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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois for a special meeting to discuss issues primarily related to personnel and Sunny Acres Nursing Home. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Bob Lott, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were in attendance. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Steve Duncan was also in attendance.

Chairperson Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The open meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Operations

Chairperson Kirby informed the Board that he would be meeting with Darin Johnson, project engineer on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning project at Sunny Acres Nursing Home, to discuss closing out the project.

State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten joined the meeting at this point.

Authorization to Submit Grant for the Senior Health Assistance Program through Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland

On behalf of Community Services Director Dara Worthington, County Coordinator Duncan asked the Board for authorization to submit a grant for the Senior Health Assistance Program through the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland in the amount of \$1,044.

Commissioner Lott moved to authorize the submission of the grant, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Coordinator's Report/Request for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan informed the Board that he had been informed that Revere Healthcare would be able to proceed with the FR&R nursing home planning study in Mid-August, if the Board wanted to proceed. Mr. Duncan informed the Board that the approved, February 12, 2008 Board meeting minutes indicated that the County would give the current County-farm tenant an opportunity to match bid submissions. He informed the Board of a mailing his office had received regarding a prescription drug program.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore asked Mr. Duncan what Road District #9 would need to do to develop facilities for the road district. Mr. Duncan stated that the zoning ordinance required a special use permit, which would cost between \$200 and \$300. He encouraged Commissioner Fore to have the road district contact him to discuss zoning ordinance requirements.

Commissioner Lott asked about the status of the effort to close a road along property owned by George Becker. State's Attorney Baumgarten gave a brief overview, informing that the matter had been appealed to Tom Casson, the County's Superintendent of Highways.

Commissioner Lott expressed concern about what this may mean for future road closings. Commissioner Kyes expressed concern about Menard Electric Cooperative's ability to access their electric lines.

Commissioner Lott asked what the road closing may mean for George Becker. Commissioner Fore stated that it would mean he would lose public road frontage for future development.

Commissioner Lott questioned why the County couldn't impose road improvement requirements if a property owner wanted to develop. Commissioner Whitcomb commented that closing the road may eliminate potential access for public safety or emergency vehicles. Chairperson Kirby stated that he did not think the County Board supported closing the road. There was no objection to this statement. State's Attorney Baumgarten informed the Board that they were certainly entitled, as elected representatives, to express their opinion on the proposed road closing.

State's Attorney Baumgarten informed the Board that he had a discussion with a representative of the Menard County Rescue Squad and had asked them to provide materials regarding how they were organized. There was a brief discussion regarding the pros and cons of increasing the County's involvement in the Rescue Squad organization. No action was taken.

Commissioner Kyes stated that she had been approached by representatives of the Menard County Fair to help with the cost of some tar and rock that had been provided to the Fair by the County Highway Department. The consensus of the Board was that the County would take care of the cost.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.