers. She also gave an update to the status of establishing a text amendment to the current zoning laws pertaining to propane tanks. Coordinator Worthington touched on the American Rescue information that has been received in emails.

Mrs. Worthington discussed the preliminary audit reports from independent auditor Michael Feriozzi, noting the spreadsheet preparation for the independent auditor should be a function of the Chief Financial Officer for the County.

Coordinator Worthington also updated the Board on a solar zoning permit question. A brief discussion ensued and it was Board consensus that the Assessor should move forward with this the methodology utilized by neighboring county zoning officers.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings and Commissioner Brauer updated the Board on the meeting they had with the Illinois Auditor General. A discussion ensued regarding the rotation of auditing services as recommended.

Commissioner Fore presented information to the Board on the concrete work and picnic tables for the pavilions at Sunny Acres. He also discussed information regarding a motocross track in the south end of the County and Oakford property clean up. Mr. Fore

discussed the possibility of rural road usage for ATVs/UTVs. A lengthy discussion ensued resulting in the decision to involve the Road Commissioners and our insurance provider.

Resolution #26-21 – Adoption of the extension to the American Tower Affidavit. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #26-21**.

Resolution #27-21– Re-Appointment of Jeffrey Johnston as Trustee of the Greenview Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire the first Monday in May 2024. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #27-21**.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.