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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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 present. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington, County Treasurer Pam Bauer, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and County Clerk Martha Gum were both absent.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular Board Minutes and Executive Session from the December 28, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis discussed the new proposed 911 system. He presented pricing information and stated the 911 Board is recommending \$400,000 for projected costs. The County Board is committed to \$343,000. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to product costs. Chief Deputy Hollis and Commissioner Brauer will present the Board’s proposal to the 911 Board at the next 911 meeting to determine whether they are committed to funding a portion of the project.

County Highway Report/Requests for Board Action

Highway Engineer, Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board on current projects within the County. He presented an ARPA request for a generator for the Menard County Highway Department.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and stated the current jail census was at thirteen total inmates with six inmates being housed for Cass County. He discussed the window project for the courthouse. Sheriff Oller gave a follow up on the Board’s request for a speed trailer for the county, reporting the costing at approximately \$8,000. A brief discussion ensued with regard to approval and funding.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented the six-month financial report for her department and informed the Board she hired a full-time employee for her office.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a variety of information from her office which included HRA expenses, GATA reporting, an ARPA update, an upcoming joint meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Committee and Board of Commissioners, progress on the Tim Butler grant, and an Animal Control personnel update.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 6/11/19, 12/29/20 and 6/29/21 remain closed. She requested Executive Session minutes from 6/30/20 be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Whitcomb briefly stated the staffing issues at Animal Control are being worked out.

Commissioner Fore informed the Board of openings on the Planning Commission from his district. He also briefed the Board on a zoning situation regarding a property being zoned a business.

Commissioner Lott added to Commissioner Fore's zoning issue and the upcoming joint board meeting.

Resolution #01-22 – County of Menard Section 123 Cafeteria Plan Modification. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #01-22**.

Ordinance #02-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for the Purchase of an Ambulance for Menard County EMS. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #03-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for a Vehicle Purchase for the Menard County Coroner. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #04-22- ARPA Spending Authorization for Purchase of Lucas CPR Devices for Menard County EMS. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #06-22 – Re-Appointments of Ed Blair and John Dixon to the Menard County Planning Commissioner for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2024. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the re-appointments. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #06-22**.

Treasurer Pam Bauser and Sheriff Mark Oller both discussed their issues with the language in the proposed Ordinance for setting salaries for their positions. Their concern related specifically to the 2% cap being placed on the increase for each year of the four year term. A discussion ensued with regard to the Midwest CPI, comparable counties, and the language within the Ordinance.

Tabled – Ordinance 05-22 – Setting Salaries of County Clerk & Recorder, County Treasurer and County Sheriff for Fiscal Years 2023 thru 2026.

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.