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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 12, 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 March 29, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting; the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for March 2011; and the Bruce Harris and Associates Invoice, related to quarterly GIS map maintenance expenses. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

Menard County resident Diane Kube was in attendance and expressed concerns about the protocol for dispatching various agencies. She felt the Petersburg Fire District should not be called out as a medical first responder when the County has an EMS Department. After discussion, including informing that the fire department gets called out for certain medical calls such as cardiac arrests where the fire district may be able to provide assistance (e.g., as a driver of the ambulance so that both paramedics may be able to work on the patient), Ms. Kube was referred to the Emergency Telephone Systems (911) Board (ETSB) as the appropriate governmental jurisdiction to discuss the protocols in place for what agency gets dispatched to a scene.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

On behalf of the Highway Department, County Coordinator Duncan presented Highway Department bills for March 2011. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the March 2011 bills. Commissioner Fore 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 gave an overview of Sunny Acres operations, highlighting that the census at Sunny Acres was at 94 and the Countryside Estates census was 22 residents. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A -10; Private Pay – 31; and, Public Aid - 53.

Ms. McNeal provided an overview of the bidding process to repair tornado damage incurred at both the nursing home building and independent living building.

Ms. McNeal informed that Guy Sternberg had looked at damaged trees on the grounds of Sunny Acres and had made recommendations. The Board directed Ms. McNeal to get bids to remove the trees.

Ms. McNeal informed that she was still working on the generator issue at Countryside Estates. Chairperson Kirby stated that natural gas generators needed to be evaluated for their compatibility.

Ms. McNeal asked the Board for approval to create office space at the south end of the west dining room (for MDS/care plan unit), with the in-house maintenance employees performing the work for under \$1,000 in cost. The consensus of the Board was to proceed as outlined.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn presented a thank you letter from the University of Illinois Sangamon-Menard Extension Unit regarding distribution of tax funds. Ms. Horn informed the Board that there were Internal Revenue Service changes to the Nationwide deferred compensation plan and asked the Chairperson to sign the document acknowledging said changes. Ms. Horn presented various, financial reports to the Board and provided an overview. She informed that the State of Illinois owed the County's General Fund approximately \$143,526.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler presented a request from the Menard County Fair that they are allowed to apply for a liquor license for fair activities such as a wine tasting event. There was discussion that the County would need to be protected from an insurance standpoint. The consensus of the Board was that the Menard County Fair Board could pursue a liquor license if it deemed it in the best interest of the Menard County Fair.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Baumgarten informed the Board that litigation involving an election judge vehicular incident was on-going with the County's legal representation denying any wrongdoing on the part of the County or the election judge.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan informed the Board that he had been informed that there would not be a request for a partial vacation of Plat #2 of the Barber's Glenn Subdivision.

Mr. Duncan presented FWAI Architects' summary of the goals and scope of a proposed property condition assessment for the Menard County Courthouse building. There was no direction given at this time regarding this proposal. Mr. Duncan presented a recommendation from Darren Johnson, Johnson Engineering, regarding the replacement of the heating and cooling plant for the Courthouse building. The Board directed that FWAI Architects and Johnson Engineering should be engaged to pursue the recommendations outlined in Johnson Engineering's proposal.

Board of Review Per Diem

Leigh Holliday, Menard County Board of Review Chairperson, was in attendance to request that the Board of Commissioners provide Board of Review members a \$120 per diem/per meeting, instead of the \$75 per diem/per meeting. Ms. Holliday pointed out that Board of Review meetings usually last around eight (8) hours per meeting and that it often required members to take vacation time from their primary job to conduct the business of the Board of Review. Commissioner Lott moved to approve setting the Board of Review's per diem at \$120 per meeting, if meeting for four (4) plus hours, and \$60 per meeting, if meeting for less than four (4) hours, with the per diem retroactive to January 1, 2011. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Lott informed the Board of an Emergency Telephone Systems (911) Board (ETSB) meeting to be held to discuss a new e-alert system. He said it was his understanding that it would allow residents to get email or text message alerts related to storm watches or warnings, for example.

Chairperson Kirby asked the County Coordinator to look at a complaint regarding junk vehicles.

Right of Entry to Menard County Fairgrounds

The Board discussed a request from the United State Department of the Army to inspect the Menard County Fairgrounds to assess the property as related to their military munitions response program. The consensus of the Board was that the County should allow entry to the U.S. Army contingent upon them working with the County Fair Board to schedule their visits around scheduled events at the fairgrounds.

Executive Session

Commissioner Kyes moved to enter into executive session to discuss union negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(2) and the selection of person(s) to fill a public office as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(3) at 8:26 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.