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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Ed Whitcomb, Jeff Fore and Bob Lott were present. County Clerk Gene Treseler and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the December 29, 2009 Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for December. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**BLH Computers, Inc., Proposed Agreement for Disposal/Recycling of Surplus Computer & Electronic Equipment**

Brian Dickerson, President of BLH Computers, Inc. was in attendance to discuss a proposed agreement between the County and BLH Computers to dispose/recycle surplus computer and electronic equipment. The agreement would charge the County fifteen cents per Menard County resident (based upon the most recent census data) to hold several collection events in which Menard County residents, businesses and other entities could bring certain computer and electronic equipment to be recycled at no cost. It was pointed out that fees would be charged to take any cathode ray tube television/devices or any qualifying item that contained wood material (e.g., television in wood cabinet).

Mr. Dickerson pointed out the event would need to be held on a concrete surface. He stated that effective January 1, 2012, there would be a landfill ban on such items. He pointed out that if Menard County residents, businesses and other entities missed an event they could bring certain computer and electronic equipment to be recycled at BLH facilities that are located in Springfield, Decatur or Jacksonville, at no cost, if presenting a driver's license indicating they live in Menard County. He stated that there would be a need for volunteers to hold this event. There was discussion about perhaps asking community organizations to volunteer to help run the collection events.

After discussion, County Coordinator Duncan was directed to finalize the wording of the proposed agreement, present it to the State's Attorney for final review and then bring it back to the Board for consideration to enter into such an agreement.

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

No unscheduled public comments were made at this meeting.

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

County Engineer Tom Casson was in attendance and presented Highway Department bills for December. He presented an insurance agreement between Menard County and the "Oil Fund" group which is composed of most of the Menard County Road Districts. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the agreement, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Casson presented a County maintenance resolution appropriating motor fuel tax allotments for 2010 in the amount of \$450,000. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 01-10**.

Mr. Casson presented a County maintenance resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds to pay the County Engineer's salary in 2010. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 02-10**.

Mr. Casson informed the Board that the County-wide traffic sign inspection program was on hold until the agreement with the contractor, whom would conduct the program, was reached. He provided an overview of the status of several bridge projects. There was discussion about soliciting Congressman Schock to help in obtaining funds to help with the costs of such projects. He informed the Board that he will soon be seeking bids to replace a 2001 F150 pick-up truck, with 177,000 miles on this vehicle, and a 1997 JCB backhoe, per his approved budget.

Commissioner Fore asked if the road cinder material supply, that caused tire issues, had been depleted yet. Mr. Casson informed that there was still some mixed in with other material that would be used until the supply was exhausted.

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

There were no Sunny Acres/Countryside Estates report/requests for Board action, as listed on the meeting agenda.

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

There were no County Treasurer's report/requests for Board action, as listed on the meeting agenda.

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

County Clerk Treseler provided a brief overview of the upcoming election. He asked for the Board's opinion about consolidating all Petersburg polling places to the Petersburg firehouse. Commissioner Kirby expressed concern that parking may be an issue. Mr. Treseler informed that this was his biggest concern too but that he would like to investigate the possibility.

Mr. Treseler expressed concern about being the sole Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officer for the County when he did not have control over many of the other County Departments' records. Chairman Kirby and Commissioner Lott expressed that they thought that each Department head needed to choose someone from their department to be named FOIA officer for records kept in their Department. It was the consensus of the Board to look into having each Department name a FOIA officer and have this individual go through required training.

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

There were no State's Attorney report/requests for Board action, as listed on the meeting agenda.

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

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes from July 6, 2009. Commissioner Fore moved to approve and open these executive session minutes, as prepared. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan informed that Fred Iutzi, of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs and whom had been planning to come and give a presentation about wind turbines, had to reschedule and now was planning on coming to the January 26, 2010 County Board meeting. He informed the Board that 118 total zoning permits were issued in 2009 with 20 of that total for new home construction. He informed that was the lowest number of new home permits that had been issued this past decade.

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

Commissioner Lott expressed that he would like to investigate the status of the Sunny Acres Nursing Home insurance broker. Chairperson Kirby stated that he would look into the matter.

Chairperson Kirby informed the Board that Commissioner Lott and he had a meeting with County staff about trying to find money for County facilities. He informed that Community Services Director Worthington would be looking into getting grant funding for facility planning.

Commissioner Fore informed that he may have an individual interested in serving on the Planning Commission. He stated that he would have them contact the County Coordinator to discuss the duties of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Kyes informed that she had an individual who was also interested in getting involved in the County and had asked the County Coordinator to meet with him to discuss County government.

Commissioner Lott gave a brief overview of Menard County Housing Authority plans to develop an assisted-living facility in the County.

### **Resolution – Eldridge Re-Appointment to the Menard County Zoning Board of Appeals**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution, re-appointing Tom Eldridge as Zoning Board of Appeals member and chairperson, for a five year term that expires January 1, 2015. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 03-10**.

### **Executive Session**

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.