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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 13, 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, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the March 30, 2010 Board meeting, the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for March and approval of payment of Bruce Harris & Associates costs related to quarterly GIS map maintenance. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Shirley McCombs, the County's appointee to the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority (CIEDA), was in attendance to provide an overview of this group's activities. She informed that the main point of creating such an organization was to recommend the issuance of bonds, for economic development purposes in an eleven county area designated by the State of Illinois, to the Governor's office. She informed that they were seeking to raise \$50,000 from the State of Illinois and asking for \$5,000 in member-county contributions, so as to make the CIEDA a viable entity. She informed that the CIEDA was asking for new appointments or re-appointments to be made to their organization, by member counties.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the following: Prepare a letter to be provided to the CIEDA that Menard County wishes to remain a member and will contribute \$500 to the CIEDA, contingent upon the State of Illinois approving the CIEDA's request for \$50,000 in funding; re-appointing Shirley McCombs as the County's appointee to the CIEDA; and, providing for County-approved mileage reimbursement for Ms. McCombs traveling to meetings of the CIEDA, contingent upon receipt of a certificate of auto insurance being provided by Ms. McCombs. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal Year 2011 Senior Transportation Grant Approval/Denial**

Dara Worthington, Community Services Director/EMS Fiscal Officer, was in attendance to seek approval of submitting a grant application to re-authorize providing senior transportation service. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the request, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Worthington informed that she had invited John Edmondson, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, to come and provide an overview of how issues could be resolved in creating a rural transportation network. She informed that he was tentatively scheduled to come to the April 27, 2010 County Board meeting. She informed that Senior Transportation was going to be awarded a mini-van for their Department, highlighting that the fuel economy of such a vehicle would help stay within budget.

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

There was no Highway Department report or requests for Board Action.

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

There was no Sunny Acres Nursing Home report or requests for Board Action.

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

County Treasurer Horn presented a request from the Menard County Courts to transfer \$1,500 within the Court Fund (transfer from 74300-008 to 60505-008). Commissioner Lott moved to approve the budget transfer, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Treasurer Horn presented a request from the Winchester Estate to cancel \$1,763.75 due the County, from the Winchester Estate, in exchange for the Estate's agreement to cancel \$1,785. owed to it by the County. The consensus of the Board was to accept this request.

County Treasurer Horn presented a request to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Animal Control Fund, as budgeted. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the budget transfer, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Treasurer Horn presented various financial reports to the Board. She informed that Sunny Acres Nursing Home owed the County's General Fund approximately \$60,000 from the loan that was made to them several years ago.

### **Sally Hanley, Economic Development Council of Central Illinois**

Sally Hanley, Director of Business Development-Economic Development Council for Central Illinois, was in attendance to request that Menard County agree to be designated as part of Foreign-Trade Zone #114 service area. She provided a lengthy overview of the foreign-trade zone and its benefits including tax advantages for certain businesses operating within Foreign-Trade Zone #114.

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve providing a letter of support from Menard County for inclusion within Foreign-Trade Zone #114 service area. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no County Clerk's report/requests for Board action.

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

State's Attorney Baumgarten informed the Board that he had been contacted by a representative of the local EMTs' union about beginning collective bargaining negotiations. The consensus of the Board was to suggest beginning negotiations in late May 2010.

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

County Coordinator Duncan presented various mailings that had been received by his office for the Board of Commissioners. There was discussion that commercial wind farms would appear to generate substantial revenue for County governments. There was discussion that there were many other factors to consider, not related to increased revenues, and that the State of Illinois could change the way that wind turbines are assessed. No action was taken on this issue.

There was discussion about who would act as a public information officer in emergency situations. It was the consensus of the Board that the County Coordinator should be tentatively named the public information officer but future discussion should be held with the ESDA coordinator.

Mr. Duncan informed that, after the annual audit of the County's payroll by the workers compensation insurer's auditor, the County owed an additional \$300 in premium for Fiscal Year 2009. He informed that Anne Smith, Menard County Housing Authority, had informed that she would like to come to the next meeting to ask for the County's support for a proposed housing development to be located in Athens.

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

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

## **Resolution – Re-appointment of Robert E. Heyen as Trustee of the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District**

Commissioner Fore moved to approve the re-appointment of Robert E. Heyen as Trustee of the Menard County Cemetery Maintenance District for a term that runs from the first Monday in May 2010 through the first Monday in May 2013. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and shall be known as **Resolution 18-10**.

## **Resolution – Opposing Reduction of Local Government Distributive Fund**

Commissioner Lott moved to approve a resolution opposing the reduction of the local government distributive fund by the State of Illinois. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and shall be known as **Resolution 19-10**.

## **Executive Session**

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

Mike Snedeker, Snedeker Risk Management, was in attendance and urged the Board to ensure that the County's insurer was aware of all Board appointees.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.