

COUNTY OF MENARD    )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday **November 10, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. in the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington, County Clerk Martha Gum, County Treasurer Pam Bauser, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Bob Lott was absent.

Acting Chairman Jeff Fore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the October 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, and Executive Session from the same date. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests**

Dave Bagot, member of the Menard County Board of Health, was in attendance and discussed the COVID pandemic. He expressed the Board of Health’s interest in mandating masks in public, having only small gatherings and having advertising campaigns. A lengthy discussion about pushback from county bars and restaurants followed. The Board of Health would like the support of the community leaders.

Sarah Yoder, Sunny Acres Administrator was in attendance via telephone and presented information on COVID19 activity at Sunny Acres. She informed the Board there are currently four positive residents and four positive staff. She presented a proposal for hazard pay which Heritage Operations is implementing and discussion ensued. She noted the hazard pay will be covered under the Cures Act reimbursement program. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the hazard pay as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’, and one absent.

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

County Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board on activity related to his Department. He discussed his proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget, specifically discussing the Motor Fuel Tax fund.

State’s Attorney Grosboll spoke with attorney’s through UCCI regarding increasing rates for Highway Road Commissioners and Clerks. He discussed a couple different statutes

concerning increasing these rates. Mr. Grosboll is waiting to hear back from UCCI. Highway Engineer Dowd explained what the current rates are and shared his research on how other counties handle this.

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

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and briefed the Board on the current census of four males and one female in the jail.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll was in attendance and reported that letters are going out to property owners regarding the sliver of land off of Curtis Blacktop. He has heard nothing from CRESCO Labs.

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

County Coordinator Worthington presented a Health Department bill for payment approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington requested Executive Session minutes be opened from the April 28, 2020 board meeting. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the request. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington presented information on the carpeting replacement project in the courthouse, the courthouse entrance canopy, the pavilions for Sunny Acres, CURES Act payments, and the swearing in of newly elected County Officials scheduled for December 1, 2020, at 7:45 a.m.

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

Board Members thanked Allan Anderson for all his years of service on the Board of Commissioners.

**Resolution 36-20** – Re-Appointment of Regina Farrow, Roderick Leamon, Billy E. Smith and Amy Ruppel to the Menard County Rescue Squad Board for four-year terms ending

the second Monday in December 2024. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution #36-20**.

Approval of Management Agreement for the Sunny Acres Nursing Home with Heritage Operations Group, LLC. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

Tabled - Resolution 37-20 – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County for the Provision of FY2021 Public Health Services.

County Treasurer Pam Bauser presented the preliminary Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for review, except for Sunny Acres, Countryside and Animal Control.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss issues as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays', and one absent.