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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Allan Anderson were physically present. Commissioner Lott arrived later in the meeting. A quorum was present. County Clerk Gene Treseler and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance at the meeting.

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 January 28, 2013 regularly scheduled Board meeting; January 29, 2013 regularly scheduled Board meeting; and the Menard County Community Services monthly report for January 2013. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Department Billing Services Agreement

Commissioner Fore moved to table consideration of an EMS Department Billing Services Agreement. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Consideration/Approval of Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Agreement; Consideration/Approval of Opinion of Counsel; Resolution – Authorizing Execution & Amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Grant

Commissioner Anderson moved to table consideration of the following: Consideration/Approval of Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Agreement; Consideration/Approval of Opinion of Counsel; Resolution – Authorizing Execution & Amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Grant. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Resolution – Menard County Planning Commission Appointment for a Three Year Term to Expire December 31, 2015 (Due to Vacant Term)

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution appointing John Dixon to the Menard County Planning Commission for a three year term to expire December 31, 2015 (filling a vacant term). Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent" and shall be known as **Resolution 04-13.**

NEW BUSINESS

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-Wade was in attendance and provided an overview of the Health Department's financial condition, informing that the Health Department would be under the \$50,000 credit limit established with the County (\$44,012), as presented.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to table consideration of a resolution making an appointment to the Menard County Board of Health. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

Commissioner Lott arrived at this point in the meeting.

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 Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Highway Department bills for January 2013.

Mr. Casson presented bids to provide fuel to the Highway Department/County with Sunrise Ag Service Company submitting the low bid. Commissioner Lott moved to approve acceptance of the bid/quote from Sunrise Ag Service Company. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve Local Agency Amendment#1 for Federal Participation as related to the County-wide, sign upgrade program. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 81 and the Countryside Estates census was 18 residents with three apartments open. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A - 9; Private Pay – 30; and Public Aid – 42.

Ms. McNeal also discussed different ways to market Sunny Acres Nursing Home which included the following; weekly news articles/advertising, placing brochures in various community areas, weekly hospital visits, social media and the upcoming Senior Celebration at the Orr Building. Ms. McNeal informed that they are adjusting staff to be in line with census numbers. She informed they are taking applications for registered nurses. It was noted that due to resignation of the previous Assistant Director of Nursing, Amy Heyen had accepted the position. There was a discussion regarding the purchase of a generator for Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Gene Treseler, County Clerk, was in attendance and made note that his office was waiting on a judicial review for one of the races in the upcoming election. There was also a discussion regarding printing a new plat book with the Board informing that they would be in favor of getting a new plat book made up for sale to the public. There was also discussion that a website could also be developed that would provide closer to real time depictions of parcel splits that a plat book cannot duplicate.

State’s Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no report/requests for Board action.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore moved to open executive session minutes from the July 31, 2012 Board Meeting, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator Duncan informed that the Federal government had reimbursed the County for housing Federal prisoners, during the period of March through November 2012, in the amount of \$36,679. He informed that the County had been asked by Anne Smith about allowing MicroConsolidated to hold another electronics recycling event on March 16, 2013 on the courthouse parking lot. There were no objections to allowing for this event. Mr. Duncan informed that there may be a need to purchase additional user licenses for the courthouse computer server. There were no objections to making such purchases, as needed.

There was further discussion about amending the County's land-use plan. There was discussion about folding the Rural Residential zoning district into a new Agriculture zoning district and reducing the minimum parcel size requirement for building a house in such a zoning district to requiring five acres or more on properties with a soil productivity index of 103 or higher and requiring one or two acres or more on properties with a soil productivity index lower than 103. Mr. Duncan was directed to keep working on proposed amendments for the Board's consideration.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore informed that he was continuing to work on the need for a heater in the garage of the EMS building.

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 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.