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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **August 9, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Treasurer Pam Bauser, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was absent.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2022, regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Terry Miller Casey, County Director for the U of I Extension Office, was in attendance and requested an increase for the Fiscal Year 2023 tax levy. She presented a brief overview of their services in Menard County.

EMS/EMA’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Kolbe Huss, Interim EMS/EMA Chief, was in attendance and requested Board approval for \$2,700 in write offs, due to accounts having no estate and no spouse. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Mr. Huss also discussed: the upcoming EMPG Grant with 50% going to the chief’s salary, Mason County’s current staffing issues as it relates to our mutual aid agreement, and a FOIA request for medical records being denied.

Zoning’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Zoning Officer Jayme Ray was in attendance and updated the Board on her office activities that included an upcoming text amendment and special use permits. A report on the current building permits was briefly discussed with it being noted that the number of requests has increased over the previous year.

Highway Department’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and briefed the Board on items that included: Athens Blacktop right of way, White’s Crossing, the EMS entrance as it relates to IDOT’s request for a temporary easement.

Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current census at the jail being 13 inmates. He also presented the Board with information on the current Lexipol policies and the department's progress with that program. A brief discussion occurred regarding Lexipol versus the new program through IPMG,

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and requested ARPA funds for new computers for her office. She also discussed going into contract with Michael Feriozzi, Independent Auditor, for assistance with budget, EMS accruals, and Sunny Acres reports. She stated his estimate was \$3,500. A brief discussion followed.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented the Resolution for the Calendar Year 2023 Courthouse Closings, for approval.

Resolution #39-22 - Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Calendar Year 2023 Courthouse Closings. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #39-22**.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and briefed the Board on his office activities.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and discussed issues that included: two audit findings, Sikich auditing update, a draft to the bereavement policy, sexual harassment training forms, an IDPH investigation with Sunny Acres which resulted in no violations, the upcoming Snedeker conference, the DCEO window project, and a flu clinic for county employees slated for Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer stated that he reached out to Representative Tim Butler regarding the signage being extended past the restaurant Big Al's.

Commissioner Lott discussed the current rising cost of county insurance and how it will affect the employees and the budget. A discussion ensued. Coordinator Worthington stated we should be receiving more information from the County's insurance with the renewal package.

Resolution #38-22 – Approval of Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the Payment of Salary of the County Engineer. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #38-22**.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.