

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 26, 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 present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, Treasurer Pam Bauser, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular Board Minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

There were none.

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

County Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented a contract for approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the contract for Construction Engineering with Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering for the West Douglas Street Bridge Removal. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution #14-21** – Approval of County Municipal Aid for Bridge Construction/Repair for West Douglas Street Bridge Removal. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #14-21**.

Mr. Dowd also requested Board approval for acquiring a vehicle from Nikles, noting the funding would come from the County Highway Fund and that the bid submitted was below the state rate. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with this. He also discussed equipment for sale via an online auction website for government noting that this information will be in the paper as well as the county website.

**EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action**

EMS/EMA Administrator Mike Burg was in attendance and presented an agreement to for purchasing a 2021 Ford F550 ambulance noting that funding was in the budget for fiscal year 2022 and delivery is expected December 2021. He added that they will be trading in 3D12 to help offset costs. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve entering

into the agreement. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burg also discussed getting a 2015 Ford F350 utility vehicle for body transports for the Coroner, and other emergency situations, noting the ambulances won't fit in the morgue deposit area. Mr. Burg will get more information for future discussion.

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

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance reporting the current census at the jail is eight male inmates. He discussed a mandated training that the school resource officer is attending.

He also presented the final proposed four-year contract for the Fraternal Order of the Police for December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2024. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented an ordinance to increase the hotel/motel tax to 5%.

**Ordinance #15-21** – Amendment of the County Hotel Tax to 5%. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

County Clerk Marty Gum had nothing to report.

### **State's Attorney's Report/Requests for Board Action**

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on all the work that Sheriff Oller and Chief Deputy Sheriff Hollis did on the new FOP contract language. He also discussed the increase in arrests, warrants and double-digit domestic battery cases. Mr. Grosboll briefly discussed the negative effect the new crime bill will have on the County.

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

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented a health department bill for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the bill. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington requested Executive Session minutes from July 30, 2019 and July 14, 2020 remain closed. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed a variety of items that included: County's approval of \$284,852 in CURES Act funding, COVID vaccines becoming available at Menard County Health Department Clinic within the local Memorial Health Systems clinic, upcoming Zoning/GIS administrator interviews, and electronics recycling will be held sometime in the Spring.

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

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the Sunny Acres Advisory Board meeting he attended noting there are currently 81 residents at Sunny Acres and five vacancies at Countryside Estates.

Commissioner Fore stated the pavilion kits will be delivered soon and he received some complaints about Road District #9 and the high county taxes.

**Resolution #16-21** – Appointment of Sharon D. Kelley as Deputy State's Attorney. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #16-21**.

Tabled – Resolution 17-21 – Conveyance of property to Cox, O'Brien, and Seifert via Quit Claim Deeds

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.