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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **July 25, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb and Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

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

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Regular Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from July 11, 2023. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Terri Casey, the County Extension Director, was present to provide the Board with an annual update on the Menard County Extension.

Menard County Zoning

Joe Crowe, Menard County Zoning Officer, and Gwen Thomas, Menard County Zoning Administrator, were in attendance and updated the Board on the department’s current projects.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Menard County Commercial Wind Energy Siting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance #17A-23**.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Menard County Commercial Solar Energy Siting. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance #18A-23**.

Highway Department’s Report/Request for Board Action

Corey Dowd, County Highway Engineer, presented the Board with an update on his department’s current projects.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and provided the Board with an update on departmental activities. Oller reported the current jail census being that of six male inmates. Sheriff Oller responded to Commissioner Cummings' report regarding a discussion at the UCCI conference about there possibly not being a need for county jails because of the SAFE-T Act. Discussion ensued. Sheriff Oller also advised the Board that the Menard County Fair went well and extended his thanks to the officers from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Secretary of State who were present to assist with security for the concert at the Menard County Fair.

Treasurer's Department Report/Requests for Board Action

In the Treasurer's absence, Coordinator Worthington presented the Board with the tax distributions from the first installment of property taxes.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum was in attendance and presented a liquor license application for Hamilton's Catering for review and approval. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the application. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll was in attendance and presented the Board with an update on the SAFE-T Act.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Worthington was in attendance and presented the Board with Sangamon County Department of Public Health bills for payment. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the payment of said bills. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington requested that Executive Session Minutes from July 30, 2019, January 12, 2021 and July 12, 2022 remain closed. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the request. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Worthington discussed items such as: the FY24 Voter Registration Grant from the State of Illinois, the upcoming employee flu clinic, publication for bids for the Sunny Acres Nursing Home/Countryside Estates pole barn, American Tower

Agreement, County Farm Lease, ARPA update, Coronavirus Business Resiliency Program, FY24 Budget, FY22 Audit, DCEO Reports, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Advisory Board Meeting, and Countryside Estates update.

Individual Board Members – Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer advised the Board of items covered at the recent UCCI Conference.

Commissioner Fore advised the Board on information he had received advising that prairie dogs are illegal in the State of Illinois.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. and Commissioner Fore seconded.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.