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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, 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. Commissioners Bob Lott and Ed Whitcomb were absent. Treasurer Pam Bauser was also absent.

Interim Chairperson Jeff Fore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022, regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and two absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action

Kolbe Huss, Interim EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and briefed the Board on department financials. Interim Chief Huss also reported a that there had been a miscommunication regarding the Ferno cots. As a result, EMS will not be needing new costs, rather new batteries. Mr. Huss also recommended Josh Fallis be hired, starting August 2, 2022. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the hire. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and two absent.

Highway Department’s Report/Request for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Road District #9 oil bid for approval. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and two absent.

Mr. Dowd also briefed the Board on a six-month extension for Whites Crossing railroad access, Sangamon Valley Trail and the electrical bids for a new generator install. Engineer Dowd also discussed bid pricing for the new tandem truck. The cost with the added surcharge is \$136,666. It was the Board consensus to move forward with the purchase.

County Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at fourteen total inmates. He also discussed the County Fair coverage, and recent vehicle break-ins in the Athens area.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum provided an overview of activities and issues related to her office, that included the ballot party placement lottery, a tax sale in error case, and secure storage for election equipment.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll discussed the tax sale in error trials, jury trials and written citations relating to new laws.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for approval and payment. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays' and two absent.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 7/30/19 and 1/12/21 both remain closed, while 7/14/20 be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays' and two absent.

Mrs. Worthington discussed a variety of items that included: no RFP is needed for new professional auditing services, the proposed zoning ordinance update, ARPA funding update, and Sheriff's salary starting with the new fiscal year noting the funding will come from Personal Property Replacement tax. Coordinator Worthington discussed recent complaints for Sunny Acres and the proper channel for handling complaints. She also briefed the Board on our current employee health insurance plan rates for the next fiscal year. A discussion was held regarding the planned corrective action for the FY21 audit findings.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended. He also commended the Menard County Fair Board on their successful fair.

Commissioner Brauer inquired about possible recognition for Jim Pott's service to the Sunny Acres Advisory Board.

Coordinator Worthington presented an Ordinance for approval, and a letter of engagement.

Ordinance #37-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Courthouse Servers. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve ARPA spending authorization. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays' and two absent.

Sikich LLP Engagement Letter for Auditing Services. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the letter of engagement for the FY21 Single Audit. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays' and two absent.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter executive session to discuss issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays' and two absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays' and two absent.