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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Marty Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Allan Anderson and Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 25, 2020 regular Board Meeting, Executive Session and Special Meeting from September 2, 2020. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Snedeker Risk Management representatives Alex Snedeker and Jason Booth were in attendance to present information on the 2021 HOPE Trust insurance rates for County employees and the overall county performance to date.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the census for the jail, with two males and two females. He discussed the upcoming article in the Observer on his department’s gun purchase through the LESO Program, gave an update on COVID cases, and noted the success of the County Fair’s Fall Festival. Oller reported the fact that PORTA’s school resource officer is currently being filled with a part time officer.

Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington noted budget work for FY 2021 is beginning. The Board stated the budget information for smaller departments needs to be presented the first meeting in October.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and discussed the Vote By Mail process for the upcoming General Election, noting we have received approximately 1000 requests for ballots. She also updated the Board on the nursing home voting order that State’s Attorney Grosboll is working on.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the following: nursing home voting order, the status of the new FOP's contract, the new EMS contract is close to board submission for approval, the Pierre Menard statue, and the proposed new propane tank on Route 97. The Board stated they would like to discuss the proposed propane tank topic further before a decision is made regarding an ordinance. Grosboll brought up the separate personnel policies of Heritage and the County.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a Health Department bill for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Mrs. Worthington also requested Executive Session minutes from February 25, 2020 be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington briefly discussed items such as: Greg Andrews being interested in attending the VAC training in Peoria, oversight appointments for FY21 for planning purposes, the proposed 2021 County Board Meeting and Public Building Study Group meeting dates, the tentative start date in two weeks for the roofing project at Sunny Acres and the estimated delivery of the two pavilions is December. Coordinator Worthington also stated the Board of Health is inquiring whether the County Board members are willing to sign a letter and ad supporting the encouragement of mask wearing/following guidelines. The consensus was no.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Whitcomb discussed the call he received from Menard County Fair Chairperson Ben Hollis thanking the County for their contribution to the Menard County Fair's Fall Festival.

Commissioner Cummings had an inquiry about installing a traffic light at Route 123 and Five Points Rd. Highway Engineer Corey Dowd will look further into this.

EMS/EMA Administrator Mike Burg informed the Board he was contacted by St. John's Hospital and they are gearing up for the possibility of a COVID vaccine. Mr. Burg stated that the hospital, along with IDPH are requesting assistance with the administering of the vaccine.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss issues as allowed by 5 ILCS 120/2(1) at 7:14 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington presented the County Highway Engineer Agreement for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Resolution #28-20 Appointment of 2021 Circuit Court Grand & Alternate Grand Jurors. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #28-20**.

Coordinator Worthington presented the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support Program Financial Support Conditions and Certifications. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the program. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.