## COUNTY OF MENARD ) ) S.S. STATE OF ILLINOIS )

The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, **September 8, 2022**, at 8:00 a.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 Coordinator Dara Worthington was also present.

Chairperson Bob Lott called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

## Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

There were none.

## Scheduled Topics

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Planning & Preparation

Various department heads and elected officials were present to present FY2023 preliminary budgets before the commissioners. Those budgets presented included: 004, 005, 007, 009, 011, 013, 025, 037, 039, 040, 041, 042, 044, 050, 056, 060, 075, 093, and 094.

County Engineer, Corey Dowd, was present to report that his Administrative Technician, Kathy Ruppel, had submitted her Letter of Intent to Retire to be effective February 28, 2023.

Employee raises were discussed for both regular county employees and union employees at some length. Although guidance was given, it was determined that there is need for more information on planned revenues before moving forward with any certainty.

The employee health insurance plan was reviewed as it relates to employer/employee responsibility. A lengthy discussion ensued resulting in the commissioners setting the health insurance rate for employee only as follows: employer rate = 85% and employee rate = 15%.

## <u>Adjournment</u>

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'ayes'.