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

County Clerk Martha Gum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. County Clerk Gum then called for nominations to serve as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2021 fiscal year (December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021). Commissioner Fore nominated Robert Lott to continue as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2021 fiscal year. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lott assumed the position as Chairperson.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to nominate Commissioner Jeff Fore as the Interim Chairperson for Menard County Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year 2021. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from the November 10, 2020 Regular Board meeting and Executive Session, the November 17, 2020 Special Meeting and the October monthly department expense reports. Commissioner Fore 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 three agreements for Board approval.

Approval of the Engineering Agreement with WHKS for White’s Crossing. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Updated Draft Agreement for 18-0069-00-BR (West Douglas Ave. Bridge Removal). Commissioner Fore moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agreement of Understanding for Maintenance between Menard County and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and reported that the current census for the jail was at two inmates. Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis added Cass County would like to house inmates in Menard County paying a rate of \$40 per day.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented the semi-annual report for her office for board review.

State's Attorney's Report/Request for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his office. He informed the Board that he received word that the Pierre Menard statue was not classified as property which can be disposed of, and that domestic battery cases are on the rise.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for review and payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington also requested that Executive Session minutes from May 28, 2019 and May 26, 2020 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington updated on the following: CURES Act submissions and payments received, the newspaper ad in the paper will be paid for by the Cares Act and GATA audits for FY18 and FY19. There was a lengthy discussion of the Zoning GIS Administrator job posting, job duties, salary range and interviewing team.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore received a call from someone expressing concern about the possibility of windmills being installed in the County indicating that they don't think it's a good idea if the opportunity presented itself.

Commissioner Lott discussed a set annual budget timeline for all future budget preparations. He asked that a memo be sent to all departments outlining the new timeline

and the need for adherence to such a timeline so that the process moves smoothly for all concerned.

County Coroner Ben Hollis was in attendance and wanted the Board to be aware of a few death certificates he had an issue with, specifically the cause of death language regarding COVID. A brief discussion ensued.

Coordinator Worthington presented **Ordinance #41-20** Adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #42-20 – Establishing Compensation of Highway Commissioners and District Clerks in Menard County. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #42-20**.

Resolution #43-20 – Appointment of Allan Anderson to the Menard County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term ending May 31, 2025. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #43-20**.

Tabled – Discussion and Decision of COVID-19 Bonus for Sunny Acres Nursing Home Employees for March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020. This was a proposal submitted by Heritage as Heritage has not provided any type of bonuses to any employees either owned or managed by them. It was noted that the bonus proposed by Heritage was less by roughly 25% than what the county provided to all full-time and part-time employees this past summer.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.