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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes and Jeff Fore were present at the meeting. A quorum was present. Commissioners Bob Lott and Ed Whitcomb were not in attendance. County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Treasurer Jackie Horn, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

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

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the March 9, 2010 regularly scheduled Board meeting, and the monthly department expense report for February 2010, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

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

There were no unscheduled public comments made at this meeting.

**Ordinance - Special Use permit 10-01SUP, for Landon & Jamie Kirby, for the purpose of establishing a lawn & landscaping services business (which may include tree nursery) in the Rural Residential zoning district and to be located off of Indian Point Ave., adjacent to 23990 Indian Point Ave., Petersburg, IL**

Landon Kirby, doing business as Knob Hill Nursery & Landscaping, was in attendance and gave a brief overview of his Special Use permit application to establish a lawn & landscaping services business (which may include tree nursery) in the Rural Residential zoning district and to be located off of Indian Point Ave., adjacent to 23990 Indian Point Ave., Petersburg, IL. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the special use permit ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with two "ayes", no "nays" one "abstain" (Kirby) and two "absent". The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 12-10**.

**Mike Feriozzi, Independent Auditor, Fiscal Year 2009 Preliminary Audit Results**

Independent Auditor Mike Feriozzi was in attendance and gave a preliminary overview of some of the Fiscal Year 2009 audit results. He informed that when comparing revenues in the County's General Fund to expenditures there was a \$6,829 deficit in Fiscal Year 2009 which, when comparing to Fiscal Year 2008 there was a \$71,474 surplus, accounts for a \$78,303 dollar change. He informed that going forward the County will likely be negatively impacted by less income tax reimbursement to the County and perhaps by the State of Illinois if, in an effort to solve its budget problems, they reduce or eliminate salary reimbursements for certain County job positions. He informed that this could create a \$100,000 dollar plus budget gap for the County. County Treasurer Horn pointed out that other County agencies (e.g., Sunny Acres Nursing Home, Health Department, EMS, etc.), which are supported by other funds not related to the County's General Fund, could also be significantly hurt by changes to the amount the State of Illinois reimburses these County entities. County Treasurer Horn passed out a highlight sheet showing money due to the County from the State of Illinois.

There was discussion about Sunny Acres Nursing Home's finances. Mr. Feriozzi pointed out that salaries and wages had increased \$476,588 in two years at the Nursing Home but that this had been offset, to an extent, by approximately \$300,000 in increased Medicare reimbursement. He informed that there was approximately \$140,000 that may have to be paid back to the State of Illinois.

There was discussion of the EMS Department's finances. Mr. Feriozzi informed that the EMS Department was essentially able to operate as a "breakeven" operation based on current revenues and expenditures. County Coordinator Duncan pointed out that what had gotten the EMS Department to more of a breakeven status was adjusting the tax levy to divert \$100,000 plus more property tax revenues into the EMS Fund. He stated that this meant that other funds, largely financed by property tax revenues, were relying on, or may have to rely on, fund balance reserves to cover expenditures. Mr. Feriozzi concurred that this had made EMS more whole.

Mr. Feriozzi, when questioned about creating a working cash fund, stated that based on his understanding of the law, that the County could not create any new revenue from creating such a fund. Mr. Feriozzi emphasized the importance of management continuing to monitor the condition and collectability of accounts receivable at least quarterly during the year.

### **Health Department Reports/Requests for Board Action**

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance. She informed that the Illinois Department of Public Health had informed her that they were returning the Health Department's licensure fee payment as the fee had been changed from \$1,500 to \$25. She presented confirmation that the State of Illinois approved of \$6,000 from a grant being transferred for use by the Sheriff's Department to purchase software. She informed about a smoking violation citation that had recently been issued by the Health Department.

### **EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Community Services Administrator/EMS Administrative Assistant Ann Gorman and Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington were in attendance.

Ms. Gorman presented the transport log through February 2010. She informed that bid prices to purchase a new "medivan" were being presented to the Department. She informed that turn out has been good for the monthly CPR courses being performed by the EMS Department. She informed that the City of Petersburg Police & Fire and Menard County Sheriff's Departments have agreed to participate in a babysitting clinic to be hosted by the Menard County EMS Department and Town & Country Women's Club. She provided an update on the ImageTrend computer systems that have been installed in the ambulances. She informed that a second, Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting was held March 24<sup>th</sup> and that attendance was good.

Ms. Worthington presented financial information for the EMS Department. She informed that the Senior Transportation grant funds would be \$1,885 less. She provided an update on efforts to create a rural transportation network, informing that the coordinating group was still evaluating how such a service would be structured. She presented a listing of community programs and grant/loan funding related to rural development.

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

County Highway Engineer Tom Casson asked for a motion to approve the road oil bids for the County Highway Department. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the oil bids for the County Highway Department, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Mr. Casson asked for a motion to approve the road oil bids for various, County Road Districts. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the road oil bids for the various, County Road Districts, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Mr. Casson asked for a motion to approve a local agency agreement for Federal participation related to engineering for a project on Middletown Blacktop Road over Allen's Grove ditch tributary. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Mr. Casson presented an ordinance authorizing execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement. Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent". The ordinance shall be known as **Ordinance 13-10**.

There was discussion of whether to lock in the price of 7,000 gallons of diesel from April 1, 2010 to November 30, 2010. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not lock in the price at this time.

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

County Treasurer Horn informed the Board of some proposed legislation that could negatively impact the County's revenue stream.

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

County Clerk Treseler presented a resolution for the County to dispose of tax sale property, parcel number 11-24-406-072. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 14-10**.

County Clerk Treseler, pursuant to a request by the Board of Commissioners for County Departments to evaluate their fee structure, presented a proposal for new document recording fees. Commissioner Fore moved to support the creation of a resolution to be presented to the Board implementing new document recording fees. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

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

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

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

Mr. Duncan informed that he had been contacted again by a County resident that lives in the R-1 Single-Family zoning district and wants the County to provide for the ability to erect a freestanding, private-electricity generating, wind turbine. There was discussion that perhaps a minimum parcel size, in addition, to setbacks requirements would be more acceptable. There was also discussion about an old mobile home and a large trailer that had been brought onto a resident's property with the mobile home intended to be used for a chicken coop.

There was a brief discussion about the potential impact of the healthcare reform in raising costs to the County. Mr. Duncan informed the Board that Robert Bacon had expressed interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Duncan presented an overview of various, upcoming meetings and events.

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

There were no individual Board member report/requests for Board action.

### **Resolution – Appointment of John Leischner as Trustee of the Petersburg Community Fire Protection District for a Three-year Term**

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution to appoint John Leischner as Trustee of the Petersburg Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 15-10**.

### **Resolution - Appointment of Edward Blair to the Menard County Planning Commission vacancy, for a Three Year Term that began January 1, 2010 and Expires December 31, 2012**

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve a resolution to appoint Edward Blair to the Menard County Planning Commission, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 16-10**.

**Resolution – Recycling/Destruction of Open Executive Session Meeting Recordings per Illinois State Statutes (5 ILCS 120)**

Commissioner Fore moved to approve a resolution to recycle or destroy opened, executive session meeting recordings per Illinois State Statutes (5 ILCS 120), as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 17-10**.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn to executive session at 12:16 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel and union negotiations. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”.

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

Commissioner Kyes informed the Board that the Tallula Senior Center was looking for funds to replace their roof.

**Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”.