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

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

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the March 8, 2022 regular Board Meeting, Executive Session from March 8, 2022 along with the monthly department expense reports from February 2022. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Molly Bettis, citizen running for Menard County Treasurer was present to introduce herself and provide an overview of her qualifications and accounting experience.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and informed the Board his Lead Highway Maintainer will be retiring soon. He requested permission to begin advertising for a new employee. He also briefed the Board on upcoming projects.

Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ben Hollis was in attendance in Sheriff Oller’s absence and updated the Board on the current jail census with seventeen inmates of which four are out of County holds and five are transfers. He updated the Board on activities within the Department, noting the 911 project has started.

Treasurer’s Report/Request for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented monthly financials in Treasurer Bauser’s absence.

County Clerk’s Report/Request for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington presented a firework permit for NSPOA for this summer for Board approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

There was a brief discussion regarding an inquiry for liquor license. It was determined that the request would need to be that of a mobile liquor license which the County does not issue.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the ARPA intergovernmental agreements. He requested Board approval for the IGA for the Village of Greenview. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement as presented. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

State's Attorney Grosboll also discussed the Athen's ARPA proposal for their water project, adding the committee had recommended its approval.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motions carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington reported that the Sunny Acres Advisory Board had Josh Gronewald and Angie Fletcher as new members. She also briefly discussed the upcoming Public Building Study Group meeting, the grant application for new senior transport vehicle, the UCCI meeting she attended, AMEREN vegetation management near Greenview, and the electronics recycling scheduled for April 9, 2022.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore informed reported that the Village of Tallula is preparing an ARPA request for a drainage project.

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended.

Coordinator Worthington presented several resolutions and ordinances for Board approval.

Resolution #14-22 – Re-appointment of David Leischner to the Petersburg Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term expiring the first Monday in May 2025. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #14-22**.

Resolution #15-22 – Re-appointment of Mark Stewart to the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District for a three-year term expiring the first Monday in May 2025. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #15-22**.

Ordinance #16-22 – Opting out of Preferential Assessment for Affordable Rental Housing Construction and Rehabilitation. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Ordinance #16-22**.

Ordinance #17-22 – Addressing the Payment of Video Service Provider Fee in Menard County (Cass Cable TV Inc., DBA Cass Comm). Commissioner Fore moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Ordinance #17-22**.

Resolution #18-22 – Setting Salaries of the Elected Officials; County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, and Sheriff, for Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2026, Superseding Resolution #7-22. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #18-22**.

Tabled – Discussion and approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home bonus pay.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.