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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 7:00 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 Bob Lott were present. Commissioner Kyes was unable to attend. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, 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 Lott moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the January 25, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for January 2011. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

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. He presented Highway Department bills for January 2011.

Mr. Casson presented a proposed, Fiscal Year 2011 budget revision to create line items to show the creation of an expenditure line item of \$172,500, and a revenue line item in the same amount, to account for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to be used for Athens Blacktop Road improvements. Commissioner Fore moved to approve this budget revision, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Casson informed that the Menard County Highway Department incurred expenses of approximately \$17,000 between February 1-4, 2011, in dealing with the snowstorm and after effects. He indicated that his department was hopeful of getting disaster assistance reimbursement in the amount of \$8,000, as related to the snowstorm.

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 operations, highlighting that the census at Sunny Acres was at 94 and the Countryside Estates census was 23 residents. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A -11; Private Pay – 30; and, Public Aid - 53.

Ms. McNeal provided an update on a water pipe break in the Sunny Acres boiler room and subsequent repairs. She informed that all bills had been provided to the insurance in relation to the tornado damage at the facilities. She informed that Sunny Acres would be going out to bid to install windows, as funded by a grant Sunny Acres had received for energy efficiency measures. She informed that a "provider tax" increase to \$6.07 per occupied, non-Medicare bed has passed the Illinois House and Senate and was awaiting the Governor's signature. She informed that County-owned homes may meet their assessment obligation (i.e., provider tax) by certifying that County expenditures have been obligated for the operation of the County-owned nursing home in an amount at least equal to the amount of the assessment.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn presented a handout highlighting the impact of 2010, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) investment returns on employer funding status, employer reserves and future employer contribution rates. She also provided various financial reports to the Board for their review.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report/request for Board action.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Baumgarten provided an overview of the re-apportionment process that the County needed to undertake to establish the Board of Commissioners' district boundaries.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan distributed a letter from the Village of DePue, Illinois requesting all Illinois counties and municipalities to pass a resolution related to restoring Lake Depue. He informed the Board of a report of the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) nominating committee, highlighting recommendations of their committee to serve as the executive committee members and officers of the UCCI Executive Committee.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no reports/requests for Board action.

Release of Fiscal Year 2011 Budgeted Funds for Grant to Menard County Rescue Squad

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to release Fiscal Year 2011, budgeted grant funds to assist the Menard County Rescue Squad with the purchase of insurance for their organization. Commissioner Fore 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 Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".