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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday **November 9, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. in the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Bob Lott and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were absent.

Interim Chairman Jeff Fore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the consent agenda which included Regular and Executive Session minutes from October 26, 2021. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

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

There were no comments/requests for Board action.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board on current highway projects going on within the County. He stated Athens Blacktop will be open in two weeks.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current census at the jail with nine total inmates. He discussed the current Medicaid issue with medication for inmates.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and discussed activities within her office. She stated she is finishing up her last distributions.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and discussed her proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022. The consensus was to go ahead with increasing her regular salary line item for one employee. Commissioner Cummings questioned the policy on handling raises above the approved percentage. A discussion ensued regarding the future development of a policy for this specifically.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and discussed activities within his office. There was a brief discussion regarding the recommended certified wastewater system operator contract for Sunny Acres.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the recommended contractor. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Resolution #44-21 - State's Attorney Grosboll presented a resolution for John Alvarez to become the Public Defender for Menard County beginning December 1, 2021. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution # 44-21**.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum presented information in Coordinator Worthington's absence. She discussed items such as: cybersecurity issues and the addition of Malware to the County's computer systems, and budget preparation.

Clerk Gum requested approval of FY22 Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County for the Provision of Public Health Services. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

County Clerk Gum presented the Auditor's Letter of Understanding and Engagement. Letter for Non-Audit Services. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Auditor's Letter of Understanding and Engagement. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

State's Attorney Grosboll reported that Judge Atterberry received grant money for updating the electronics in the courtroom allowing for zoom hearings.

Individual Board Member's Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Cummings discussed the proposed budget for Animal Control and the increase in pet adoption revenue.

Commissioner Fore discussed issues the Zoning Department is discovering while doing field work within the County.

Executive Session

Commissioner Brauer moved to enter into executive session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(1) at 6:47 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

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 with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.