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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois for a special meeting to discuss Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 budget planning and preparation. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Bob Lott, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were in attendance. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler, EMS Administrator Larry Graf, EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance. Independent Auditor Mike Feriozzi arrived later in the meeting.

Chairperson Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Special Fund & Fiduciary Fund Budget Preparation & Review

The Board, EMS staff, County Coordinator, County Treasurer and County Clerk spent time reviewing the EMS Department's budget request for Fiscal Year 2011. Mr. Graf and Ms. Worthington spent most of the meeting time providing an overview of the EMS Fund's budget proposal. There was concern expressed that the County may not be able to budget for a \$20,000 increase to provide for increased real estate taxes to be directed into the EMS Fund. EMS staff informed that the General Fund would not be asked to provide a budget line-item to cover any Emergency Management Administration expenses. There was discussion about whether the EMS Department would be able to pay back the principal of a \$327,000 loan from the General Fund, which was used to finance the creation of the EMS Department as a County-run organization. There was discussion that the lack of adequate Medicaid reimbursement was devastating to health care providers, including the Menard County EMS Department which was required to respond to emergency calls, regardless of an individual's ability to pay or potential payment method. The Board urged EMS staff to write an article highlighting the revenue stream and costs associated with running an EMS Department. Other, tentative decisions that were made at this meeting included the following: Budget \$150,000 dollars, to come from the EMS Fund balance (or fund equity), for the possible purchase of an ambulance (It is hoped that grant or loan programs may help procure an ambulance) and the ambulance should not be purchased without prior Board authorization.

Other than the presentation and review of the EMS Department's budget request for Fiscal Year 2011, no other budget topics were covered at this meeting.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the special meeting at 6:52 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.