

COUNTY OF MENARD)
) SS.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)

The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Bob Lott, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were 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 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the March 8, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting; the minutes from the March 17, 2011 special Board meeting; and the monthly department expense report for February 2011, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance, and asked the Board to approve bid acceptance for the provision of oil material for both road districts and the County Highway Department.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the tabulation of bids (copy on file) for provision of oil material for both the County road districts and the County Highway Department. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimously.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance and informed that the State of Illinois owed the Health Department \$87,577 in reimbursements. She informed that the State's Department of Human Services had recently re-certified the Health Department's W.I.C. (Women, Infants & Children) program for two years. Ms. Davis informed that Menard County residents could participate in a Sangamon County Department of Public Health electronics collection event to be held on April 9, 2011 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

EMS/Community Services Report/Requests for Board Action

Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington she asked the Board to approve submitting a grant that helps fund senior transportation services. Commissioner Lott moved to approve submitting the grant. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimously.

Ms. Worthington updated the Board on an accident involving a senior transportation van with the other party at fault, not senior transportation driver. She informed the Board that they would need to approve the Emergency Food & Shelter Board's final report at an upcoming meeting of that group.

Ms. Worthington presented EMS Department financial reports to the Board. She informed that the EMS fund was currently reporting a deficit of \$10,889. She informed that, despite reporting a deficit at this time, the Board should be aware that the State of Illinois owes the EMS Department funds related to Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. She presented a collections report, with recommendations on how to proceed with collections. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with collections, as presented (copy on file).

There was discussion of the lease of the EMS Department's building and a requirement of the lease for the EMS Department to pay the difference in any utility bill that exceeds \$700 in a given month. Direction was given that the landlord needed to submit bills indicating that the threshold had been exceeded and, if the threshold had been surpassed, the EMS Department needs to pay the difference.

EMS Chief Larry Graf was in attendance. He presented a copy of a certificate showing that the Menard County Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA) had been granted accreditation by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) through September 30, 2012. Mr. Graf presented an IEMA public assistance grant agreement to be submitted by various County agencies to get funds for services performed during the blizzard. It was explained that Menard County (including certain Menard County municipalities, road districts and County agencies) would receive around seventy-five percent of eligible costs submitted, in FEMA/IEMA funds, to off-set the costs (e.g., overtime costs) associated with dealing with the blizzard. The consensus of the Board was to submit the public assistance grant for the Menard County EMS and Highways Department. Chairperson Kirby signed on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Lott asked EMS Department staff to evaluate how much revenue is generated by servicing Sunny Acres Nursing Home residents.

The Board and staff discussed erecting another Lake Petersburg Emergency Siren. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Lake Petersburg Association would need to fund the costs of erecting and maintaining such a siren and enter into an arrangement with either the 911 Board or Menard County ESDA to manage the use of the siren.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer informed the Board that there recently had been a meeting for employees who might be interested in setting up a 457(b) investment (works like a 401k) vehicle. She informed that as of January 1, 2011 there was a new law that new or existing mobile homes that are sold would be taxed as real estate and no longer be subject to the privilege tax on mobile homes.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler informed the Board that his office was preparing for the upcoming election to be held on April 5, 2011.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report/request for Board action.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

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

County Coordinator Duncan informed the Board that the health insurance committee was recommending that the County not purchase the WellTrak program (an employee program related to pharmacy benefits). He informed the Board of an email from the County's self-funded health insurance broker informing of various deadlines if the County wished to give notice of its desire to discontinue the program. He estimated that there would be approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 in the self-insurance fund at the end of March. He informed that claims on the fund had continued to rise over the past several months, with more expenditures occurring than revenues being collected. There was discussion that the County will need to evaluate the premium structure and possibly other plan provisions in the next few months.

Mr. Duncan informed the Board of a request by the Department of the Army to provide right of entry to the Menard County fairgrounds as a site to be reviewed as part of the Military Munitions Response Program.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore informed the Board that a Sunny Acres Advisory Board member believed that it needs to be made clearer in Countryside Estates policies, that residents of this independent living facility were responsible if they chose to stay in the building if warned, for example, of a tornado.

Release of Funds to the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority

Commissioner Lott moved to release, in advance of any State of Illinois funds being disbursed, \$500.00 in County funds to the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority to assist that organization's operations and economic development endeavors. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Release of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds to the Menard County Tourism Council

Commissioner Lott moved to release \$6,215.00 in funds generated by the hotel/motel tax to the Menard County Tourism Council to assist that organization in funding various tourism-related programs, e.g., helping to pay for costs associated with 1610 AM radio station that acts as a tourist guide in Menard County (copy on file). Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Barber's Glenn Subdivision – Approve/Deny Extension of Letter of Credit for Public Improvements

Commissioner Kyes moved to extend the letter of credit that had been established as a public improvement payment, performance and workmanship bond for Final Plat Number Two, Barber's Glenn Subdivision. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lott moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and union negotiations at 11:19 a.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.