

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **November 29, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Jeff Fore, Rich Brauer, and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, County Clerk Marty Gum, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes from the November 8, 2022, Board Meeting. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)**

Julie Wankel, on behalf of the Menard County Fair, was in attendance and presented two proposals for ARPA Funding for the county fair. An overview was given of a pavilion to replace the beer tent and a plan for a new office building.

**Zoning Report/Requests for Board Action**

Joe Crowe, Zoning Officer, was in attendance to introduce himself to the commissioners and to present an updated report of the 2022 county building permits.

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

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance, and updated the Board with the current projects happening within the Department. Dowd reported that Liz Schultz had been hired to fill the vacancy which will be present as a result of Kathy Ruppel’s upcoming retirement.

**Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and briefed the Board on the current jail census of three total inmates. He advised the Board that the ballistic shields are in and have been distributed. Sheriff Oller advised the Board that the MOU to the union contract needs to be signed.

**County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Clerk Gum advised the Board that the 2023 Levies will be available to be approved and passed at the first meeting in December. County Clerk Gum also advised

the Board that she has hired a new employee, Vickie Evans, to fill the vacancy left by Liz Schultz. County Clerk Gum presented seven annual liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the liquor licenses for: Shambole Golf Course, Hill Prairie Winery, West of Wise Winery, Wankel Brothers, AM PM New Salem, and Greenview Amvets. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll provided an overview of activities within his office. He gave the Board an update regarding the SAFE-T Act going into effect January 2023.

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

Coordinator Worthington discussed various items such as: the conference call with Sikich regarding the FY22 Audit by them with additional help provided for the FY22 budget preparation, the status of the FY21 Single Audit, Countryside Estates elevator update, no additional updates on DCEO grants besides the Scope of Work approval on the \$25,000 grant, the date and time of the Swearing In of all recently elected officials, the Opioid Settlement, Animal Control has been named to receive money from the Estate of Gerald Anderson, the County Clerk's office and Board Room are to be getting new carpet this weekend, and FY 23 oversight committee assignments for review.

Mrs. Worthington advised that Executive Session Minutes from May 10, 2022, could be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the same. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Fore advised that there is a Planning Commission opening and they have a potential replacement.

Commissioner Cummings advised that they held an Advisory Board Meeting and that there is still no dietary manager. He reported on a finding by IDPH.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance #48-22**.

**Resolution 49-22** – Re-Appointment of Karen Boensel, Ken Yocom, and Mike Chandler to the ETSB for three-year terms expiring December 1, 2026. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 50-22** - Re-Appointment of Ty Willis to the Grove Creek Drainage District for a three-year term expiring the first Tuesday in September 2025. Commissioner Whitcomb

moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 51-22** – Re-Appointment of Rod Reich and Julie Wankel to the Menard County Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2025. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fore moved to appoint Kolbe Huss as the Permanent EMS/EMA Chief. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the FY23 Menard County EMS Local 4622 Contract Addendum. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and real estate at 6:54 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.