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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **July 13, 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. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2021 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Terri Miller, County Extension Director for the U of I Extension office, was in attendance and wanted to thank the County Board for their continued support. She presented the board with copies of their annual report.

Village of Oakford President Josh Sathoff was in attendance and presented information regarding projected costs for the cleanup of vacated property that is defined as being located in the county. He was informed that there are not funds appropriated for such situations. Sathoff inquired about an establishment that was thought to be located within Oakford city limits, but is actually in the County. A brief discussion ensued resulting in the Board President being directed to speak with the Village of Oakford attorney for further action.

Michael Feriozzi, Independent Auditor, was in attendance for the Fiscal Year 2020 Exit meeting. A lengthy discussion followed.

Zoning Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Menard County Zoning Deputy Jayme Ray was in attendance and introduced herself to the Board.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Corey Down was in attendance and presented two contracts for Board approval.

Approval of contract with Veenstra & Kimm to perform National Bridge Inspection Standards 2021 Menard County Bridge Inspections. Commissioner Cummings moved

to approve the contract. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of contract with Veenstra & Kimm to complete Scour Plan of Action for Structures on Gudgel Avenue and Middletown Blacktop Road. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented information on his office activities. He gave the jail census, noting the current population of twelve male and two females. He also briefly discussed the Lexipol contract and the plans for coverage of the Menard County Fair.

Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented Bellwether handouts for review in Treasurer Bauser's absence. She reviewed the forms within the board packets provided by Bellwether to assist the commissioners with prioritizing their plans for the ARPA funds.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented a class AAA liquor license for Big Al's Hideout for Board approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the liquor license. Commissioner Brauer 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 related to his office that included jury trials set for August, the convening of the Grand Jury in September for drug cases, and the impending retirement of his legal secretary.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and updated the Board on various items that included: transport logs and financials from EMS, SMART meeting she attended, .gov domain for the county website, and the possibility of holding a future open house for Animal Control. Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes from June 11, 2019 Session B, June 30, 2020, and December 29, 2020 remain closed. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington also discussed HB0056, which is the directive for the county to include the elected officials' stipends in the County Resolutions that set their salary. A brief

discussion ensued. State's Attorney Grosboll offered to draft language to meet the new requirement.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Tabled – Approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home & Countryside Estates employee COVID19 vaccine policy.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.