

County Sheriff's Report/Request for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and reported that the current jail census stood at nine inmates with those inmates being from Cass, Sangamon and Menard Counties. Oller provided a brief overview of ongoing remodeling projects at the Menard County Courthouse and Menard County Courthouse Annex, and the planned demolition of the house that his department was willed from an estate.

Chief Deputy Hollis informed the board of new flock safety cameras that would be going up around the county. Hollis provided an explanation of how those cameras were used by law enforcement.

County Treasurer's Report/Request for Board Action

County Treasurer Bettis was in attendance and gave a brief overview of her office activities. Bettis reported that payments for the second installment were picking up again and that she was busy sending out letters regarding incorrect payments that have been made. Bettis is looking into a module that will allow taxpayers to make only correct payments online. Bettis reported that the FY26 budget worksheets should be ready for distribution and expressed her thanks to Kolbe Huss and Ben Hollis for their help with IT.

County Clerk's Report/Request for Board Action

In County Clerk Gum's absence, Coordinator Worthington presented a liquor license from the Menard County Fair, Inc. for the Fall Fair to the commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Brauer made a motion to approve the license and Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County State's Attorney's Report/Request for Board Action

State's Attorney Gwen Thomas was in attendance and provided an overview of her department's current activities. Included within that discourse was information on the August and November jury trials, the status of two inmates requiring mental fitness exams, the Victim Witness Coordinator grant, and proposed meetings about modification of the intergovernmental agreements for the provision of animal control services.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance. She presented the September 2025 billing for the provision of public health services for approval. Commissioner Brauer made a motion to approve payment and Commissioner Whitley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Worthington presented executive session minutes for review with recommendations as follows: Remain Closed – January 30, 2025, July 9, 2024, and June 27, 2024; and To Be Opened – January 9, 2024, June 27, 2023, and July 30, 2019. Commissioner Whitley made a motion that the minutes be handled as proposed. Commissioner Brauer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

An overview was provided on the following: IDPH July 8, 2025 survey with complaints found to be invalid, the DCEO grant revision, the new Animal Control wheelchair ramp, elected officials' salaries, union negotiations for EMS and the Teamsters, the 2023 audit, and the fall conference for Snedekers.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Brauer provided an overview of the Menard County Health Department Board meeting and Commissioner Cummings discussed the setting of salaries for the difference elected officials by resolution and the timeline for setting them.

Other Scheduled Topics

Resolution 19-25 – Appointment of Joe Crowe to the Athens Fancy Prairie Fire Protection District for a Term Expiring the First Monday in May 2028.

Commissioner Brauer made a motion to approve the noted appointment and Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. This shall be known as **Resolution 19-25**

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitley made a motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(11) Litigation and (2) Collective Bargaining. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 7:16 PM.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.