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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, Rich Brauer, Dalton Whitley, and Rod Riech were physically present. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington, State's Attorney Gwen Thomas, and County Treasurer Molly Bettis were also physically present.

Commissioner Cummings made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from June 25, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were no guests.

Scheduled County Elected Officials & Staff

County Engineer's Report/Request for Board Action

County Engineer Corey Dowd was not in attendance, however, provided a written report of his department's activities for the commissioners.

County Sheriff's Report/Request for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was physically in attendance.

Oller reported that the current jail census was twelve inmates with two females and ten males. Two inmates are being held for Cass County and one inmate from Menard is being held in Sangamon County.

Sheriff Oller provided an update on his departmental activities and responsibilities. Discussion was held on the Courthouse Annex parking lot and fencing and the vacant lot left to his department. It was the consensus of the board to move forward with work on the parking lot after double-checking the quote, as written.

County Treasurer's Report/Request for Board Action

Treasurer Molly Bettis was in present.

Bettis noted that collections were in progress and that the online collections process has helped. It was reported that she has a new part-time employee on staff.

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

State's Attorney Gwen Thomas was physically present.

Thomas announced that her part-time employee will become full-time effective in August.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance.

The August 2026 payment to the Sangamon County Department of Public Health was reviewed. Commissioner Brauer made a motion to approve payment and Commissioner Riech seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Worthington provided an update on the following: FY 24 audit progress, courthouse exterior painting, carpeting, mandatory annual Sexual Harassment training, review of the Heritage Enterprises agreement, the June 2026 Menard County Animal Control community report, the upcoming Sangamon County Department of Public Health Intergovernmental Agreement, and Illinois Department of Public Health complaints.

Individual Board of Commissioners' Reports/Requests for Board Action

There were no reports.

Other Scheduled Topics

Resolution 20-26 – Establishing Closing Days for Menard County Courthouse for the Year 2027 - Tabled

Ordinance 21-26 – Discussion & Approval of Special Use Permit for Betsy Burris for a Private School in the A-Agriculture District

Commissioner Brauer made a motion to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Brauer made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:35 PM as allowed by 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(11) - Litigation. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion.

Adjournment

Having no further business to go before the board, Commissioner Brauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM and Commissioner Riech seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.