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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Bob Lott, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, 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 May 29, 2012 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for May 2012. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution – Approval of Final Plat creating a two lot subdivision (aka Dunn Estates Subdivision) located directly off Sweetwater Avenue (current address 20178 Sweetwater Avenue; Current Parcel Identification Number 08-32-300-011) and in the B-1 Downtown Business Zoning District

Vernon and Jean Dunn presented their application for final plat approval for Dunn Estates Subdivision. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution, approving a final plat plan creating a two lot subdivision (aka Dunn Estates Subdivision) to be located directly off Sweetwater Avenue (current address 20178 Sweetwater Avenue; parcel identification number 08-32-300-011) and located in the B-1 Downtown Business Zoning District. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 28-12**.

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

Karen Schainker was in attendance and gave an update on her proposal to establish a senior independent living facility near the entrance to Lake Petersburg. She informed that she had met with the Grand Oaks homeowner's association and Lake Petersburg Association about her proposal and that both Boards said they would let their membership know about the proposal and inform them that if they had concerns they should contact the County. There was much discussion about how you would provide for the proposed development in the County's zoning ordinance, including re-zoning or text amendments to the existing zoning district, as such a use was currently not allowed by the R-1 single-family dwelling zoning district in which the subject parcel was located. There was discussion about Ms. Schainker working with road authorities to see if they would allow for establishment of new driveways, either off North Shore Drive or State Highway 97. There was a focus on it being a "retirement home" during the discussion but then there was discussion that the zoning definition of retirement home did not fit what Ms. Schainker was seeking to establish and that the R-3 multi-family zoning district fit her proposal best as the County, as a government body, could not really age restrict on what is essentially a multi-family development proposal. Ms. Schainker informed she did not know yet whether they would provide sewer or septic. The Board informed they would like to see what kind of response comes in from the homeowners' associations before initiating any changes.

Title IIIB Transportation Grant through Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, Inc.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve submission of Title IIIB transportation grant through Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, Inc. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Highway Department bills for May 2012. He provided an update on the Athens Blacktop Road project. He informed that GPS system routing might not recognize road closings and that might cause an issue for travelers relying on such devices for directions. There was discussion about visibility concerns on certain roads.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance. She provided an overview of the Health Department finances including an overview of the Health Department's fund balance/equity position. Ms. Davis informed that, as of this day, the Health Department was at approximately \$72,157 in the \$100,000 line of credit that had been established between the County and Health Department.

Commissioner Fore 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 Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sunny Acres/Countryside Estates Report/Requests for Board Action

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator Pat McNeal was in attendance and gave an overview of Sunny Acres and Countryside Estates operations. She informed that the census at Sunny Acres was 91 and the Countryside Estates census was 22 residents. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A - 5; Private Pay - 34; and Public Aid - 52.

Ms. McNeal provided an update on building issues at Countryside Estates related to the auxiliary heating system. She informed that Sunny Acres Nursing Home was advertising for nursing and certified nursing assistant positions. There was discussion about various, State of Illinois legislation and its expected impact on Sunny Acres. She provided an update on Sunny Acres finances.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn provided a handout and overview of the County's self-funded health care plan financial position. She informed that she would transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Animal Control Fund, as budgeted.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) at 7:29 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

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

On behalf of County Clerk Gene Treseler who was unable to attend, State's Attorney Baumgarten presented various items for approval including a fireworks display permit application from the New Salem Property Owners' Association. Commissioner Fore moved to approve fireworks display permit, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve an ordinance establishing the prevailing wage rates for Menard County. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 29-12**.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a temporary liquor license for the Menard County Fair Association. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a temporary liquor license for Theatre in the Park. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

There was more discussion about the County's self-funded health insurance program. The Board directed that there should be a special meeting set for June 19, 2012 to discuss the health insurance program and any other urgent County business.

County Coordinator Duncan informed that he would be purchasing a "cable to go 4 port USB 2.0 KVM switch" for the Courthouse building computer servers, in the amount of \$130 and with budgeted funds, if there were no objections. There were no objections. He presented information received by his office informing the County of the City of Petersburg tax increment financing proposal and a request to name a County representative to the joint review board.

There was discussion about zoning and getting with the Western Illinois Regional Council to discuss updating the comprehensive land-use plan.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Lott informed that he had been contacted regarding an animal control issue.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.