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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Bob Lott were present. Commissioners Merle Kirby and Barb Kyes were not in attendance. County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Treasurer Jackie Horn, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Fore nominated Commissioner Lott to serve as interim chairperson. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 25, 2009 Board regularly scheduled meeting and the Menard County Community Services monthly report for August 2009, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

There were no unscheduled public comments.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Engineer Tom Casson was in attendance and presented Highway Department bills for August. He informed the Board that a Simmering Avenue bridge, located over Cabiness Creek, had to be closed due to scouring under west abutment footing and rotten timber piles on pier and east abutment. He stated that there were several bridges in poor condition in the County and a lack of funding resources to replace these bridges. He informed the Board that contactors were placing an aggregate base on the Athens Blacktop Road as part of that improvement project and that he was still hopeful the project would be complete by October 1st. He informed the Board that the County Highway Department was working with Road District #1 to replace a culvert under Claypool Street, just south of Tholen Avenue.

Mr. Casson presented the contract to engage Otto Baum Company to replace the Courthouse parking lot. He stated that he needed the Chairperson's signature. Interim Chairperson Lott signed on behalf of the County. Mr. Casson presented plans to provide for infrastructure needs, e.g., electrical line conduits, under the parking lot. There was discussion of providing, in the future, some kind of canopy that could be erected over the entrance to the Courthouse to reduce risk from ice hazards.

There was discussion of expanding parking at Sunny Acres Nursing Home. After discussion, the County Engineer was directed to take "core samples" to evaluate potential sites at the facility.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Report/Requests for Board Action; Revere Healthcare Management Proposal

Pat McNeal, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator, was in attendance to give an overview of Sunny Acres Nursing Home. She reported that the census was 93. She reported that Amy Skaggs had been hired as the Director of Nursing and that Kristin Wolf had been promoted to be the Assistant Director of Nursing. She informed the Board that Patty Dotson had been promoted to serve as the MDS Nurse.

Ms. McNeal informed that there would be an open house celebration on September 13th. She informed that George Alarm System is to begin work on the Security System as soon as some parts become available. She informed that information was being gathered to provide to the County's consultant, FR&R, to perform a market analysis for the nursing home.

Ms. McNeal stated that the facility would like to purchase a new mower for the facility that could also be used for snow removal and was recommending acceptance of a bid to purchase a John Deere for \$8,280 plus \$505 for a blade attachment. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that they wanted to research alternatives.

County Treasurer's Report/Request for Board Action

County Treasurer Horn informed the Board that several file cabinets had been donated to the County by Steve Brady.

County Clerk's Report/Request for Board Action

There was no County Clerk's report or requests for Board Action.

State's Attorney Report/Request for Board Action

There was no State's Attorney report or requests for Board Action.

County Coordinator's Report/Request for Board Action

Mr. Duncan asked the Board to give thought to whether or not they wanted to provide for agri-businesses as a principal use of a property in the Rural Residential zoning district. He stated that, currently, the Rural Residential zoning district regulations allowed for agri-businesses, as an allowable accessory use to a farm and by special permit only, but did not allow for agri-business as the principal use of a property. Commissioner Fore expressed concern with providing for commercial hunting lodges and facilities in this zoning district. No other action was taken at this time. Mr. Duncan also said that he believed there would be a request to provide for a "recycling center" in the B-1 Downtown Business District at a future meeting.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no reports or requests for Board action.

Ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.03, A-Agriculture Zoning District Regulations

Pursuant to direction received at the July 14, 2009 Board meeting (please see minutes), an ordinance adopting additional, new Article VI, Section 6.03, A-Agriculture zoning district regulations was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent" and shall be known as **Ordinance 37-09**.

Ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.04, Rural Residential Zoning District Regulations

Pursuant to direction received at the July 14, 2009 Board meeting (please see minutes), an ordinance adopting additional, new Article VI, Section 6.04, Rural Residential zoning district regulations was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Fore moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent" and shall be known as **Ordinance 38-09**.

Ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.05, R-1 Single-Family Zoning District Proposed Text Amendments

Pursuant to direction received at the July 14, 2009 Board meeting (please see minutes), an ordinance adopting additional, new Article VI, Section 6.05, R-1 Single-Family zoning district regulations was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent" and shall be known as **Ordinance 39-09**.

Ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.07, B-1 Downtown Business Zoning District Proposed Text Amendments

Pursuant to direction received at the July 14, 2009 Board meeting (please see minutes), an ordinance adopting additional, new Article VI, Section 6.07, B-1 Downtown Business zoning district regulations was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Fore moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent” and shall be known as **Ordinance 40-09**.

Resolution – North Sangamon Lattimore Creek Mutual Drainage District Commissioner Appointment; Approval of Bond

A resolution appointing Kevin Ruppel a Commissioner for the North Sangamon Lattimore Creek Mutual Drainage District for a term to expire on the first Tuesday in September 2012 and a “bond of drainage commissioner” for Mr. Ruppel were all presented. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the resolution and “bond of drainage commissioner”, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent” and with the resolution to be known as **Resolution 41-09**.

Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Preparation Discussion

The Board spent time discussing various budget preparation topics such as 911 reimbursements for provision of dispatching personnel; the Regional Office of Education’s budget request; and the cost of flying new aerials for the County’s GIS system. County Coordinator Duncan presented spreadsheets showing proposed spending scenarios for non-union, non-contractual County personnel. County Treasurer Horn presented information on sales and income tax collections. She also provided an overview of General Fund balance trends.

Executive Session

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”