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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were physically present. Commissioner Merle Kirby and Commissioner Barb Kyes were unable to attend. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk gene Treseler State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Lott (senior member of the Board present) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 9, 2011 special Board meeting; regular minutes from the May 10, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting; minutes from the May 18, 2011 special Board meeting and the monthly department expense report for April 2011, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Menard County Self-Funded Healthcare Plan Renewal & Required/Recommended Plan Changes

Snedeker Risk Management representatives, Alex Snedeker and Jason Boothe, were in attendance and gave an overview of the latest required and recommended changes to the Menard County self-funded health insurance plan, including the creation of a high deductible, lower premium cost plan that could be offered to interested employees (copies of handouts are on file). The Board directed that they would hold the contribution rates the same for the June payroll (to pay for July coverage) and implement the new contribution rates with the July payroll.

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Chuck Jones was in attendance and informed that a motor on the Courthouse cooling plant had been damaged and temporarily was not working. He informed that other motors on the unit could hopefully keep it going but that more immediate action may need to be taken if the existing motors could not handle the load. There was mention that the County is in the process of having a new heating and cooling plant designed and that hopefully the existing cooling plant will last until such time that the bidding process, ordering of equipment/materials and installation could be completed. He also informed that there was a leak in the courtroom ceiling that needed to be addressed and he had a contractor looking at that issue.

Kathy Fleck, Menard County resident and employee at the Menard Convalescent Center, was in attendance and informed that minutes from the April 26, 2011 Board meeting had been construed by employees at the Menard Convalescent Center as suggesting that the Illinois Department of Public Health had issues with the Menard Convalescent Center. The minutes from the April 26, 2011 Board meeting read as follows: "Commissioner Lott questioned if the County had any responsibilities regarding the closing of Menard Convalescent Home. Ms. Davis responded that the Illinois Department of Health was responsible." Commissioner Lott informed that he was simply questioning if the County Health Department had any role in assisting the Menard Convalescent Center. It was explained that Ms. Davis's response was simply informing that the County Health Department had no legal authority or responsibility over nursing homes and that nursing homes, in general, were regulated by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Ms. Fleck was assured that nothing in the minutes should be construed as negative toward the Menard Convalescent Center.

EMS/Community Services Report/Requests for Board Action

EMS Chief Larry Graf was in attendance. He passed out various financial reports and provided an overview. There was discussion about pursuing an Emergency Operations Center grant available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the grant should not be pursued as there was still a large, local match requirement and it was not yet determined how the

County would finance its portion of any such grant approval. Mr. Graf informed that there were mechanical issues with some of the EMS vehicles.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Horn informed that she was being told it was likely that local government distributive funds that had accrued to the County and were due from the State of Illinois would be forthcoming. She informed that one of her full-time employees had left the County's employ to take another position.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler informed that beginning June 1, 2011, his office would be available to issue civil union licenses. He informed that the cost would be the same as a marriage license. Mr. Treseler informed that his office was working on voting precincts.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report or request for board action.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes from the November 30, 2010 Board meeting to be considered for opening to the public. Commissioner Fore moved to keep the executive minutes, as presented, closed until the first regular Board meeting in July 2011. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Mr. Duncan presented a letter from the Historic Marbold Association thanking the County Board for their grant of funds from hotel/motel tax revenues that helped with some costs associated with the Marbold Farm Day. Mr. Duncan informed of an Area Agency on Aging announcement indicating public hearing schedules related to their Fiscal Year 2012-2014 area plan.

Mr. Duncan informed that he had been given a certificate of insurance from the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, as related to using the Courthouse grounds for upcoming farmer's market events. As the County was not named as an additional insured on the document, the County Board directed Mr. Duncan to seek getting the County named as an additional insured so as to help protect taxpayer funds if any issues were to occur on County-owned property.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no reports or requests for board action.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance and informed that the department's account receivables from the State of Illinois, as of the end of May 2011, were \$81,250. Ms. Davis asked the Board to authorize an increase in the Health Department's line of credit with the County to go from \$50,000 to \$100,000. This request was related to helping offset the lag time in State reimbursements to the Health Department, hurting the Health Department's ability to pay bills with cash on hand. There was discussion that the Health Department may have to reduce services if the revenue stream to pay for said services was not improved, specifically from the State of Illinois. There was discussion that the Health Department was cutting their office hours in an effort to save money (e.g., from reduced energy costs). Commissioner Fore asked that the Health Department inform the Board of how much money is saved by this reduction in hours.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve increasing the Health Department's line of credit with the County to \$100,000, as requested. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Menard County Housing Authority Appointment

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution re-appointing Wanda Anderson to the Menard County Housing Authority Board for five year term to expire the last Tuesday of May 2016. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 14-11**.

Menard County Board of Health Appointments

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution re-appointing Dr. Don Hartman and Donna Simmering to the Menard County Board of Health for a term to begin June 1, 2011 and expire May 31, 2014. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 15-11**.

Executive Session

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".