

COUNTY OF MENARD)
) SS.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)

The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 9, 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 Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the January 26, 2010 Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for January. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - Ordinance adopting Proposed Text Amendments to Article VI, Section 6.04, Rural Residential Zoning District Regulations that would Provide for Private Wind Energy Conversion Systems by Special Use Permit & Setback Requirements for such Structures

Old business, brought before the Board as an ordinance, tabled at the November 24, 2009 meeting, was brought back for consideration to approve or deny. The ordinance presented was to adopt proposed text amendments to Article VI, Section 6.04, Rural Residential Zoning District regulations that would provide for Private Wind Energy Conversion Systems (i.e., electricity generating wind turbines) by Special Use Permit & setback requirements for such structures. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 10-10**.

Rural Transportation Network Development: Menard County Housing Authority Annual & Five-Year Plan; Request for County Support for Demolition of Public Housing Units in Athens, IL

Dara Worthington, Community Services Administrator, and Anne Smith, Menard County Housing Authority, were in attendance to provide an overview of efforts to develop a rural transportation network that would serve Logan, Mason and Menard Counties. Ms. Worthington stated that three entities had been identified to be operators, including Menard County Senior Transportation. She informed that one of the issues that had to be worked out is what entity would assume administrative and dispatching duties. Ms. Smith and Ms. Worthington sought direction from the Board as to whether or not they wanted Menard County to try to become the administrative/dispatching entity for such a rural transportation network. As there were many details still not resolved (e.g., who assumes liability for such an arrangement), the consensus of the Board was to keep evaluating a role for Menard County but that more questions needed to be answered before committing the County to such an arrangement.

Ms. Smith presented the Housing Authority's annual and five-year plan and gave an overview of the plan. She asked the Board to support the demolition of 29 public housing units, one community building and one maintenance storage shed in Athens, Illinois. Commissioner Lott moved to support the demolition of the identified units/buildings and authorize Chairperson Kirby to sign off on a letter of County support. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 January. He presented a brief overview of the Geriets Road vacation, which he believed had been resolved.

Mr. Casson presented proposed agreements between the County and City of Athens, City of Petersburg, Village of Greenview, Village of Tallula, Village of Oakford, Road District #'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 regarding traffic sign inventory and inspection. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve these agreements, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sunny Acres/Countryside Estates Report/Requests for Board Action

Pat McNeal, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator, was in attendance and provided an overview of the nursing home's operations. She informed that the census at Sunny Acres was 89 and 22 at Countryside Estates. She informed that the George Alarm installation was completed and that there would be an effort to educate families, staff and the general public regarding the alarm system. She informed that Sunny Acres had two weeks to review a public aid audit and submit information to Healthcare and Family Services.

Ms. McNeal informed that there had been a meeting with Enloe Pharmacy and that Enloe had acknowledged that there are areas to improve by their company. She informed that staff would continue to monitor their performance. She informed that Sunny Acres had signed an agreement with Professional Medical, Inc. to provide web-based, In-services for staff to help comply with the Nursing Practice Act that requires continuing education units be obtained for licensure and OSHA requirements. She informed that Method Management would be helping to implement a limited lifting program to help reduce workplace injuries and increase the safety of resident transfers. There was discussion that the installation of new electric beds for Sunny Acres had been completed and that Sunny Acres now had all electric-powered beds at the facility.

Commissioner Fore informed Ms. McNeal that he had been hearing positive things about the changes at Sunny Acres.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Horn presented various financial reports and provided an overview. She informed that there had been an oversight in a County department's budget and a line item had not been included to pay for email/internet service for that office. She informed that it should be able to be paid within the context of the overall department budget. She presented a worksheet highlighting what funds may be able to be used to help finance the purchase of property and construction of a building to potentially house EMS, Health Department and other County activities, as deemed necessary. There was discussion about financing options for such a project but no actions were taken at this meeting.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler provided a brief overview of the recent election, informing that it is estimated that it cost approximately \$15 per vote cast, to finance the County election.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no State's Attorney report/requests for Board action.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan highlighted financial information that had been provided to the County by the Menard County Rescue Squad. Commissioner Fore moved to approve releasing and granting \$7,500 to the Rescue Squad to help with their insurance costs, as budgeted and requested by the Rescue Squad. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan asked the Board for direction about appointing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officers. The direction of the Board was to have all departments lead by an elected official or by a statutory Board other than the Board of Commissioners, to take steps to ensure that they comply with new FOIA requirements. They also directed all department heads, under their direct control and supervision, to present a staff member(s) for appointment by the Board, as the FOIA officer, for that department.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore informed that he had been told by the landlord of the building that houses the EMS Department that he would fix the garage door on that building, weather permitting.

Resolution – Greenan Appointment to the Menard County Planning Commission

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve a resolution to appoint John Greenan II, to a vacant term on the Menard County Planning Commission, which began January 1, 2010 and expires December 31, 2012. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 11-10**.

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn to executive session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

Per her scheduled performance evaluation, Commissioner Lott moved to approve a four percent salary increase for Sunny Acres Administrator, Pat McNeal, effective with the next pay period, and grant one week of vacation time to be used prior to August 1, 2010. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.