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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **October 12, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Jeff Fore, Troy Cummings and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present.

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the September 28, 2021 regular Board Meeting along with the monthly September reports. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sunny Acres employee, Daphne Clark, spoke on behalf of Sunny Acres staff members regarding employee raises and staffing. She stated the wages they receive don’t equal the job duties and the stress that go along with it. Commissioner Lott stated we should have more answers by the next meeting on October 26, 2021.

Louis Midiri provided a wind turbine report for the Board and stated he believed the commissioners should consider restricting wind turbines within the County.

**Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented a Resolution for Board approval.

**Resolution #39-21** – Supplemental for Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Payment of County Engineer’s Salary. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #39-21**.

He updated the Board on winter preparedness and the Sangamon Valley Trail.

### **County Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and briefed the Board on the current jail census at nine male inmates. He also requested permission to hire an additional full-time deputy. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the reason for the new hire, noting the City of Petersburg has gone from six full-time officers to two full-time officers, plus the Chief.

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the full-time deputy hire. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action**

Nothing to report.

### **County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action**

**Resolution #40-21** – Appointment of 2022 Circuit Court of Menard County Grand Jurors & Alternate Grand Jurors. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #40-21**.

### **State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action**

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on his office activities and went over his FY22 budget proposal.

### **County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and discussed items within her office that included: ARPA funding requests, GATA 20 wrapping up, the Sunny Acres EPA issue and conference call scheduled, scheduling of Cybersecurity meeting with Insurance and Hanson Information, and the Redistricting meeting being rescheduled.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 9/10/19, 10/8/21 and 3/30/21 remain closed. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution #41-21** – Re-Appointment of Kevin Ruppel to the North Sangamon Lattimore Creek Mutual Drainage District for a three-year term expiring the first Tuesday in September 2024. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #41-21**.

It was the consensus of the Board to use 2% salary increase for FY22 budget preparing, for County Employees.

Tabled – Discussion on County owned parcel 12-18-103-002.

Tabled – Approval of Salary increases for Sunny Acres Nursing Home Certified Nurse's Aides, Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses.

### **Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Planning & Preparation**

Special Revenue, Fiduciary and General Funds were reviewed.

### **Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action**

Commissioner Fore discussed the Zoning Board meeting he attended. A discussion ensued with the language within zoning codes and some language needing to be updated. He added all boards need to be made aware of the current zoning codes.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.