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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 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) 2009 budget planning and preparation. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Bob Lott and Jeff Fore were in attendance. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was not in attendance. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Coordinator Steve Duncan, Supervisor of Assessments Jason LeMar, County Engineer Tom Casson and EMS Chief Larry Graf were also in attendance.

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

GIS/Aerial Photography Presentation & Discussion

Jeff Leonhard, District Manager for Pictometry, was in attendance to give a presentation of Pictometry products and services. He spent much time discussing aerial photography and how such information could be utilized by County agencies. He presented proposals to the County to produce aerial photography at a cost of \$58,757, spread out over three years, with no interest. He also discussed a proposal to provide a product called "ChangeFindr" for a cost of \$9,000. This product would help identify changes in structures which could be of assistance in assessment work.

The Board and County staff spent time discussing what products, if any, they may want to budget for in the County's GIS Fund. The consensus of the Board was that \$20,000 (the projected, one-third of cost of flying aerial photography) should be budgeted for in the GIS Fund.

EMS Chief Graf and Supervisor of Assessments LeMar left the meeting at this point.

Budget Preparation & Review

County Engineer Casson spent time providing an overview of his budget and a three-year road improvement program (copies on file). There were no objections to the budget or three-year road improvement program made at this meeting.

County Treasurer Horn passed out an updated, proposed Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund budget summary. It was pointed out that a great deal of the projected, General Fund deficit spending was to accommodate potential capital purchases such as a new ambulance or facilities for County agencies, if deemed necessary.

County Coordinator Duncan presented a memorandum of understanding between the County, Sheriff's Department and Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB-911) that had been approved and signed off on by the Sheriff's Department and ETSB-911. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the memorandum of understanding, as presented, and authorize the Chairperson to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one absent.

There was a discussion about having Sunny Acres maintenance staff mow the lagoon, animal control facility and Sheriff's Department firing range. Chairperson Kirby stated that he would discuss the matter with the Sunny Acres Administrator.

There was a discussion about whether or not to provide non-union/non-contractual employees 3% or 4% wage/salary increases. County Engineer Casson pointed out that in his department only one employee was not contractually-obligated to receive four percent.

Commissioner Kyes moved to budget for a 4% increase for full-time, non-union/non-contractual employees. There was more discussion with the Commissioners expressing concerns about personnel spending, in light of the economic climate. There were views expressed about the need to look at using the consumer price index as a basis for raises in both union and non-union personnel decisions. There were views expressed by the

Commissioners that they would vote for the 4% this year but that if economic conditions continued to erode, no raises or minimal raises may be given next year and personnel cuts may be required to come in line with available funds. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one absent.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one absent.