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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, 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 present. Commissioners Bob Lott and Ed Whitcomb were absent along with State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Treasurer Pam Bauser.

Vice Chairperson Jeff Fore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 25, 2021 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and two absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board on the Athens Blacktop Project, noting the area will be closed effective June 28th and re-open on November 1st. He discussed working with IDNR on land acquisition for the Sangamon Valley Trail, the IDOT Bridge Inspection Class being opened, and two new Highway Maintainers, Michael Lockwood and James Frances, both starting mid-June. A discussion ensued.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller reported the current jail census was at eleven total inmates. He briefly discussed the truck sale to the Highway Department. Administrative Assistant Ann Gorman presented call reports from FY20 and the first quarter of FY21 as well as the financials from this year.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented information in Treasurer Bauser’s absence. She stated Treasurer Bauser had gotten a response from the US Treasury stating Bellwether Services can be paid for from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. A brief discussion ensued.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented a liquor license for Board approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the liquor license for the Menard County Fair. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Clerk Gum also presented information from her office that included: the 2022 General Primary Election will be held June 28, 2021 instead of March due to the delay in US Census reporting of population figures, I-CASH funds given to Treasurer's Office for deposit, her office's Semi-Annual Report, and two old CD's, one for Higginbotham Development and a second from Brookwood Hills Plat III/Ron Cramer. She also discussed her ARPA funding requests, which included back-scanning of documents to 1971, and the online marriage license application program.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills for review and approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Mrs. Worthington also requested Executive Session minutes from May 28, 2019 remain closed and minutes from May 26, 2020 be opened. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the request. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Coordinator Worthington presented information that included: a new Zoning Deputy will start June 21, 2021, Reapportionment, Sunny Acres complaint, ARPA money for budget and the Senior Transportation grant being renewed.

Coordinator Worthington also requested approval of the FY22 IIIB/GRF Transportation /Social Isolation Grant. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There was nothing to report.

Approval of Sunny Aces Nursing Home Rate Increase to be effective August 1, 2021 for new admissions and September 1, 2021 for current residents. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the increase. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Bid awarded to Johnson Controls for Countryside Estates Fire Alarm Replacement. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Tabled - Approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home/Countryside Estates Employee COVID19 Vaccine Policy

Executive Session

Commissioner Brauer moved to enter into executive session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(11) at 6:54 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Upon exiting Executive Session, Commissioner Cummings moved to proceed with legal action on behalf of Sunny Acres. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with three 'ayes', no 'nays', and two absent.