

COUNTY OF MENARD     )  
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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **November 8, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Jeff Fore, and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Treasurer Pam Bauser, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Rich Brauer and County Clerk Marty Gum were absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes from the October 25, 2022, Board Meeting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

**Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)**

There were none.

**EMS/EMA Report/Requests for Board Action**

Interim Chief Huss was in attendance and presented the EMS October Income Summary. He also made and requested final comments from the Board regarding the EMS FY23 Budget.

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

Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer, was in attendance and updated the Board on the current projects happening within the Department. He advised the Board that he had hired Liz Schultz to take Kathy’s position. Liz will begin work on November 14, 2022. He also requested the approval of the Board regarding the Menard County Teamster’s Local 916 Union Contract. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

**Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and briefed the Board on the current jail census being at six total inmates. He discussed the speed trailer being set up at Woodland Lakes Subdivision. He also advised the Board that the week prior they had a jailhouse wedding.

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

County Treasurer Pam Bauser was in attendance and presented financials and FY23 Budgets submitted, so far, for review. She advised the Board that she believes notice should be sent to all departments regarding hiring retirees and that the County is responsible for paying both employer and employee contributions to IMRF if the 1000 work hour limit is exceeded. County Coordinator Worthington relayed that the fiscal clerk sends out regular reports of total hours worked for the part-time employees.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington presented information in Clerk Gum's absence. The Board was advised that Clerk Gum has advertised for the recent position opening and asked the Board for guidance regarding that position's starting salary.

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

State's Attorney Gabe Grosboll provided an overview of activities within his office. He gave the Board an update regarding the Assistant State's Attorney position.

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

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented Health Department bills for payment approval. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Coordinator Worthington discussed various items including: the progress of the Single Audit by Sikich, Sunny Acres Nursing Home shower project update, Countryside Estates elevator update, DCEO grants update, Cresco update, the date and time of the Swearing In of all recently elected officials, the start date of Joe Crowe as Zoning Clerk, Administrative Services Open Enrollment, Alexis Sales Agreements, the Noxious Weed 2023 Work Plan and 2022 Report being filed by Sangamon County, Engagement of an FY 22 Audit Firm, and notice of the employee Christmas Party.

Mrs. Worthington presented the FY23 IACO membership of \$675.00. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Mrs. Worthington advised that Executive Session Minutes from October 26, 2021, needed to remain closed while the Executive Session Minutes from April 26, 2022, could be opened. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the same. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

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

Commissioner Fore discussed the zoning violation of the Exotic Animal Zoo. He also discussed the highway study being performed by Highway Engineer Corey Dowd.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Cummings moved to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of employment and property at 6:57 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.