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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 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 “Marty” Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, Treasurer Pam Bauser and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 31, 2021 regular Board Meeting along with August monthly reports. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Liz Vogt, Town & Country Women’s Club President, and Alissa Bilyeu were in attendance to make a presentation on the proposed transformation of Petersburg Jaycee Park. The club requested ARPA funding for their project and submitted three different options.

Marge Oblinger from Heritage Operations Group was in attendance to discuss their COVID employee vaccination policy. Ms. Oblinger presented a handout and explained their policy in more detail in relation to both the State mandate and Federal mandates. Heritage would like for the Board to adopt the more stringent policy put forth by their group. It was the consensus that the Board that they would follow the Federal mandate as it super cedes that of the State mandate.

Highway Department’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented two resolutions for Board approval.

Resolution #37-21 – County Maintenance Resolution for County Engineer’s Salary Appropriated from Motor Fuel Tax for IDOT Local Roads. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #37-21**.

Resolution #38-21 – Menard County’s Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #38-21**.

Mr. Dowd also presented information on the decision and approval of the purchase of a tandem truck from the September 3, 2021 sealed bids. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the option recommended. He also updated the Board on the current projects within the County.

EMS/EMA Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Mike Burg, EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and presented information on hiring a new full time EMS employee, Mitch Netherton. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the hire. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board with information regarding his department. Oller reported that the current jail census was at thirteen total inmates. He also stated that Cass County had entered into a contract with them to house their inmates at the rate of \$40 per day. Currently, one Cass County inmate is being housed for eighty-six days. He also discussed an upcoming mock emergency incident call scheduled to be held at the local fairgrounds.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

Nothing to report.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented two liquor licenses for Board approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the licenses. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his office that included the upcoming Grand Jury being held September 24th and information on the current County farm lease expiring November 1, 2021.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington reported on various issues within her office that included: GATA reporting for FY18, FY19 and FY20, cyber-security relating to the insurance renewal and the need for emergency plan, ARPA funding request report update, and the status of the overall insurance package renewal. She also requested Executive Session minutes from August 13, 2019, August 11, 2020, and February 23, 2021 remain closed. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings stated a replacement is needed for the Workforce Investment Board.

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 unanimously.