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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 8, 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, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were physically present. Commissioner Barb Kyes was unable to attend. 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 April 24, 2012 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for April 2012. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

**Resolution – Sangamon-Menard Transportation System, Administration of System**

Community Services Administrator Dara Worthington was in attendance and gave an overview of a resolution to approve an intergovernmental agreement to provide public transportation in rural Sangamon County and Menard County. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 20-12**.

**Menard County Sportsman's Club & Menard County Fair Association, Inc. Representatives – Regarding Agreement on Use of Menard County Fairgrounds**

Steve Allen, representing the Menard County Fair Association and Steve Smith, representing the Menard County Sportsman's Club, were in attendance to have the Board of Commissioners witness the signing of an agreement between the two organizations, concerning the use of the Menard County Fairgrounds. The document was agreed to, signed and witnessed by the involved parties.

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

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

**County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Clerk Treseler presented a fireworks display permit application from Lake Petersburg. Commissioner Fore moved to approve fireworks display permit, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Pursuant to a resolution adopted on March 27, 2012, County Clerk Treseler presented for Chairperson Kirby's signature, a document to convey and quit claim property to David L. Beard (as related to a tax sale of property). County Clerk Treseler informed that the latest elections cost the County/taxpayers \$44,127 with only 1,846 people voting. It is pointed out that elections basically cost the same with good or poor voter participation.

There was a brief review of the County Clerk's Fiscal Year (FY) first quarter, 2012 budget. Commissioner Fore moved to approve a two dollar (\$2) increase in the cost of certified copies of death record fees to cover the cost of State of Illinois increase in said fees, beginning July 1, 2012. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

### **Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Highway Department bills for April 2012. He informed that Menard County residents and visiting motorists should be advised that the Athens Blacktop Road, from the intersection of New Salem Bluff Road to Illinois Route 97, will be completely closed to traffic beginning 7:00 a.m., Monday, June 4th. The roadway is being closed for reconstruction and widening and reconstruction of the Chautauqua Road intersection and is expected to be closed approximately five months. There was a brief review of the Highway Department Fiscal Year (FY) first quarter, 2012 budget.

### **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 \$88,170 in the \$100,000 line of credit that had been established between the County and Health Department. There was a review of the Health Department Fiscal Year (FY) first quarter, 2012 budget including a handout showing cost saving measures currently in place.

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 Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

### **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 94 and the Countryside Estates census was 21 residents. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A - 9; Private Pay - 31; and Public Aid - 54.

Ms. McNeal informed of a proposal to remove some dead or damaged trees and stumps on the campus. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the project. She informed that Sunny Acres Nursing Home was advertising for nursing and certified nursing assistant positions. There was discussion about various, State of Illinois proposals related to Medicaid and how it might affect nursing homes. The Board discussed getting with Ms. McNeal to discuss the Sunny Acres and Countryside Estates Fiscal Year (FY) first quarter, 2012 budget

### **County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Treasurer Jackie Horn provided a handout and provided an overview of Illinois Department of Revenue collections of County-wide sales tax. There was a brief review of the County Treasurer's Fiscal Year (FY) first quarter, 2012 budget.

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

State's Attorney Baumgarten provided an overview of his office's Fiscal Year (FY) first quarter, 2012 budget.

### **County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes from November 8, 2011 and November 29, 2011. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to open these executive session minutes, as prepared. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The Board gave direction to prepare in ordinance form the Planning Commission, with staff suggestions, version of new mobile and manufactured home regulations to be presented at the May 29, 2012 regularly scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Duncan informed of a likely application to create a two lot subdivision in the B-1 zoning district located near the Sweetwater area.

Mr. Duncan presented a request from Gillmore-Allen Insurance Agency to become the agent of record for AFLAC products and thus have the ability to work with Menard County employees on such products. The consensus of the Board was to authorize Gillmore-Allen Insurance Agency to become the agent of record for AFLAC products. The Board informed that they were not interested in software products being touted by FacilityDude.

Mr. Duncan informed of a grant opportunity offered by Landmark Illinois/Richard H. Driehaus County Courthouse grant program. The direction of the Board was to authorize FWAI Architects to pursue funding through this program as may be available for courthouse projects such as Courthouse dome and roof repair/installation.

Mr. Duncan informed of conversations with a representative of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs who informed that organization did not have the capacity to update the County's land-use plan. Mr. Duncan informed that he would inquire with the Western Illinois Regional Council to see if they would have such capacity.

### **Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action**

There were no report/requests for Board action.

### **Resolution – Menard County 9-12 Group Proclamation**

Pursuant to a request from the Menard County 9-12 Group, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution and proclamation that May 17, 2012 be a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer as did President George Washington. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 21-12**.

### **Resolution – Re-Appointment of Pamela J. Wilken to the Menard County Housing Authority Board**

Commissioner Lott moved to approve a resolution re-appointing Pamela J. Wilken to the Menard County Housing Authority Board for a term of five years to expire on May 31, 2017. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 22-12**.

### **Circuit Clerk & Supervisor of Assessments Salaries Discussion**

The Board gave direction to prepare an ordinance to set the Circuit Clerk and Supervisor of Assessments salaries, for the next four years and as required by State of Illinois law, to coincide with the Midwest Consumer Price Index and as previously approved for the positions of Sheriff, County Treasurer and County Clerk.

There was discussion about re-setting the compensation of the Board of Commissioners. There was no specific direction given on this issue.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lott moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.