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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 25, 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, Sheriff Mark Oller, and Treasurer Pam Bauser were also present.

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 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Minutes from May 11, 2021. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

Animal Control Officer Samantha Craig, Animal Control Administrator Terry O’Brien, DVM, and citizen, Denise Damm, were in attendance to discuss a domestic animal issue. They discussed the incident, the steps local police officer John Holt, Animal Control, and the owner of the animal have taken to remedy the situation. Animal Control employee Samantha Craig stated according to policy, there must be three separate cases in order for the dog to be deemed vicious. It was the consensus of the commissioners that they must follow the ordinance, but will seek a review of that ordinance for a possibility of amendments to it.

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

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board with his department activities. He discussed items such as: the Douglas Street project including the closure, the Athens Blacktop project, interviewing for the highway maintainer position, and the new vehicle. There was discussion about the possibility of purchasing a pick-up truck from the Sheriff’s Department and the fiscal steps needed to accomplish that.

**Sheriff’s Report/Request for Board Action**

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on his departmental activities including the current census at the jail being twelve total inmates with three additional inmates enroute. He also informed the Board he needs to fill a vacancy for a full-time corrections officer. Sheriff Oller discussed the recent burglary at Parkside reporting that two suspects are in custody in Sangamon County.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and requested her Deputy Treasurer, Rosanne Snyder, be added to the County's bank accounts. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

She also presented April financials for review and informed the Board the yearly real estate tax bills went out, with the first installment due June 28, 2021 and second installment due September 1, 2021. Bauser relayed that delinquent real estate tax sale will be held October 19, 2021 and briefed the Board on funds from the American Rescue Plan. It was the consensus of the Board that information she has acquired on the details of this plan including the allowable uses should be sent to all of them along with all department heads. A discussion ensued.

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

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented two liquor licenses for board approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve both licenses. Commissioner Cummings 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 items related to his office. A brief discussion occurred regarding the review of ordinances and the Reapportionment Ordinance.

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

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

Mrs. Worthington also requested Executive Session Minutes from November 10, 2020 be opened. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington also discussed the Zoning Office vacancy along with issues related to zoning, and an offer to enter into a contract for review of the employee pharmacy benefits.

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

Commissioner Brauer discussed his meeting with John Balster, 911 Coordinator.

Commissioner Fore updated the Board on the Oakford property cleanup and the pavilion at Sunny Acres.

**Ordinance #28-21 – Menard County Reapportionment Plan from 2020 U.S. Census.**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Ordinance #28-21**.

**Resolution #29-21** – Re-Appointment of David Bagot, RPH and Dianne Markley, RN to the Menard County Board of Health for a Three-Year Term Expiring May 31, 2024. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. This shall be known as **Resolution #29-21**.

**Resolution #30-21** – Re-Appointment of Paul Brown to the Menard County Housing Authority Board for a Five-Year Term Expiring the last Tuesday in May 2026. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #30-21**.

**Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.