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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Barb Kyes, Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb and Jeff Fore were physically present. Chairperson and Commissioner Merle Kirby was unable to attend. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Acting Chairperson Bob Lott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 28, 2012 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for August 2012. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Ordinance – Special Use Permit Application (12-02SUP). Larry Fitschen, on behalf of Craig Fitschen, has applied for a Special Use Permit to establish an auto body shop in the A-Agriculture Zoning District. (THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF POST STREET AND DIGIOVANNA AVENUE (NORTHEAST CORNER), SOUTH OF ATHENS, IL. A BRIEF LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE SUBJECT PARCEL IS AS FOLLOWS: S12, T17, R6 PT E ½ NW ¼, 79.35 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS 17-13-100-008.)

Larry and Craig Fitschen were in attendance and gave a brief overview of their special use permit application (12-02SUP) to establish an auto body shop in the A-Agriculture Zoning District on property located at the intersection of Post Street and Digiovana Avenue, south of Athens, Illinois. (THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS 17-13-100-008.) County Coordinator Duncan informed that the Zoning Board of Appeals had granted a variance from the number of required off-street parking spaces and recommended approval of the special use permit application.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve an ordinance approving the special use permit application, with variance. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 39-12**.

Ordinance – Special Use Permit Application (12-03SUP). John & Judy Lyons/John M. Lyons Trust, dba Indian Creek Farmstead LLC, has applied for a Special Use Permit to establish an agri-business in the A-Agriculture Zoning District. (THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 19468 CURTIS BLACKTOP RD., PETERSBURG, IL. A BRIEF LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE SUBJECT PARCELS ARE AS FOLLOWS: Section 5, Township 18, Range 6. THE FOUR, ADJACENT PARCELS HAVE A COMBINED ACREAGE OF 96, MORE OR LESS. THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ARE 12-05-300-004, 12-05-100-004, 12-05-300-005 & 12-05-400-001.)

Commissioner Fore moved to approve an ordinance approving a special use permit application (12-03SUP) for John & Judy Lyons/John M. Lyons Trust, dba Indian Creek Farmstead LLC, to establish an agri-business in the A-Agriculture Zoning District on property located at 19468 Curtis Blacktop Road, Petersburg, IL. (THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ARE 12-05-300-004, 12-05-100-004, 12-05-300-005 & 12-05-400-001.) Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 40-12**.

SMART (Sangamon/Menard Area Regional Transit) General Public Service Policy, etc.

Kate Downing, Senior Services of Central Illinois, was in attendance and gave, along with Community Services Administrator Dara Worthington, an overview of SMART (Sangamon/Menard Area Regional Transit) and the general public service policies.

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

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

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Highway Department bills for August 2012.

Mr. Casson presented a local agency amendment #1 for Federal participation and for land acquisition services on Curves 4 & 5 on the Athens Blacktop Road, just east of A. Kent Street. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve this amendment, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Casson provided an update on the Athens Blacktop Road project, informing that the project was currently on schedule. He informed that Halverson Construction has removed the existing bridge and finished driving piles as related to replacement of the bridge that carries the Middletown Blacktop Avenue over Pike Creek tributary. He informed that County Contractors, Inc. plans to start on the other Middletown Blacktop Avenue bridge (just east of the railroad) on September 17, 2012.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis-Wade was in attendance, along with Board of Health member Edie Sternberg. Ms. Davis-Wade provided an overview of the Health Department's financial condition, informing that the Health Department was under the \$100,000 credit limit established with the County (\$85,338). She informed that the Illinois Department of Public Health was to process and send funds, related to the Local Health Protection grant in the amount of \$63,201, by the end of September. She provided the unaudited balance sheet and account receivables as of August 31, 2012. She provided an overview of some options that would be presented to the Board of Health involving Fiscal Year 2013 budget preparation.

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 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 provided an overview of Sunny Acres and Countryside Estates operations. She informed that the census at Sunny Acres was 87 and the Countryside Estates census was 20 residents. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A - 6; Private Pay - 36; and Public Aid - 45. She informed that they were replacing a dishwasher at Countryside Estates in the amount of \$3,600. She informed that the lowest bid to paint at Countryside Estates was received from Room with a Hue/Heather Pipenburg in the amount of \$11,200.

Ms. McNeal informed of job openings at Sunny Acres for a nurse (part-time weekends/PRN) and certified nursing assistants (full-time). She provided an overview of new caps on Medicare Part B therapy services. She informed that the water heater was down in the laundry building and may have to be replaced. She informed that they were in the process of updating the facility's disaster plan and must have a "corporate compliance plan" by March 2013. There was discussion of getting a new or newer generator for the Sunny Acres building facility.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn provided a handout that informed of tax distributions that had been made to many taxing districts located in the County.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler was unable to attend. There were no report/requests for Board action.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Baumgarten was unable to attend. There were no report/requests for Board action.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan presented a request from the City of Petersburg to place a storage trailer on courthouse grounds for HarvestFest. There was no objection to allowing the trailer on the courthouse grounds. Mr. Duncan presented a request from the Rotary Club to hold another electronics recycling event on the courthouse parking lot. There was no objection to allowing this event on the courthouse parking lot. Mr. Duncan passed out the current policies and goals section of the County's comprehensive plan and asked the Board for feedback on what areas it would like to see amended.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Kyes brought up that perhaps the County should solicit public input on whether they think the County should continue to put money into the Courthouse building. After discussion, the Board directed County Coordinator Duncan to put together a survey that might be presented to the public to solicit input on this issue.

Commissioner Kyes discussed selling the recycling bins if they are not going to be used. There was discussion about haulers offering curbside recycling in some parts of the County.

Budget Instructions for Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Preparation

There was much meeting time spent discussing health insurance and what direction to go with the County's self-funded program. There was discussion that some employment agreements need to be evaluated to address costs and that some union contracts currently limited health care plan options that can be evaluated and may need to be looked into at some point. There was discussion about employer obligations that will have to be assessed and implemented when the full effects of the Federal health care legislation is implemented on January 1, 2014. There was discussion about implementing the plan characteristics associated with a HOPETrust plan (a joint pool of public entities that the County has been looking at), so as to evaluate that plan option over the course of the coming, calendar year, even if the County is currently not in a position to move the entire employee group to such a trust.

Resolution – For Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program by Menard County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Fore moved to pass a resolution for participation in State of Illinois Federal surplus property program by the Menard County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 41-12**.

Resolution – North Sangamon Lattimore Creek Mutual Drainage District Commissioner Appointment of Kevin Ruppel for a term expiring on the first Tuesday in September 2015

Commissioner Fore moved to pass a resolution appointing as North Sangamon Lattimore Creek Mutual Drainage District Commissioner, Kevin Ruppel, for a term expiring on the first Tuesday in September 2015. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 42-12**.

Resolution – Grove Creek Drainage District Commissioner Appointment of Kenneth Deverman for a term expiring on the first Tuesday in September 2015

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to pass a resolution appointing as Grove Creek Drainage District Commissioner, Kenneth Deverman, for a term expiring on the first Tuesday in September 2015. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 43-12**.

Release of Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues to Menard County Tourism Council

Commissioner Fore moved to release from hotel/motel tax revenues \$500 to the Menard County Tourism Council, to assist the Lincoln Heritage Water Trail Association with promotion of a September 29, 2012 canoe trip on the Sangamon River in Menard County. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

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 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.