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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Ed Whitcomb, Jeff Fore and Bob Lott were present. Commissioner Kyes was not in attendance. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the May 25, 2010 Board meeting and the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for May. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

**Employee Health Insurance & Renewal**

Rick Allen, Gillmore-Allen Insurance Agency, was in attendance to discuss the BlueCross/BlueShield, employee health insurance renewal rates. He informed that Pekin Insurance had declined to quote on the group. He informed that BlueCross/BlueShield had revised their renewal rates and that the County's group would see a twenty-four percent increase, on average. Mr. Allen urged caution in moving to a self-insured group.

Mike Snedeker, Alex Snedeker and Jason Booth, of Snedeker Risk Management, were in attendance and spent much of the meeting time further presenting a proposal to provide employee health insurance through a self-funded plan.

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

There were no unscheduled public comments/requests for Board Action.

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

County Engineer Tom Casson was in attendance and presented Highway Department bills for May. Mr. Casson presented a local agency agreement for Federal participation to fund 90% of the costs (\$5,198) of road intersection signs and asked for the Board to approve it. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the agreement, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". Mr. Casson provided an overview of the status of various bridge projects.

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

Pat McNeal, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator, was in attendance and provided an overview of the nursing home's operations. She informed that the census at Sunny Acres was 96 and 22 at Countryside Estates. She informed that one of the maintenance employees would be returning to work after dealing with an illness. She informed that the roof was scheduled to be repaired in the "Tulip" area, that a storm drain collapsed and would have to be fixed and that the air conditioner in the "Lilac" common area would have to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$4,000. She informed that the facility was in the process of changing shower rooms into storage space so as to re-create two resident rooms. She informed that the Medicaid audit was on-going. She informed that Sunny Acres was seeking a new Medical Advisor. She informed that the public aid rate will be frozen for one year due to "MDS 3.0" implementation.

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

Community Services/EMS Fiscal Officer was in attendance to fill-in for EMS Chief Larry Graf who was unavailable. After discussion, the Board directed the EMS Department to re-bid for provision of a medi/wheelchair van.

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

County Treasurer Horn presented various financial reports and provided an overview to the Board,

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

County Clerk Treseler presented an ordinance to adopt prevailing wages for Menard County. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent" and shall be known as **Ordinance 27-10**.

County Clerk Treseler presented two fireworks permit applications from the New Salem Property Owners Association and the Lake Petersburg Association. Commissioner Fore moved to approve both permits, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent"

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

There was no State's Attorney report or requests for Board action.

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

County Coordinator Duncan asked the Board if they were cancelling the July 27, 2010 Board meeting as it was his understanding that there would be Board members out of town on that date. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to cancel the July 27, 2010 Board meeting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent". Mr. Duncan presented various mailings that had been sent to the Board.

Mr. Duncan informed the Board that he would like to discuss with the Village of Tallula's attorney some of the provisions of a proposed intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Tallula and Menard County regarding floodplain development assistance, before asking the Board to approve it. There were no objections raised by the Board.

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

Commissioner Lott discussed the County Board getting with the County's village trustees and city boards to discuss areas of mutual interest. There was discussion about conducting such a meeting but no action points came from this discussion.

There was discussion among the Board about moving to the self-funded health insurance plan. The Board directed the County Coordinator to have an insurance committee meeting as soon as possible. They decided that, due to health insurance renewal deadlines, that a special meeting should be scheduled to discuss employee health insurance on June 14, 2010, at 7 p.m.

There was discussion about whether or not the County was interested in looking at a property in the County to house county agencies, such as the EMS Department. The consensus of the Board was that they were interested but would need to know a purchase price to evaluate whether it is in the County's best interest.

### **Executive Session**

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.