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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, 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 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 July 12, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the monthly department expense report for June 2011, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

**PREP (Plan to Revitalize and Energize Petersburg)**

Dan Williams, Josh Gronewold, Ty Turek and City of Petersburg Mayor John Stiltz and other business members in the County met with the Commissioners to give an overview of the PREP Program. The group has been meeting for several months to develop ideas and plans to grow and improve the City of Petersburg. One of the ideas mentioned included encouraging owners of downtown businesses to improve their buildings through low interest loans (\$15,000 at 3%). Those improvements may include new facades, sidewalks and lighting systems. Mr. Williams stated the group wants to take advantage of our place in history. Some of the financial ideas the group members spoke about were tax abatement for some areas of the City of Petersburg as well as a tax increment financing district.

**Final Plat Plan - Brown Road Subdivision**

County Coordinator Steve Duncan presented a resolution regarding a Final Plat of Survey, Brown Road Subdivision, submitted by Kevin and Michael Thomas. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 21-11.**

**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 and informed that the department's account receivables from the State of Illinois, as of July 8, 2011, were \$30,322.60. She reviewed the new office hours at the Health Department to better accommodate the public. The Health Department is open early morning and evening hours to accommodate its clients. Ms. Davis reviewed the results of State surveys regarding client's preferences for office hours.

**EMS/Community Services Report/Requests for Board Action**

EMS Fiscal Officer/Community Services Administrator Dara Worthington was in attendance. She provided an overview of the EMS financial reports and the transport log (copies on file). Ms. Worthington informed of the costs associated with the EMS Department providing service during the recent fair. Ms. Worthington updated the Board with the current efforts of moving into a relationship with Sangamon County to provide a rural transportation network. She informed that Menard County could assist with providing transportation to the northern and western portions of Sangamon County.

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

County Treasurer Jackie Horn distributed financial reports (copies on file). She informed the Board that 57% of the 2010 property tax revenues were collected in July.

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

County Clerk Gene Treseler presented an ordinance regarding the change in voting precinct boundaries. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to accept the map with the proposed changes in voting precinct boundaries. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 22-11**. Mr. Treseler expressed his gratitude to the Supervisor of Assessments, Jason LeMar for his assistance in the mapping process.

Mr. Treseler informed the Board of a concern of a group, which is trap shooting at the Menard County Fair Grounds. The group is interested in some kind of agreement with the County to have a continued use for the trap shooting. The Board directed the County Clerk to try to get more information from the group.

### **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**

Snedeker Risk Management representative Jason Boothe was in attendance to discuss health insurance reinsurance. The discussion centered around the need for reinsurance for six months with a specific deductible to get the plan year adjusted to a calendar year basis. The recommendation is to not have any aggregate reinsurance from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. The Board will revisit the need for aggregate reinsurance effective January 2012. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to have only a six month specific reinsurance policy on the health plan from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Duncan presented the medical claims amounts from June 2011 (copies on file). He presented the latest information on the Midwest CPI, which is 3.9% over the last 12 months (copy on file). Also, he presented a letter from a private company regarding halfway housing for federal prisoners (copy on file).

County Coordinator Duncan presented minutes from the January 25, 2011 executive session for opening to the public. State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten recommended they remain closed for another six months due to possible litigation. Commissioner Lott moved to have the minutes remain closed for six more months. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

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

Commissioner Lott brought up a zoning issue regarding a "grandfathered" parcel which now has a mobile home and the property owner is interested in building a new house on the same parcel. The current Zoning Ordinance does not allow an owner to have both structures on the property.

Commissioner Lott said the Sunny Acres Nursing Home Advisory Board has some questions for the Board of Commissioners regarding finances at the nursing home.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(11) at 8:22 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

## **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.