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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 14, 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 “Marty” Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Treasurer Pam Bauser and State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll were both absent.

County Clerk Marty Gum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. County Clerk Gum then called for nominations to serve as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2022 fiscal year (December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022). Commissioner Whitcomb nominated Robert Lott to continue as the Menard County Board of Commissioners’ Chairperson for the 2022 fiscal year. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lott assumed the position as Chairperson.

Commissioner Cummings moved to nominate Commissioner Jeff Fore as the Interim Chairperson for Menard County Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the Regular Board Minutes along with Executive Session from the November 30, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were none.

Highway Department’s Report/Request for Board Action

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance and presented the proposed rider for the Teamsters’ Union Contract for Board approval. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the rider as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dowd also updated the Board on his department’s current projects.

Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and updated the Board on the current jail census at eleven total inmates including four from Cass County. He informed the Board he is now fully staffed at the jail and with deputies. Sheriff Oller and Chief Deputy Sheriff Hollis discussed the recent tornado damage, thanking all surrounding communities for their

assistance. Sheriff Oller discussed obtaining grant funding from the State of Illinois through Representative Tim Butler which he has earmarked for new windows for the courthouse. A lengthy discussion ensued.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

In Treasurer Bauser's absence, County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented information which consisted of posters providing information from Independent Auditor Michael Feriozzi for board review.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Marty Gum was in attendance and presented her office's semi-annual report for review, along with annual liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the annual liquor licenses. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Clerk Gum also updated the Board on the upcoming General Primary Election, June 28, 2022 filing dates.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Dara Worthington was in attendance and discussed items such as: Cass Communications internet, an upcoming joint meeting of the County Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission, a letter from Sunny Acres employees to the Board of Commissioners regarding salaries, the start date for health insurance for new employees, Ameren vegetation clean up, and the Sunny Acres wastewater plan of correction.

Coordinator Worthington also requested that Executive Session minutes from May 28, 2019 remain closed. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore stated that a property on Coal Mine Road is being cleaned up.

Commissioner Cummings discussed the handling of County employee raises by offices. A brief discussion ensued with regard to the need for Elected Official's/Department Head's to present a request before the Board to provide a raise to any employee that would be higher than what the Board awarded for the new fiscal year since the Board has control over the entire budget for the County. Commissioner Cummings stated we need a drafted ordinance to reflect this. Coordinator Worthington stated she will work with State's Attorney to prepare a drafted ordinance.

Other Scheduled Topics

Approval of Revised Participating Employer Information Verification Form. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the form. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2022 Menard County Board of Commissioner Committee and Oversight Assignments. Commissioner Fore moved to approve committee and assignments. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2022 Calendar of Regular Meetings of the Menard County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the calendar. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tabled – Approval of the 2022 Mileage Reimbursement Rates.

Tabled – Approval of Sunny Acres shower renovations. The Board requested bids prior to approval being given.

The requests submitted from the different entities for funding through the county allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act were reviewed and evaluated. After lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the commissioners that a revised list of requests be drawn up and presented to them for further review at the next meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.