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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Jeff Fore and Bob Lott were present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was not in attendance. County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Treasurer Jackie Horn, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the January 11, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the monthly department expense report for December 2010, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries – Computer/Electronics Recycling

Lesla Bergeron and Chris Lee, representing Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries, were in attendance to highlight that their organization had a computer recycling program that should be able to provide an opportunity for Menard County residents to recycle computer hardware and some other electronic devices. After a presentation by Ms. Bergeron and Mr. Lee, the Board directed the County Coordinator to work with them in exploring recycling opportunities of such materials.

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

Don Schroeder, a Menard County resident representing himself, was in attendance to pose questions regarding the Menard County Rescue Squad and the County's role in that organization and the tax that the Rescue Squad was seeking to help fund their operations. He presented a packet of questions and materials to the Board. The Board and County staff spent time explaining that the Rescue Squad has not been an agency under the County government's control and currently operates as an independent organization. It was explained that the County Board, per state statute, would have to appoint a Board, which met the qualifications to serve, and whom would then oversee and act as the governing body of the Rescue Squad. It was explained that would only happen contingent upon the Rescue Squad gaining voter approval to act as a new, distinct governmental jurisdiction and agency. It was explained that the County Board had a similar statutory role in appointing various other County organizations' governing boards, such as fire districts, but that the County would not really have a role in the organization's management after appointing its governing body.

It was clarified that the tax was not being sought by the Menard County government, to fund a Menard County government agency, but that a new governmental jurisdiction was being sought to be created with taxing power in the County. It was discussed that the citizens of the County would decide whether to create such a new governmental body and vote on whether to put in place a tax to support a new governmental body's (i.e., the Rescue Squad's) operations and services. It was suggested to Mr. Schroeder that the best place to pose questions was to the entity seeking to create the new governmental entity.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action; Agreement between the County of Menard and the County of Menard Health Dept. for the Utilization of a Revolving Line of Credit from the County of Menard

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance and informed that she had been working with the County's risk management consultant on various policies, e.g., cell phone and motor vehicle policies.

An updated agreement between the County and the Menard County Health Department for the utilization of a revolving line of credit from the County was presented. There were no substantive changes from the existing agreement but it was decided that the agreement should be approved on an annual basis. Ms. Davis informed

that the Board of Health had already approved the agreement. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the agreement, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

There was discussion if more liability insurance should be required of employees that work for the Health Department and other County agencies. No directives were given regarding this topic. Ms. Davis presented a spreadsheet highlighting the amount of receivables due to the Health Department for December 2010. The amount was \$240,132, with \$118,639 due from Medicare and \$19,368 due from Medicaid.

EMS/Community Services Report/Requests for Board Action

Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington presented EMS financial reports for December 2010. She informed that Senior Transport had received an offer to purchase the van that had been taken out of service (and had received no bids during the formal bid notice) in the amount of \$1,500. She informed that this offer would be accepted if there were no Board objections. There were no objections.

EMS Chief Larry Graf presented the transport log. Mr. Graf informed that the Menard County multi-hazard mitigation plan was ready to be reviewed by the Board and that an adopting resolution would need to be passed by the Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Kyes informed that the Lake Petersburg Association may like to fund the purchase of a tornado/emergency siren to be placed for the benefit of Lake Petersburg but to be owned and maintained by the County or 911. Commissioner Kyes moved that the County accept Lake Petersburg’s offer to purchase a siren for the County, if given. After discussion, it died for lack of a second as it was decided that the Board wanted Mr. Graf to investigate the ramifications of such an arrangement before going forward, for example, establishing a cost for on-going maintenance, insuring the device, how it would be funded if it needed to be replaced in the future and how often should such a device be replaced.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn presented a handout showing a comparison between the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) SLEP plan for members who were enrolled before January 1, 2011 and what the SLEP plan will be like for new enrollees beginning January 1, 2011 (copy on file). Ms. Horn informed that her office was working with Sunny Acres Nursing Home on monies due from their fund to the IMRF fund.

Ms. Horn informed that the County’s independent auditor, Mike Feriozzi, indicated that Sunny Acres Nursing Home invested \$1,063,000 to help build Countryside Estates and that Countryside Estates owed Sunny Acres \$775,000 for carrying Countryside Estates for the last ten to eleven years.

Chairperson Kirby urged that County employees be alerted to the deferred compensation (457b) program.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report/request for Board action.

State’s Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report/request for Board action.

County Coordinator’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan informed the Board that at the end of December 2010, there was approximately \$57,000 in the County’s self-funded employee health insurance fund.

Mr. Duncan presented executive session minutes from the July 13, 2010 regular Board meeting. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve opening the executive session minutes, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Duncan informed the Board that the Menard County Highway Department had incurred costs of around \$3,290 for assisting Lake Petersburg and \$2,720 for assisting Sunny Acres/Countryside Estates as related to tornado damage clean-up. He informed that in calendar year 2010, 138 total zoning/building permits had been issued with only five of those permits being for new home construction.

Mr. Duncan informed that an invoice had been sent for annual membership dues to the Menard County Farm Bureau. The consensus of the Board was to pay to dues. He informed that the Board of Review had set their schedule for hearings. He informed that Board of Review member Michelle Eddings was resigning at the conclusion of this round of appeals due to scheduling conflicts. The Board expressed their appreciation for Ms. Eddings service to the County.

Mr. Duncan informed that the County's representative to the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority, Shirley McCombs, had agreed to Menard County hosting that group's March meeting in Petersburg, Illinois and that it was being requested that the County provide coffee and donuts or pastries. The consensus of the Board was to provide such items as requested.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no reports/requests for Board action.

Menard County Fence Viewer Appointments

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the list of 2011 Menard County Fence Watchers. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Line of Credit from the County's General Fund

Commissioner Fore moved to eliminate the Sunny Acres Nursing Home line of credit with the County's General Fund, as it is currently unnecessary. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Executive Session

Commissioner Lott moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation matters at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".