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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Bob Lott were present at the meeting. County Clerk Gene Treseler and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the January 12, 2010 Board regularly scheduled meeting and the monthly department expense report for December 2009, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests:

Fred Iutzi from the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs spoke to the Board regarding renewable energy i.e. wind turbines and zoning issues. Mr. Iutzi discussed new state legislation affecting wind turbines of varying kilowatts and sizes. He reviewed safety, setbacks, height and various other issues related to siting and approval of wind turbines in Menard County's Zoning Districts. The Board directed County Coordinator Duncan to put the text amendment for allowing private wind turbines in the Rural Residential Zoning District on the agenda for an upcoming Board meeting.

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

There were no unscheduled public comments made at this meeting.

Health Department Reports/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance. She informed the Board that her department can pay for wireless cards for EMS computers. She updated the Board on the need for a \$500.00 transfer for Homecare software installation, which the Board had previously approved. She informed the Board that the Board of Health had appointed Ms. Davis as the FOIA Officer for the Health Department at its most recent meeting. Ms. Davis presented information on the latest Smoke Free Illinois Act, implementation of fines. (copy on file.) Health Department staff can now inspect facilities for smoking violations while conducting food inspections and issue fines for said smoking violations. The Illinois State Legislature made changes to the law regarding fines effective March 1, 2010.

Ms. Davis said her department has completed H1N1 vaccinations at Sunny Acres, Countryside Estates and the Menard County Jail. They are still waiting on information from Menard Convalescent Center to provide the vaccinations at its facility.

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action

EMS Administrator Larry Graf and Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington were in attendance. Ms. Worthington presented information on the current collection protocol for monies still owed to the EMS Department. She stated the State of Illinois is still far behind on its payments and amounts owed by private pay patients are coming in but in small amounts.

Ms. Worthington also gave an overview of various grants and loans which may be available for purchasing or construction of a facility to include the Health and EMS Departments and also Senior Transportation and Rural Transportation Programs will be included in the proposed building. She also discussed getting a current "needs assessment" from each of those departments. After discussion, the Board directed Ms. Worthington to schedule a special meeting to further discuss options.

Ms. Worthington and Mr. Graff discussed the possible need for a new Medivan. The current van has 185,000 miles and the wheelchair lift on the van is in need of many repairs or replacement.

Ms. Worthington updated the Board on the status of the Rural Transportation Grant.

Mr. Graff updated the Board on the EMS activities including CPR classes for Menard County citizens as well as hosting a babysitting clinic along with the Women's Club

Resolution – The Workforce Reinvestment Act.

Ms. Worthington presented a resolution to renew the Workforce Reinvestment Act. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 04-10.**

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Report/Requests for Board Action

Sunny Acres Administrator Pat McNeal was in attendance. She asked the Board to authorize applying for a credit card for Sunny Acres with a limit of \$1000.00 for purchasing purposes. The Board authorized Ms. McNeal's request.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

County Highway Engineer Tom Casson presented four agreements to the Board regarding bridge and road construction.

1 A Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with Allen Henderson & Associates in the amount not to exceed \$32,689.51 for the bridge carrying Middletown Blacktop Avenue (CH1) over an unnamed stream. Section 10-00060-00-BR (copy on file). Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. A Construction Engineering Agreement for Federal Participation with Allen Henderson & Associates in the amount not to exceed \$22,923.59 for the bridge carrying Hoppler Road over Grove Creek. Section 08-03115-00-BR (copy on file). Commissioner Lott moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. A Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for construction and construction engineering for the bridge carrying Hoppler Road over Grove Creek. Section 08-03115-00-BR (copy on file). Commissioner Fore moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. An Agreement for Reimbursable Utility Adjustments with Ameren CIPS for the gas main relocation work on the Athens Blacktop Project (copy on file). Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Casson informed the Board of an article which will be appearing in the Petersburg Observer regarding the public's comment to IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) on the recent road construction on the Athens Blacktop.

County Clerk's Report/Request for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler informed the Board of the need to appoint the 2010 Menard County Fence Watchers. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the list as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Treseler and the Board discussed the current status of the rural precincts for elections.

County Treasurer's Report/Request for Board Action

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

State's Attorney Report/Request for Board Action

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

County Coordinator's Report/Request for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes from the July 14, 2009 and July 21, 2009 Board meetings to be considered opening to the public. Commissioner Fore moved to open the July 14, 2009 and July 21, 2009 minutes to the public. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan stated he met with John Greenan, who had been recommended to serve on the Menard County Planning Commission. Mr. Greenan stated he was interested in serving. The Board directed Mr. Duncan to prepare a resolution to appoint Mr. Greenan to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Duncan presented a bill to repair damages to a citizen's vehicle which was recently damaged by a Menard County Sheriff's vehicle. The consensus of the Board was to send the bill to the County's Insurer, Snedeker Risk Management, to seek input on payment options.

Mr. Duncan brought up the status of Freedom of Information Officers (FOIA) for each County Department. The Board continues to work with the State's Attorney on these matters.

Mr. Duncan presented a request from the Menard County Rescue Squad for release of previously budgeted funds. The Board directed Mr. Duncan to request a current copy of the insurance premium as the intent of the funds is to pay for a portion of their insurance

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Kyes stated Animal Control Administrator Brad Willis sought guidance from the Board on allowing Animal Control Officer James McDermott to handle citizen requests for issues with wild animals on his own time. The Commissioners agreed they had no problem, as long as, it was documented that the calls were handled as "off duty" and not part of his job as an Animal Control Officer and an employee of Menard County.

Chairman Kirby directed County Coordinator Duncan to get information on the Working Cash Fund law.

Ordinance adopting Article IV, Section 6.03(C)(1)(q), A-Agriculture Zoning District Regulation

An ordinance adopting a new Article IV, Section 6.03(C)(1)(q), A-Agriculture Zoning District Regulation, was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Lott moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and shall be known as **Ordinance 05-10.**

Ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.04(C)(10), R- Rural Residential Zoning District Regulation

An ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.04(C)(10) and 6.04(D)(1)(h), R-Rural Residential Zoning District Regulation was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and shall be known as **Ordinance 06-10.**

Ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.07(B)(67), B-1 Downtown Business Zoning District Regulation

An ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.07(B)(67), B-1 Downtown Business Zoning District Regulation was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Lott moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and shall be known as **Ordinance 07-10**.

Ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.08(B)(74), B-2 Highway Business Zoning District Regulation

An ordinance adopting new Article VI, Section 6.08(B)(74), B-2 Highway Business Zoning District Regulation was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and shall be known as **Ordinance 08-10**.

Ordinance adopting new Article 10, Section 10.01(D)(2)(f), Special Use Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance

An ordinance adopting new Article 10, Section 10.01(D)(2)(f), Special Use Regulations was presented (copy on file). Commissioner Fore moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and shall be known as **Ordinance 09-10**.

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

Mr. Duncan presented the contract (copy on file) with BLH Computers to offer electronic recycling in Menard County. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Menard County Farm Bureau 2010-2011 Membership Dues

County Coordinator Duncan presented the annual 2010 Farm Bureau dues bill. The Board directed Mr. Duncan to pay the bill.

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 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.