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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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, Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll was absent.

Chairperson Robert 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 January 26, 2021 regular Board Meeting along with the Executive Session for the same date. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

Ashley Beutke and Brian Satorius, from the Menard County Farm Bureau were in attendance and updated the Board on activities within the Farm Bureau.

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

Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented a contract and resolutions for approval.

Approval of Contract Addendum for Athens Blacktop, Section D \$10,397 to Veenstra & Kimm to complete and update construction plans for Right-of-Way and Letting. Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the contract addendum. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution #17-21** – Appropriation of Rebuild Illinois Funds for County’s Portion of Section 18-00069-08-BR – West Douglas Bridge Removal. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #17-21**.

**Resolution #18-21** – Appropriation of Rebuild Illinois Funds for County’s Portion of Section 19-00056-07-PV – Athens Blacktop. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #18-21**.

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

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on activities within his office. He stated the current jail census was nine male inmates. Sheriff Oller along with Chief Deputy Ben Hollis, discussed a web-based system for keeping Sheriff Department employees up to date with the current law enforcement and corrections policies. They will be getting more pricing and information in the near future to bring before the commissioners.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented December financials for review. She also discussed the COVID Cures Act relief the Health Department received.

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

County Clerk Gum had nothing to report.

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

Coordinator Dara Worthington introduced the new Zoning/GIS Administrator, Jared Streder, to the Board. He first day will be February 16, 2021.

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

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from July 28, 2020 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington discussed various items that included: Cares Act update, the worker's compensation audit on February 22, 2021, Illinois Housing Development Authority plans, farm lease will end in 2021, and electronics recycling will be held April 10 from 9 am – noon.

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

Commissioner Cummings received inquiries about COVID vaccines being available for teachers. Commissioner Fore will discuss further with the Health Department.

Commissioner Fore gave an update on the pavilion installations at Sunny Acres, noting they are scheduling sometime near the end of February.

Commissioner Brauer informed the Board he had an inquiry about the current apartment vacancies at Countryside Estates and wondered why there's not more advertising.

Commissioner Cummings and Coordinator Worthington added there are commercials running on various local channels advertising these vacancies.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.