

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **December 13, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Jeff Fore, Treasurer Pam Bauser and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were all absent.

County Clerk Marty Gum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pursuant to State Law, County Clerk Gum conducted a random drawing to determine the term length for each of the five newly elected commissioners. The drawing resulted in the following term lengths: District One, Commissioner Jeff Fore – two year term; District Two, Commissioner Rich Brauer – four year term; District Three, Commissioner Troy Cummings – four year term; District Four, Commissioner Robert Lott – two year term; District Five, Commissioner Ed Whitcomb, Jr. – four year term.

County Clerk Marty Gum then called for nominations to serve as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2023 fiscal year (December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023). Commissioner Whitcomb nominated Robert Lott to continue as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2023 fiscal year. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lott assumed the position as Chairperson.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to nominate Commissioner Jeff Fore as the Interim Chairperson for Menard County Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year 2023. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Regular Board Minutes along with Executive Session from the November 29, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Margaret Santos inquired about the status of the elevator at Countryside Estates and advised the Board of a hole in the ceiling at Countryside Estates.

Ben Hollis was in attendance and presented the Board with more information for the Menard County Fair Board’s request for use of ARPA Funds.

### **EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action**

Chief Huss was in attendance and advised the Board that a stair chair was taken to Countryside Estates with Rural Fire and Petersburg Fire being made aware of the presence of that chair. Chief Huss also presented the Board with a quote from Ferno for a Stair Chair to be permanently placed at Countryside Estates. Chief Huss then presented an outstanding invoice wherein the patient has requested that the Board agree to write off one-half of the invoice and they will pay the other one-half. The Board declined writing off any portion of the bills.

### **Highway Department's Report/Request for Board Action**

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and updated the Board on his department's current projects.

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

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at five total inmates. He informed the Board he is now fully staffed both at the jail and with deputies and that the carpet project for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Courthouse is complete.

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

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented her office's semi-annual report for review. Clerk Gum also updated the Board on the upcoming Consolidated Election, April 4, 2023 filing dates.

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

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for payment approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington requested that Executive Session Minutes from May 28, 2019 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed the following items: parts for the elevator at Countryside Estates should be in on December 16, 2022, Sunny Acres Nursing Home received a penalty from IRS and filed a response disputing said claim, the Board of Health Members and Terms for the December 14, 2022 meeting, advised that a complaint has been filed with IDPH on Sunny Acres Nursing Home, updated on the

status of the DCEO Grants, the need for a new Planning Commission Member, updated on the Single Audit and the audit for FY22, the possibility of the formation of a 501(c) 3, and advised that the ICRMT bill would be paid before January 1, 2023.

### **Other Scheduled Topics**

Approval of 2023 Menard County Board of Commissioner Committee and Oversight Assignments. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with the appointments as outlined.

**Resolution 39-22** – Revision to Establishment of Closing Days for Courthouse for the year 2023. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the revision. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 39-22**.

**Resolution 52-22 - 63-22** – Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Levies. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve all thirteen tax levy resolutions for fiscal year 2023. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. These shall be known as **Resolutions 52-22 – 63-22**.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement 22-IGA-6 with the Menard County Fair Board for use of ARPA Funds. It was the consensus of the board to move forward with this at the next board meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of personnel and litigation at 6:57 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.