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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **April 11, 2023** 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, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Sheriff Mark Oller, and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were also present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb and Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Regular Minutes as well as the Executive Session Minutes from March 28, 2023. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

John Hurley was present and introduced himself as the Interim Administrator for Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

Highway Department’s Report/Request for Board Action

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Board with Hauling Bids for Motor Fuel Tax for Road District #3 and Road District #5. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bids and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Corey Dowd then updated the Board on his department’s current projects.

Zoning Administrator Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington on behalf of the Zoning Administrator Gwen Thomas, presented the Board with **Resolution 08-23** for the appointment of Rod Riech, Jack Knuppel, Mark Churchill, Dan Robertson, Steve Ozella, Corey Dowd, Jeff Fore, and Ed Whitcomb, Jr. to the Menard County Zoning Ordinance Committee for terms commencing April 11, 2023 and ending April 11, 2024. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 08-23**.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and advised the Board on the following: the current jail census is ten, male inmates; an employee opening at the Jail; an overview of recent Secretary of State Training he attended with regarding disposal of junk cars.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum was in attendance and advised the Board that a retabulation for certain precincts chosen by the State Board of Elections each year will be conducted on Thursday, April 13, 2023, and that the April 4 election results will be finalized on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll provided an overview of activities within his office including: Gwen is still working on the lease with Countryside Estates; an update on inquiries regarding the burnt structures in the County; there is still no communication back from Schindler regarding the elevator and a contract with Kone will be forthcoming.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and discussed items such as: ICRMT payments; Village of Oakford ARPA funds relating to contingency expenses; the April 15 Recycling Event; DCEO grants update; Opioid funding update; Countryside Estate updates; Sunny Acres Nursing Home updates; Audit update and pins received from Farm Bureau.

Coordinator Worthington requested that Executive Session Minutes from October 8, 2019, August 30, 2022 and September 10, 2019 remain closed and that Executive Session Minutes from September 19, 2022 and October 11, 2022 can be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members – Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore advised that he can install a mounting bracket for the fireplace at Countryside Estates.

Commissioner Cummings inquired about how pay for the Sunny Acres Advisory Board and how it was determined. He also inquired about the dedication to be done at Animal Control.

Other Scheduled Topics

Approval of setting the base rate wage for LPNs at \$30.00/hour and RNs at \$36.00/hour effective April 15, 2023. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of pending litigation at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.