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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Bob Lott were physically present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the April 26, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for April 2011. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action**

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

**Menard County Rescue Squad Trustee Appointments**

The following appointments were made by the Menard County Board of Commissioners to the first, Board of Trustees of the Menard County Rescue Squad:

Commissioner Lott moved to appoint Dennis Bowman to the Board of Trustees for a term to expire on the second Monday in December, 2014. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 09-11**.

Commissioner Fore moved to appoint Mike Whitehurst to the Board of Trustees for a term to expire on the second Monday in December, 2014. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 10-11**.

Commissioner Kyes moved to appoint Tyler Willis to the Board of Trustees for a term to expire on the second Monday in December, 2012. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 11-11**.

Commissioner Fore moved to appoint Dave Sinclair to the Board of Trustees for a term to expire on the second Monday in December, 2012. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 12-11**.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to appoint Steve Crow to the Board of Trustees for a term to expire on the second Monday in December, 2012. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 13-11**.

**Menard County Board of Commissioner Reapportionment & New Commissioner District Boundaries Map Approval**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the new Menard County Board of Commissioner district boundaries map (copy of map on file). Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Snedeker Risk Management Representatives, Alex Snedeker & Jason Boothe, were in attendance and gave an overview of both required and recommended changes to the Menard County self-funded health insurance

plan. (Copies of handouts are on file.) After much discussion, the Board informed that they would like to hold a special meeting to focus on this topic.

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

Tom Casson, County Engineer, presented Highway Department bills for April 2011.

Mr. Casson informed that he would like to pursue a grant related to narrowbanding requirements in which fifty (50) percent of the funding may be able to be obtained through said grant. He informed that the Highway Department would need to replace a repeater and two (2) base stations with a total cost of around \$10,000 to \$12,000. The direction of the Board was to pursue the grant.

### **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 at 100 and the Countryside Estates census was 22 residents. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A -8; Private Pay – 37; and Public Aid - 55.

Ms. McNeal provided an overview of various building projects related to window replacement and tornado damage repairs incurred at both the nursing home building and independent living building. Ms. McNeal presented two bids to remove damaged trees. Ms. McNeal was informed by the Board to check the insurance coverage of the bidders before awarding the job to the lowest bidder.

Ms. McNeal asked for Board approval to transition public aid residents from the “Lilac” wing to other areas of the home as beds become available to allow for the designation of the “Lilac” wing as a rehabilitation to home unit/private pay area. Due to the economic necessity to do what is in the best interest of the nursing home’s long term future, the direction of the Board was to transition residents, as proposed.

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

County Treasurer Jackie Horn presented various financial reports to the Board. The Board was informed that it had become necessary to utilize the \$50,000 general fund loan to cover costs related to the employees’ self-funded health insurance program. Ms. Horn informed that approximately thirty (30) percent of the County’s general fund revenues came from revenue sharing from State of Illinois reimbursements (e.g., salary reimbursements, income taxes, etc.).

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

County Clerk Treseler informed that his office was working on “purging” voters that were registered in Menard County but should no longer be registered in the County. There was a brief discussion about establishing new voting precinct boundaries.

### **State’s Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action; Ratification of Contract between Menard County and Menard County EMS Local 4622**

State’s Attorney Baumgarten presented for the Board’s consideration, the ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between Menard County and Menard County EMS Local 4622. Commissioner Fore moved to ratify the agreement, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

County Coordinator Duncan presented a list of Open Meetings Act designees for the Board's consideration, as these individuals served as the secretary to various boards. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to appoint Steve Duncan, Dara Worthington, Pat McNeal and Jason Lemar as Open Meetings Act designees. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan presented executive session minutes from the March 9, 2010 Board meeting; a portion of the September 14, 2010 Board meeting; September 28, 2010 Board meeting; and November 9, 2010 Board meeting to be considered for opening to the public. Due to ongoing union negotiations, Commissioner Kyes moved to keep all of the March 9, 2010 Board meeting executive session minutes, a portion of the September 14, 2010 executive session minutes, all of the September 28, 2010 executive session minutes and all of the November 9, 2010 executive session minutes closed until the first, regularly scheduled Board meeting in June 2011. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to award a grant to the Historic Marbold Association in the amount of \$585.00 with funds being released from hotel/motel tax revenues. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lott moved to authorize the purchase of software and licenses related to antispam/antivirus protection for the Courthouse computer servers in the amount of \$3,140.15 and as proposed by the County's information technology support firm, Hanson Information Systems. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan informed the Board that the University of Illinois Extension was asking the Board to sign a tentative agreement on what they could expect Menard County to budget for their use in Fiscal Year 2011. The Board declined to enter into such an agreement at this point in the County's fiscal year and will evaluate the County's budget amount for Extension later in the County's fiscal year.

Mr. Duncan informed that Wanda Anderson would need to be re-appointed to the Menard County Housing Authority's Board and that he had been informed that she was willing to continue to serve in this capacity. Mr. Duncan informed that the U.S. Department of the Army had sent back a fully executed copy of the Right of Entry agreement with the County to allow them to enter the Menard County Fairgrounds in relation to their military munitions response program.

Mr. Duncan informed that the State of Illinois legislature was pursuing legislation that had the potential to greatly affect the County's ability to regulate electricity-generating wind turbines. He stated that the Board's direction to look into the possible adoption of Sangamon County's wind turbine regulations could end up being a costly, time consuming process by the County that may well have to be pursued again if the State legislature adopted new laws that would require changes in the County's regulations. Chairperson Kirby stated that he felt the County should wait until the legislative session concludes and see what the State of Illinois hands down as standards for Counties to follow in regulating such wind turbines. The consensus of the Board was to hold off on amending the County's zoning ordinance and see what the State legislature may adopt for local regulatory powers on this issue.

Mr. Duncan passed out correspondence related to the County's audit and assessment ratios for Menard County.

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

Chairperson Kirby and Commissioner Kyes informed that they would not be able to attend the May 31, 2011 regularly, scheduled Board meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(5) and possible litigation (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(11) at 8:50 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.