

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **August 31, 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 Gum, Treasurer Pam Ratliff Bauser, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll was absent.

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

A moment of silence was held for Brian Satorius, President of the Menard County Farm Bureau and friend of Menard County.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 10, 2021 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Louis Midiri, Menard County property owner, was present and initially came to request a permitted use application for a wind turbine, but after conducting research which revealed the all-around impact on the environment and community, withdrew his request. He indicated that he would like to volunteer to serve on a committee for the County.

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

County Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented a Resolution for Board approval.

**Resolution #34-21** – Approval of Appropriated Funds for Payment of County Engineer’s Salary. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #34-21**.

Dowd also gave an update on current projects including: oil and chipping of county and road district roads, the opening of Douglas Street, the on-going Athens Blacktop project, the bridge inspection certification class, and the timeline of the tandem truck bids.

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

EMS/EMA Administrator Mike Burg was in attendance and updated the Board on office activities which included upcoming personnel changes and the new ambulance for FY22. A discussion followed regarding the Governor’s most recent Executive Order.

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

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at eighteen inmates, with three of those inmates moving to Department of Corrections soon. He also gave a brief overview of the COVID policy for DOC and reported that his department has two current full-time openings at the jail.

Commissioner Cummings reported on his findings regarding other Illinois counties who offer military service credit for IMRF.

**Resolution #35-21** – Allowing Service Credit for Military Service for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #35-21**.

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

County Treasurer Pam Ratliff Bauser was in attendance. She presented monthly financial reports and explained the ARPA payment process.

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

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on her office projects and presented a Resolution for approval.

**Resolution #36-21-** Conveyance of County's Interest for Parcel 05-14-222-001. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #36-21**.

She also presented a liquor license for Board approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the liquor license. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Coordinator Dara Worthington presented information in State's Attorney Grosboll's absence. She touched on a possible new Illinois Department of Corrections policy to not pick up inmates with shorter sentences within county jails noting that this was not something that was endorsed locally. There is a grand jury set for September 24, 2021.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a Health Department bill for review and payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the

Health Department bill for payment. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington went over issues related to her office which included: the revised ARPA funding application, an update on reapportionment as a result of the US Census figures being released, the Executive Order from the Governor regarding COVID vaccination requirements, issues with FY19 GATA, and the new insurance rates for FY22 being impacted by a required cybersecurity application.

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

Commissioner Brauer briefly discussed the proposed salary increase for Sunny Acres and how the County will fiscally handle this. Commissioner Cummings discussed the benefits offered. It was decided a meeting needs to be held with Heritage to further discuss before taking action.

Commissioner Fore inquired about the property with noxious weeds.

Tabled – Approval of Salary Increase for Sunny Acres Nursing Home CNA's, LPN's, and RN's.

Coordinator Worthington requested Approval of HOPETRUST Participating Employer Information Verification. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.