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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Bob Lott and Jeff Fore were present at the meeting. A quorum was present. Commissioners Barb Kyes and Ed Whitcomb were not in attendance. County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Treasurer Jackie Horn and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

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

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the April 13, 2010 regularly scheduled Board meeting, and the monthly department expense report for March 2010, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Rural Transportation

John Edmondson, Transit Coordination Assistant from the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, was in attendance to give a presentation and answer any questions related to developing a mass rural transportation network. Dara Worthington, Community Services Administrator, informed that Mr. Edmondson had been invited to speak as the Menard, Mason and Logan transportation providers were looking at creating a mass rural transportation network. There was a lengthy presentation and question/answer session on this topic. No final actions were taken at this meeting.

Menard County Housing Authority – Athens Housing Development

Anne Smith, Menard County Housing Authority, was in attendance to seek a letter of support from the County Board for a thirty-lot, single-family dwelling subdivision to be developed in the City of Athens. She also discussed the creation of a PILOT program (payment in lieu of taxes) to possibly be entered into between the Housing Authority and County for this development. After the presentation of the development proposal and discussion, the Board members in attendance declined to give a letter of support at this time, citing that the City of Athens' Board should determine their level of support first, as the City of Athens would be most affected by the proposed development.

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 that the Board of Health and County Health Department were asking the Board of Commissioners to appoint Dr. Robert Lowenthal as Medical Advisor. Commissioner Lott moved to appoint Dr. Robert Lowenthal as Medical Advisor to the Menard County Health Department, for a term to begin May 1, 2010 and end April 30, 2013. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Ms. Davis informed that the Health Department would be the grant agent for the Menard County School & Community Task Force efforts to combat rural substance abuse. She informed that, as the grant agent, it would require a separate audit due to the County, as a whole, receiving more than \$500,000 in Federal dollars.

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action

EMS Chief Larry Graf and Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington were in attendance. Mr. Graf presented a list of bid prices to replace the EMS Department's Medivan. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was for the EMS Department to proceed with the pre-application phase of obtaining grant funds to help with the replacement cost of the Medivan.

At the previous Board meeting, County Coordinator Duncan was named to be the public information officer for emergency situations. Mr. Duncan informed that Sheriff Jones had volunteered to act in this role and advised that this would be more appropriate, in his opinion. The consensus of the Board was that Sheriff Jones should be the County's public information officer for emergency situations and not the County Coordinator.

Ms. Worthington presented financial information for the EMS Department. She informed that the County had been turned down for a grant request that sought funds for a new ambulance and that only nine percent of the grant applicants had received funding for vehicle purchases.

County Treasurer's Report/Request for Board Action

County Treasurer Horn recommended that the EMS Department needed to start paying back the loan that was made to it from the County's General Fund. She informed that the County continued to be owed a sizeable amount of funds from the State of Illinois.

County Clerk's Report/Request for Board Action

County Clerk Treseler informed the Board that he was working on tax rates.

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

County Coordinator Duncan presented the remainder of executive session minutes from the April 28, 2009 Board meeting to be considered for opening to the public. Commissioner Fore moved to open these minutes, as prepared. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Commissioner Lott moved to spend up to \$500 for a courthouse improvement project so as to address an area of the parking lot that was not paved over due to the need to access utilities. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

Mr. Duncan presented an overview of various, upcoming meetings and events including a seminar that was recently held by the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust that proposes to create a self-insured pool of public entities to provide employee health insurance.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

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

Resolution – Document Recording Fees

Commissioner Fore moved to approve raising the document recording fee structure, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 20-10**.

Executive Session

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".