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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the small courtroom of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois for a special meeting to discuss the feasibility of the County constructing, financing, etc., an emergency operations center/county facility for Emergency Management Services, Health Department, etc. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Bob Lott and Jeff Fore were in attendance. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was not in attendance. A quorum was present.

Chairperson Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Community Services Director/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington and EMS Chief Larry Graf spent meeting time presenting a slide show highlighting the conditions of the current, leased EMS Department facility. Ms. Worthington spent time providing an overview of various concerns and issues that need to be worked out for such a project, e.g., financing.

Mr. Carl Fischer, an architect with fwai architects, inc., spent meeting time going over areas to consider, e.g., meeting certain code requirements for such a facility. He informed that he needed to spend time with each of the Departments being considered to be located in such a facility, so as to determine their needs.

Carol Merna, District Chief of Staff for Congressman Aaron Schock, was in attendance and provided thoughts on the ability to get funding for such a project. She indicated that Federal funds for brick and mortar projects were difficult to obtain. She informed that "green" projects, e.g., installing geothermal, may have a better chance of receiving funds.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one absent.