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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll and Treasurer Pam Bauser were both absent.

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

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

Dave Bagot, was in attendance and requested the Board send a letter of support for the business practices of pharmacy benefit managers and their impact on independent pharmacies and consumers. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Jayme Ray, Zoning Officer, was in attendance and presented information regarding a special use permit for Joshua Montgomery. Ms. Ray reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had approved the permit as presented. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the special use permit to allow retail business in an agricultural district. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Highway Department**

County Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance, and presented updates on current projects in his department. He also briefed the Board on a letters of support he would be requesting for Darin LaHood’s Community Project Funding.

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

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and reported that the current jail census was at nine total inmates. He also briefed the Board on the remodeling of the dispatch area of the jail.

**County Clerk/Request for Board Action**

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and updated the Board on the permanent Vote by Mail mailings that went out to all registered voters.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and requested Executive Session Minutes from September 10, 2019 and October 8, 2019 remain closed while Executive Session Minutes from March 30, 2021 be opened. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented information on the Illinois courts administrative office approving the Menard County FY 2022 Probation Plan, EMS reports, ARPA funds for replacing computers with Windows 7, DCEO grant updates, and retired employee health insurance benefits relating to union contracts.

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

Commissioner Fore informed the Board that Oakford is working on submitting their ARPA proposal for their drainage project.

Commissioner Whitcomb thanked the Board on the Village of Greenview's behalf for the ARPA first installment.

Commissioner Cummings praised the Jaycees, volunteers, and BLH on a successful electronics recycling event held over the weekend.

Chief Deputy Sheriff/Coroner Ben Hollis addressed the Board on an issue he is having regarding a deceased hospice patient from Sunny Acres with no informant. A brief discussion ensued.

**Resolution #19-22** – Reappointment of Steve Brown to the Athens/Fancy Prairie Fire Protection District for a Three-Year Term Ending the First Monday of May 2025. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #19-22**.

**Resolution #20-22** – Authorizing Application for a Capital Assistance Grant for a Paratransit Vehicle under the Illinois Department of Transportation. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #20-22**.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement 22-IGA-3 with the City of Athens for use of ARPA Funds. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.