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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Athens Public Library, Athens, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Bob Lott, Barb Kyes and Jeff Fore were in attendance. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was not in attendance. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Chairperson Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the March 31, 2009 regular Board of Commissioners' meeting; the Bruce Harris and Associates invoice, related to quarterly GIS map maintenance expenses; and the Menard County Community Services monthly report for March, 2009. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

**Community Services/Senior Transportation Grant**

Dara Worthington, Community Services Director/EMS Fiscal Officer, was in attendance to get approval to submit a grant application to Area Agency on Aging, seeking funds for senior transportation services. Commissioner Lott moved to approve Ms. Worthington submitting the grant application. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Ms. Worthington alerted the Board that, because of being assigned to work on rural transportation issues for the County, which requires substantial, out of town travel to attend meetings, she does not have enough funds budgeted for mileage reimbursement. The consensus of the Board was that, if needed, appropriate line item transfers would be provided to cover any shortfall in mileage reimbursement for her office so that she can attend such meetings on behalf of the County.

**Resolution to approve Final Plat for Phase Two of a residential subdivision (aka Barber's Glenn Subdivision)**

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve a resolution, approving a final plat for phase two of a residential subdivision (aka Barber's Glenn Subdivision) located ¼ mile east of Kent Road, directly off the Athens Blacktop Road and in the R-1 Zoning District. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 09-09**.

**Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Engineer Tom Casson was in attendance and presented the Highway Department bills for the month of March, 2009.

Mr. Casson presented a local services agreement to perform preliminary engineering on a section of Athens Blacktop Road (from the east end of the east approach of the Sangamon River Bridge, 3,700 feet easterly). Commissioner Fore moved to the agreement, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Casson presented a map showing additional sections of the Athens Blacktop Road that could have engineering completed, or right-of-way purchased, with the County's allocation of Federal, transportation-related, "stimulus" funds, which amount to \$229,883. He stated that lobbying efforts would need to be undertaken to find the necessary funding to actually perform the construction improvements which he estimated would be more than \$8 million dollars in cost. The consensus of the Board was to utilize the money for the purposes outlined by Mr. Casson so as to continue to take steps to improve the quality of Athens Blacktop Road.

Commissioner Lott asked about plans for Post Street. Mr. Casson said that short-term plans included doing a "cold-mix overlay" on the road in the next few years, as financial resources became available. He stated long-term solutions would include finding a funding source that could help widen the road and basically re-build the road to a higher standard. Mr. Casson made it clear that, like most major road improvements, finding funding was the key obstacle as he estimated that to bring the road to a higher quality standard would be between \$2 and \$3 million dollars.

### **Sunny Acres Report/Requests for Board Action**

Sunny Acres Administrator Lester Robertson was in attendance to give an overview of Sunny Acres and Countryside Estates operations. He stated that the census at Sunny Acres was 93. He stated that Sunny Acres was advertising for Certified Nursing Assistants. He provided an update on the progress of the installation of HVAC equipment at Sunny Acres. He provided an update on an incident survey that was conducted at the facility. He informed that he had received five responses to the request for proposals to provide planning consulting services for the facilities. He provided an overview of Medicare and Medicaid-related costs and reimbursements. He stated that Sunny Acres was working with Illinois "worknet" to utilize additional summer staff for the facility. Mr. Robertson stated that the census at Countryside Estates was 21.

### **Health Insurance Services**

Rick Allen, representing Gillmore-Allen Insurance Agency, was in attendance and gave an overview of the services his agency has been or will provide to the County as its health insurance broker. He provided a handout highlighting his agency's services.

### **Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action**

There were no unscheduled public comments.

### **Ordinance - New Floodplain Development Regulations**

County Coordinator Duncan presented a new floodplain development ordinance that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was requiring to be passed if the County wished to continue to receive the benefits of participating in its National Flood Insurance Program. Commissioner Fore expressed concerns about the FEMA requirements.

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the new floodplain development ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", one "nay" (Fore) and one "absent". The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 10-09**.

### **Resolution – Proclaiming April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 as "Relay for Life Days" (American Cancer Society event)**

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve a resolution proclaiming April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 as "Relay for Life Days", an event associated with American Cancer Society fund-raising efforts. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 11-09**.

### **Menard County Tourism Council Grant Proposals/Request for Release of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds**

The Board discussed a letter from the Menard County Tourism Council requesting release of hotel/motel tax revenues to fund two grant applications. Commissioner Kyes moved to release hotel/motel tax revenues to fund a \$600 request to help advertise and promote the Railsplitter Dulcimer Festival to be held May 1-2, 2009. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

It was the consensus of the Board that the Tourism Council's request for \$500, to fund a scholarship for a college student who would volunteer to man the visitors' center should be delayed until the Tourism Council looked into a Federal/State program that was offering funding for employment of youths during the summer.

#### **County Treasurer's Report/Request for Board Action**

County Treasurer Horn gave a brief overview of a handout detailing sales tax revenues collected during 2008. Ms. Horn passed out financial and budget reports (copies on file) and gave an overview.

#### **County Clerk's Report/Request for Board Action**

No report.

#### **State's Attorney Report/Request for Board Action**

No report.

#### **County Coordinator's Report/Request for Board Action**

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes from September 9, 2008 for consideration to be opened to the public. On the advice of legal counsel, Commissioner Lott moved to partially open these executive session minutes from September 9, 2008 and keep part of them closed, for another six months, due to possible litigation. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Duncan presented a bill for work to the Animal Control facility's septic system in the amount of \$550.00. The consensus of the Board was that the bill should be paid out of Fund 58, Building Improvement Fund.

There was discussion among the commissioners about changing the start time for regularly scheduled, County Board meetings. No decisions were made to change the schedule at this time.

#### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn to executive session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel and litigation. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

#### **Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action**

There was a brief discussion among the commissioners regarding Road District #6 plans to vacate Geriets Road. There was no action taken.

#### **Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

#### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".