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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday **August 11, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. in the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Robert Lott, Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and County Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. County Treasurer Pam Bauser was 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 July 28th regular Board Meeting along with the executive session minutes. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no comments/requests for Board action.

Zoning Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Brian Hollenkamp, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance and presented information on his research regarding propane storage and other local county zoning ordinances. He stated Sangamon and Logan Counties had similar language in one zoning ordinance, with regard to storage of flammable material, in that they should meet state guidelines.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington provided an overview of activities and presented bid information for Section 19-09109-00-BR for Road District #9 Price Street Bridge. The three bids were discussed, awarding it to low bidder Ishmael Construction, Inc. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the low bid to Ishmael Construction, Inc. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Execution of Contract for Section 19-09109-00-BR for Price Street Bridge was tabled.

Sheriff’s Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current census at the jail, with one female and three males. He briefly discussed the details of the gun purchase/trade-in. Sheriff Oller also discussed the replacement of the fence on the north side of the courthouse. Commissioner Lott questioned getting information on a more decorative fence to go along with the future canopy that will be going over the

entrance. Commissioner Whitcomb mentioned we get suggestions from Knob Hill Landscaping and Coordinator Worthington added getting suggestions from Image Design. Sheriff Oller will move forward with getting suggestions.

Lastly, he thinks that the Board Meetings should be opened back up to the public. A brief discussion ensued. Commissioner Fore questioned about the rural Tallula burglaries that have been happening, and Sheriff Oller stated there are current investigations pending.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented two liquor licenses for approval with one for AM PM New Salem and the another for Mr. Kris Sterbinsky. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the liquor licenses. Commissioner Fore seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Gum presented the five-year contract with Devnet, our property tax software company, for review. She presented three different grants for the upcoming November election for signatures with one grant for postage, one for HAVA, and one for the Cares Act. Gum discussed the Vote By Mail process for the General Election, noting we have received 400 completed applications as of today.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and updated the Board on the upcoming FOP and EMS contract negotiations, as well as the Heritage/Sunny Acres Agreement. He would like to get meetings started for all these negotiations.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Worthington presented Health Department bills for review and payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payments. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented a Demand to Bargain letter from the FOP for signature, discussed the Public Building Study Group meeting, specifically the carpet replacement and wood finishing project bids. She also discussed a letter received, regarding the CURES Act and purchasing suggestions, she presented a CENSUS update, and handed out Treasurer Bauser's financials and the County FY19 Audit. The 2020 County Yearbook prepared by her office was distributed.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore discussed the trustee owned property in Greenview and Clerk Gum added the mobile home is not owned by the Trustee, and when the property is sold, the new owners will be in charge of dealing with the mobile home. He also talked about a pavilion that Sunny Acres would like installed, a brief discussion ensued regarding what

type of structure. Commissioner Cummings stated the Sunny Acres Advisory Board is in favor of it. Commissioner Fore stated he will look further into this and get more examples.

Commissioner Cummings discussed the request for an increase to salaries for the Road Districts employees. A discussion ensued with regard to the process with the final conclusion being that the road commissioners will need to get back with the county board.

Commissioner Whitcomb discussed his meeting on the replacement of the current Animal Control Administrator, Dr. Brad Willis. Commissioner Whitcomb stated he met with both Dr. Brad Willis and Dr. Terry O'Brien. Dr. O'Brien is willing to take over as Animal Control Administrator pending Board approval. He also stated the Road Commissioners are willing to oil and chip the road into Sunny Acres and the parking lot. Commissioner Whitcomb requested they also oil and chip the road into the Animal Shelter and the County Farm shop road, adding he would like the County Farm to pay for this portion.

Tabled – Approval of new Animal Control Administrator contract.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss the setting of a price for sale of county property and pending litigation as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(1)(6) & (11) at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.