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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Ed Whitcomb and Jeff Fore were present at the meeting. A quorum was present. Commissioner Bob Lott was 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 Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the May 11, 2010 regularly scheduled Board meeting, and the monthly department expense report for April 2010, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

**Old Business – Menard County Housing Authority Appointment**

Under old business, Commissioner Kyes moved to approve a resolution to re-appoint C. Jane King to the Menard County Housing Authority Board for a term of five years to expire on May 31, 2015. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 24-10**.

**Employee Health Insurance**

Mike Snedeker, Alex Snedeker and Jason Booth, of Snedeker Risk Management, were in attendance and spent much of the meeting time presenting a proposal to provide employee health insurance through a self-funded plan (copies of proposal on file). They informed that clients such as Mason, Cass and Pike Counties had moved to self-funded plans. They informed that they would also seek proposals from insurers to present fully-funded options (e.g., Health Alliance) but they felt confident that the self-funded route would be the best option for the County. They informed that the self-funded plan could be set-up by July 1, 2010.

County Coordinator Duncan expressed concern that the County may need to, in the interim, stay with BlueCross/BlueShield while it evaluates the various proposals that may be presented to the County and discusses potential changes with employee groups, e.g., union representatives. Rick Allen, Gillmore-Allen Insurance Agency, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of some issues to be aware of such as the June 15, 2010 deadline to accept the new BlueCross/BlueShield renewal rates or move to a different plan with that company.

Chairperson Kirby stated that he wanted to see employee applications for health insurance in by June 1, 2010. There was discussion that a meeting of the "insurance committee" should be held to begin discussions of health insurance options. The consensus of the Board was that the County Coordinator should organize such a meeting as soon as possible.

Mr. Snedeker asked for permission from the Board to present the self-funded plan to the Sunny Acres Administrator to look at combining that agency's employees with the rest of the County. The consensus of the Board was that Snedeker Risk Management should present its proposal to the Sunny Acres Administrator.

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

There were no unscheduled public comments made at this meeting.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel/salaries at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

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

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance. She informed the Board about a Federal grant that had been obtained by the County Health Department in the amount of \$111,426 to be used for environmental strategies. It will provide 20% of the Health Department's payroll and 20% of overhead costs. She informed that a new employee would need to be hired as part of this grant but that all benefits would be provided by the grant dollars. Ms. Davis also informed the Board about issues related to smoking violation issues.

### **Menard County Board of Health Appointments**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution to re-appoint Fran Curry and Edie Sternberg to the Board of Health for terms to begin June 1, 2010 and end May 31, 2013 and revise the previous appointment of Dr. Robert Lowenthal as Medical Advisor for the Health Department, so as to end his term May 31, 2013 and not April 30, 2013. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 25-10**.

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

Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington and EMS Administrative Assistant Ann Gorman were in attendance (Ms. Gorman was in attendance as EMS Administrator Larry Graf was unavailable due to an emergency call). Ms. Worthington presented financial information for the EMS Department. There was discussion about bringing all potential billing "write-offs" to the Board before proceeding with said "write offs". She provided an overview of why some bills were uncollectible. The consensus of the Board was that such bill "write-offs" should be brought to their attention before proceeding.

Ms. Worthington informed that she had submitted a grant request seeking funds for a new ambulance with grant status notification to not be known for probably a year. She informed that additional Medicare reimbursement should be received by the EMS Department, retroactive to billings made from January 1, 2010. She informed that driver training had recently been held for the County's Senior Transportation drivers. She informed the Board that in regard to trying to create a rural transportation network between Mason, Menard and Logan counties, whoever assumed administrative/dispatching duties would be expected to fund such operations for at least 120 days.

Ms. Gorman presented an updated list of bid prices to replace the "medivan", including bid prices to provide a one-ton van. After discussion, the Board directed the EMS Administrator to attend the next meeting and present his recommendation on what medivan should be purchased for use by the EMS Department. Ms. Gorman provided a report of various EMS activities.

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

County Treasurer Horn presented a spreadsheet showing cost of employee health insurance as a percentage of total operations.

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

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

### **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 a request from the Menard County Tourism Council asking the Board to release \$1,349.00 of hotel/motel tax funds to their organization, so as to award two grants related to tourism promotion in the County. Commissioner Fore moved to release the hotel/motel tax funds, as requested. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Mr. Duncan presented an overview of various, upcoming meetings and events including a United Counties Council of Illinois event.

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

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

### **Resolution – Setting the Salaries of Elected Officials (County Clerk, County Treasurer and Sheriff) from Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2014**

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a resolution setting the salaries of the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Sheriff positions for Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2014, as required per State of Illinois law. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 26-10**.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".