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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois for a special meeting to discuss issues related to Sunny Acres Nursing Home. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Bob Lott and Ed Whitcomb were in attendance. Commissioner Jeff Fore was not in attendance. A quorum was present. State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten, Interim Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator Leslie Walsh and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were County staff also in attendance.

Chairperson Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Operations

County Coordinator Duncan asked for direction on what the Board wanted to do with the services agreement that FR&R Healthcare Consulting has with Sunny Acres Nursing Home, to perform long-term planning for the facility. No final direction was given at this point of the meeting.

Grant Shumway, Jim Harkness and John Smith, representatives of Revere Healthcare and the provider of interim nursing home administration for Sunny Acres Nursing Home, were in attendance to discuss their services. Mr. Smith, a financial consultant, advised the Board about how to do the capital rate adjustment.

Mr. Shumway spent considerable time discussing his views on the condition of Sunny Acres Nursing Home, expressing concerns that the facility was in jeopardy of losing its primary funding sources (Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement), if compliance issues were not resolved to the satisfaction of the appropriate authorities. He discussed hiring attorneys that specialized in nursing home compliance issues. He advised the Board that it would be difficult to attract a quality administrator in light of the facility's issues. He presented a management and oversight contract, for Revere Healthcare to provide longer term management while the facility worked to get in compliance. No action was taken on these issues.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:48 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The open meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Mr. Shumway, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Smith and Ms. Walsh had left the meeting at this point.

County Coordinator Duncan again asked for direction on what the Board wanted to do with the services agreement that FR&R Healthcare Consulting has with Sunny Acres Nursing Home, to perform long-term planning for the facility. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Sunny Acres should try to enter into a new agreement with FR&R Healthcare Consulting, with a new timeline established for deliverables.

Executive Session

Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn to executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The open meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

County Coordinator's Report/Request for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan informed the Board that Planning Commission Chairperson Jack Stoldt had contacted him to resign his position. He informed the Board that he had discussed with the landlord of the EMS facility the possibility of an increased rent reimbursement to pay for carpet and garage door issues at the facility. No final direction, as to how to proceed, was given at this time as it was decided to discuss the issue again at the June 9, 2009 meeting.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There was a brief discussion about how to proceed with the administrator search for Sunny Acres Nursing Home. No final direction, as to how to proceed, was given at this time as it was decided to discuss the issue again at the June 9, 2009 meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".