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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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 present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the regular Board Minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Robert Haerr, Vice President of Facilities with Heritage Operations Group was present to review and discuss any questions pertaining to the Sunny Acres Nursing Home Capital Expense Report. A discussion ensued regarding the upcoming electrical work to be done in resident rooms as well as the shower room renovations. It was the consensus of the board that Mr. Haerr should move forward with the planned project having Steckel- Parker and Associates provide the blueprints and move forward with the project as presented.

Marge Oblinger, Regional Director of Operations with Heritage Operations Group was present. Ms. Oblinger gave an overview of proposed nursing home pricing changes and indicated that the board would be kept informed on the progress of the changes. She also indicated that she would be retiring in April and will be coming to the next board meeting to introduce the individual who will be filling her position to the board.

County Highway’s Report/Requests of Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer was in attendance and updated the Board on projects within the County. Dowd commended the road districts and road commissioners for the good job they did during the recent snow event.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Chief Deputy Ben Hollis attended the meeting in Sheriff Oller’s absence. Deputy Hollis also commended the Menard County Highway Department and Road Districts on the job they did during the storm. He reported that the communication with the Highway Department was good and appreciated. Hollis reported the current jail census at 15 total inmates with seven of those being out of County holds. Hollis relayed that two squad cars

have been picked up and thanked the County Board for the implementation of two cars per year policy, stating they are seeing major savings in their repair line item.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum reported that Wankel's had switched their liquor license to a Triple A and paid the additional fee of \$200. Rich Brauer made a motion to approve this change and Jeff Fore seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the new Farm Bureau Scholarship in honor of the late Brian Satorius. The three individual school scholarships presented to graduating seniors will be combined into one and presented to the most deserving graduating ag senior in the county.

Grosboll indicated that he will start working on the intergovernmental agreements to be put into place with the different municipalities and 911 for possible ARPA funding and a couple of issues with the 911 board. Discussion ensued regarding the State's Attorney's role with that board as it relates to state statute.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from 7/27/2021 be opened. Jeff Fore made a motion to approve this request. Ed Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington updated the Board on the following: appointed employee evaluations, the status of amending the budget for ARPA, the recent article in the SJ-R regarding CRESCO, the report from the IEPA on a property and Sunny Acres Nursing Home lagoon, the new part-time Animal Control officer, the newest Health Reimbursement Arrangement monthly report and the DCEO grants.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore updated the Board on the business signage on Route 97 and the burned house property located in Oakford.

Commissioner Cummings requested an update on the Chautauqua Park environmental health report. State's Attorney Grosboll provided a brief update on the matter.

Resolution #9-22 – Appointment of Donald Fritz to the Menard County Planning Commission for a Three-Year Term Expiring December 31, 2024. Commissioner Fore made a motion to approve that appointment and Commissioner Brauer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #9-22**.

Ordinance #10-22 – Lost Revenue Standard Allowance

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimously. This shall be known as Ordinance #10-22

Ordinance #11-22 – Setting Payment for the Inmate Prescription Drugs at Medicaid Rates - Tabled

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.