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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 10, 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 physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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 April 26, 2022, regular Board Meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Cummings 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 an update on the current job applicants for his department, current and upcoming projects, a leadership training and county engineer’s conference he will be attending.

Zoning Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Zoning Officer Jayme Ray was in attendance and discussed the possible need for a floodplain manager whereupon a brief discussion ensued with regard to the Illinois Department of Environmental Protection Agency as well as Illinois Department of Natural Resources approving plans that related to authorizations to build within floodplains. Ms. Ray also discussed a special use permit for a chiropractic clinic within a home that will be presented at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held May 26th.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and briefed the Board on the current jail census at ten inmates, a new speed trailer that was delivered and is set up near Rock Creek Road and the City of Petersburg Council meeting he attended.

EMS/EMA Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and presented financials for review and briefed the Board on the current issue that Sangamon County is having with their radio system for the rural first responders. Sangamon County will be providing funding which will allow for those rural providers to use new Starcom radios. This affects EMS and Athens Rural Fire Protection District in that they provide mutual aid. Burg explained that Sangamon County is proposing to offer this to our districts at a reduced rate. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Burg will contact Sangamon County 911 Board to gather more information.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented information in Treasurer Bauser's absence. She reported that tax bills will be mailed out May 12th - noting the first installment is due June 24th and the second installment is due September 1. There will be blue inserts within tax bills with the board approved message. Treasurer Bauser has also applied for the second half of the ARPA funds.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and discussed the current litigation regarding candidates and how it's delaying the ballot finalization.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and gave an update on ARPA proposals for Tallula and Oakford.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance. She requested Executive Session minutes from November 12, 2014 remain closed. Commissioner Fore moved to maintain closure of the minutes. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed various items that included: the EPA report on findings regarding a Menard County property, GATA FY21 reporting, an update pm the new computer equipment, discussion of courthouse fencing project, Sheriff salary changes due to the new law, DCEO grant timelines, results on the AgeLinc compliance review, and the request for a Facebook page for the Health Department. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the Facebook account for the Health Department.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer inquired on the progress with the courthouse windows, Coordinator Worthington stated we are waiting for submission of the grant applications and approval of those applications prior to receiving the grant funding.

Commissioner Whitcomb discussed the new mower purchased for Sunny Acres from Rohlf's Implement and the maintenance contract we now have for the new mower.

Resolution #24-22 – Reappoint James Reed to the Menard County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term expiring the last Tuesday in May 2027. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the reappointment. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #24-22**.

Coordinator Worthington presented a letter of resignation from Road District Clerk #1, Larry Eimer. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the letter. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #25-22 – Appointment of Dean Heyen as interim clerk for Road District #1. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #25-22**.

Resolution # 26-22 – Appointment of Rick Boensel to the Menard County Rescue Squad Board of Trustees to fulfill the term of Billy Smith expiring the second Monday in December 2024. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #26-22**.

Approval of FY23 Senior Transportation Grants – IIIB, GRF & Social Isolation. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the grants. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of Farnsworth Group proposal for Architectural & Construction Administration Services. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 7:10p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.