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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Bob Lott, Barb Kyes, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Chairperson Merle Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the January 10, 2012 regularly scheduled Board meeting; the January 10, 2012 special Board meeting; and the monthly department expense report for December 2011. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Although listed on the official agenda, there were no representatives of the Historic Marbold Farming Association in attendance and there was no discussion related to this organization.

Hearing of Citizens (Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)

There were no unscheduled public comments or requests for Board action.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance. She provided an overview of issues related to transmitting Medicare bills, due to issues with the billing software vendor for Medicare, which is causing an issue with getting Medicare bills submitted and paid. She informed that the Health Department expected to get reimbursed when the issue is resolved. There was discussion about having a joint, Board of Health and Board of Commissioners meeting on March 19th, at 6 p.m., to meet with the Health Department's Medicare consultant. Ms. Davis presented examples of time sheets and mileage logs used by the Health Department.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve line item transfers in the Health Department's Fiscal Year 2012 budget, and as needed to correct the coding to pay for one, full-time and two, part-time home health nurses (original budget submission was to pay for two, full-time and one part-time home health nurses). Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Davis presented a receivables spreadsheet highlighting funds due from home health services, State of Illinois, Federal and deferred-grant income. There was discussion about what it would take for the Health Department to provide hospice care. Ms. Davis indicated that the Health Department would have to become certified and did not currently have enough staff to perform this service. There was discussion about various Health Department bills that needed to be paid with Ms. Davis giving an explanation as to what was being paid for in the list of bills.

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the payment of various, Health Department bills (and as deemed needed per the County extending the Health Department's line of credit to pay said bills), as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the release of \$500 from the General Fund and as budgeted in the \$5,000 line item to transfer to the Health Department. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Ann Gorman, representing Larry Graf who was unable to attend, and EMS Fiscal Officer/Community Services Administrator Dara Worthington were in attendance. Ms. Gorman spent extensive meeting time reporting on a number of EMS and emergency management-related issues, including recent grant awards, ambulance call volume and mechanical repairs to a few of the agency's vehicles (copy of report on file).

Ms. Worthington spent extensive meeting time providing an overview of various EMS financial reports and issues including presentation of the collections report. She informed that a new, senior transport driver had been hired. She provided information regarding an upcoming meeting to discuss forming a Sangamon/Menard-county rural transit system and a letter to the editor informing of another, similar meeting to be held February 9th. She informed that she had been contacted by Senior Services of Central Illinois asking about whether Menard would be agreeable to their organization going after a J.A.R.C. (Jobs Access Reverse Commute) grant that would include coming into the Athens area. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Ms. Worthington should pursue this grant on behalf of Menard County.

There was no discussion held with the Supervisor of Assessments, as listed on the agenda.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn passed out to the Board, various financial reports including highlighting tax distributions to the various taxing bodies in Menard County.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler provided an overview of a meeting he had recently attended and informed that he would like to review the law to see if the number of individuals needed to be appointed as Menard County "fence viewers" could be reduced.

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

State's Attorney Baumgarten informed that the County was holding an inmate that may lead to increased medical expenses being incurred by the County. The inmate is alleged to have committed aggravated battery to a senior citizen and aggravated home repair fraud. The State's Attorney believes the inmate poses a risk to the public.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes that were scheduled to be reviewed for opening from the following dates: January 25, 2011, July 12, 2011 and July 26, 2011. As advised by legal counsel, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to open the executive session minutes from July 12, 2011 and keep closed, for another six months and due to on-going litigation, the minutes from January 25, 2011 and July 26, 2011. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan presented a proposal to hardwire additional workstations, for both security and more consistent connectivity reasons, from Hanson Information Systems. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not accept the proposal at this time. Mr. Duncan presented a request from the American Postal Workers Union to adopt a resolution to keep the Springfield, Illinois mail processing center open. He provided a draft of possible text amendments to the manufactured and mobile home zoning regulations for the Board's review. He passed out an analysis on what was paid for employee health claims in December 2011. He informed of various, other mailings to the Board.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore expressed concerns with the design of the auxiliary heating system at Countryside Estates.

Approval of Lease Agreement for Lease of County Farm Ground

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the two-year, lease agreement (for rental of the County-owned farm ground) between Menard County and John Wood. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Release Fiscal Year 2012 Budgeted Funds to Menard County Rescue District

Commissioner Lott moved to approve release of Fiscal Year 2012 budgeted funds, to the Menard County Rescue District, in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lott moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) and litigation as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(11) at 8:13 p.m. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.