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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **October 11, 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 physically present. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington, County Clerk Martha Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were present.

Chairperson Robert 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 September 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, the September 19, 2022 Special Meeting, and the September 19, 2022 Executive Session meeting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of Citizens (Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)

Ann Stier, Margaret Stier-Santos, and Alyce Brooks were all in attendance to voice their concerns regarding the elevator at Countryside Estates. They informed the Board it had been out of commission for two weeks. Commissioner Cummings stated he will be contacting Sunny Acres Administrator the following morning.

EMS/EMA Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Kolbe Huss, Interim EMS/EMA Administrator, was in attendance and presented/discussed his proposed EMS FY23 Budget for review. Mr. Huss presented information and requested hiring new full-time EMT Ryan Crissey, with a start date of October 26, 2022. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the new hire. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

He also requested filling his current EMT position and offering it to Jordan Nicolls. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Huss discussed the issue with their current billing company and requested consensus to move forward with researching a different billing company. The consensus was to go ahead with gathering information. Lastly, a brief discussion was held regarding the ambulance fleet, noting that one is getting older. A discussion ensued regarding the various options.

Zoning Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Jayme Ray, Zoning Officer, was in attendance and presented an ordinance for approval.

Ordinance #45-22 – Approval for Text Amendment 6.03(c)(1)(s) Seeking the Allowance and Addition of Reunions, Proms, Graduations, and Similar Events, Weddings & Wedding Receptions, Fundraisers, Celebrations of Life, and Similar Events in the Agricultural Zoned District. This is an Ordinance rather than the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. This shall be known as **Ordinance #45-22**.

Discussion and approval seeking the Special Use Permit 6.049(c) for use of an Automotive Shop in the Rural Residential Zoned District. Also, Discussion and Approval seeking Special Use Permit 6.04(c)(14) & (15) for Use of an Event Venue to Allow Activities such as, but not limited to: Weddings, Bridal Showers, Reunions in the Rural Residential Zoned District; Seeks the Special Use of a Photography Studio in the Rural Residential Zoned District. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the requests. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tabled – RC & Jeep Runs

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented a Resolution for Board Approval. He also presented and discussed his proposed FY23 Budget for review. He discussed the Regular Salary line item and requested increasing an employee's salary. The consensus was to move forward with the increase.

Resolution #43-22 – Supplemental Resolution for Local Public Agency Participation on 19-00056-07-PV Athens Blacktop, Segment B. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #43-22**.

Ordinance 44-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Highway Department Generator. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and presented his proposed FY23 Budget for discussion. A lengthy discussion ensued. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead with the purchase of safety equipment, specifically, shields.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented financials and FY23 Budgets submitted, so far, for review. She stated the tax sale will be on October 18, 2022.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented information on obtaining a new computer server for the election computers, which falls under the State Board of Elections Grant. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll updated the Board on his proposed FY23 Budget, along with the ARPA requests. He discussed the Safety Act and a Pre-Trial Officer Position funded by the Office of the Administrative Courts. A discussion ensued regarding the process and office location for this position. Mr. Grosboll also discussed a proposed hybrid position whereby the individual would split their time between assisting the State's Attorney and handle Zoning duties. Coordinator Worthington added that there would still be a part-time Zoning Clerk.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented a Health Department bill for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes from September 10, 2019, and October 8, 2019, both remain closed, and Executive Session Minutes from March 8, 2022, be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as Workman's Compensation costs & payment schedule, Zoning flowchart, new servers installed, Ameren tree trimming schedule, the UCCI Fall Conference, and reviewing of Resolution 18-11 pertaining to rules for public meetings.

Mrs. Worthington also touched on issues that included a solar developer reaching out to lease County property for a solar farm, possibly setting up our own 501(C)(3) not-for-profit, and new carpet for two offices within the courthouse.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer discussed the 5% room rate increase for Sunny Acres and Countryside Estates. He also discussed increases for the CNAs noting those will be reimbursed by the State.

Commissioner Fore discussed the Board of Health Meeting he attended. He stated the Board plans to focus on suicide prevention and mental health, and that the flu season should be worse this year.

Revision to Ordinance #08-22 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Courthouse Computers. The original authorized amount was \$45,000. The revised authorized amount is \$47,529.50. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the revision. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Revision to Ordinance #40-42 – ARPA Spending Authorization for Treasurer's Office Computers. The original authorized amount was \$6,500. The revised authorized amount is \$6,765. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the revision. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement 22-IGA-4 with the Village of Tallula for use of ARPA Funds. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the IGA. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tabled – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement 22-IGA-5 with the City of Petersburg.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(1) at 8:34 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.