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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **August 25, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob 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 Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser was absent.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 11, 2020 regular Board Meeting, Executive Session minutes from August 11, 2020 and Special Meeting minutes from August 13, 2020. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests Report/Requests for Board Action

There were none.

County Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington presented a contract in Acting County Engineer, Kathy Ruppel’s absence. She presented the Execution of Contract for Section 19-09109-00-BR for Price Street Bridge. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Execution of Contract. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census. He added the Illinois Department of Corrections is finally taking prisoners.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Martha Gum was in attendance and presented a Resolution for review and approval.

Resolution #24-20 – Approval of the 2021 Menard County Courthouse closings. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #24-20**.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

Nothing to report.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session Minutes remain closed for August 13, 2019. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. She also requested Executive Session Minutes to be opened for the January 28, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Worthington also discussed the training for a Veteran's Assistant. State's Attorney Grosboll stated that Richard Mann was not interested. A discussion ensued and it was the consensus to reach out to Greg Andrews to see if he's interested in attending the training to be paid for by the county.

Coordinator Worthington also presented information on Sunny Acres receiving a new cooling unit for their kitchen. She presented quotes from multiple contractors. It was the consensus of the board to move forward with the low bid from Henson Robinson at \$21,900 and recommended by Heritage Operations.

Coordinator Worthington went over issues related to her office which included: FY21 health insurance rates, holding a Regular County Board Meeting on September 29th, UCCI meeting and the public health emergency rules, and electronics recycling scheduled for September 12.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Whitcomb informed the Board, Sunny Acres parking lot and road will be oiled and chipped Friday and Countryside will be done next year.

Commissioner Cummings updated the Board on the Sunny Acres Advisory meeting he attended. Commissioner Cummings stated there are currently six vacancies at Countryside.

Commissioner Fore discussed an email he received from the Board of Health regarding enforcement of state regulations of public businesses and COVID19.

Resolution #25-20 – Reappointment of Kevin Thomas as Commissioner to the North Sangamon Lattimore Creek Mutual Drainage District for a three-year term, expiring the first Tuesday in September 2023. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #25-20**.

Resolution #26-20 – 2020 Amendment for Cares Act and Other Changes. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Cares Act amendments. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution #26-20**.

Tabled – Resolution appointing new County Highway Engineer.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with offering the same health insurance plans for FY21 through HOPETrust. Approval of HopeTrust participating Employer Information Verification.

Coordinator Worthington presented information on contributing to the upcoming Menard County Fair's Fall Festival 2020. Commissioner Whitcomb stated the tent rental alone is \$1,088 and he suggested the Board sponsor this cost. A brief discussion ensued regarding what the fair is usually funded and what improvement projects have been made at the fair. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the funding of the tent rental for the upcoming Fair Fall Festival. Commissioner Cummings seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington presented bid information regarding the new pavilion for Sunny Acres. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the construction of two pavilions.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, property acquisition, and negotiations as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)(2) & (5) at 7:06 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 7:28 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.