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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Ed Whitcomb, Barb Kyes, Jeff Fore and Bob Lott were all present at the meeting. 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 Fore moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the October 13, 2009 regularly scheduled Board meeting; the October 20, 2009 special Board meeting and the monthly department expense report for September 2009, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Snedeker Risk Management Insurance Proposals

Mike Snedeker, Snedeker Risk Management, presented the property/casualty/liability and workers compensation premium renewal from the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT). The proposed cost for property/casualty/liability insurance is \$183,146 and the workers compensation insurance cost is \$241,173. He provided a letter showing services provided to the County by Method Management, a risk management firm, employed by the ICRMT. He also spent time giving a proposal to provide a life insurance benefit to full-time employees. No action was taken at this time regarding these insurance proposals.

Unscheduled Public Comments

Sheriff Charles Jones was in attendance and spoke during unscheduled public comments. He informed the Board that the 911 Board had authorized budgeting for the purchase of computer-assisted dispatch equipment/software. He informed the Board that the Sheriff's Department could purchase, at a discounted price, additional software, at a discounted price of \$18,000 and paid out over three years at 0%, which would be of great benefit to the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Jones stated that he thought he could utilize the Sheriff's Department current budget to pay for it or use money from specialized funds under his control. Health Department Administrator, Alicia Davis, was in attendance and informed that she might be able to use some existing grant funding to assist in the purchase of this software. The consensus of the Board was that they had no objection to the purchase but would like the Sheriff's Department to investigate all funding options.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis presented an updated list of grants and applicable funding levels. She presented an updated Health Department budget. She asked if she could submit a budget revision for Fiscal Year 2009. There were no objections to the Health Department submitting a revised budget. Ms. Davis spent time informing the Board of the H1N1 guidelines and vaccination order. Commissioner Kyes informed Ms. Davis that FR&R, a consulting firm engaged by Sunny Acres Nursing Home, may contact her to discuss the services that the Health Department provides in the County.

EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action

EMS Administrator Larry Graf and Community Services Administrator/EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington were in attendance. Ms. Worthington presented various EMS Department financial report handouts. She informed the Board that the EMS Department would be putting together a presentation for the Board to give an overview of a software product that EMS is interested in and she also said that a PowerPoint presentation would be presented regarding development of a rural transportation system.

Mr. Graf presented transport logs, a copy of letter to EMS personnel regarding IEMA/FEMA classes and a letter from EMS Local 4622 regarding several concerns related to EMS Captain duties, teaching CPR classes and mandatory training to the Board for its information.

County Treasurer's Report/Request for Board Action

County Treasurer Horn informed the Board that, according to a formula provided to her by an area bonding company, the County's bonding capacity was \$12.5 million. There was discussion about the Public Building Commission and whether it needed to be re-established. There was no action taken.

County Clerk's Report/Request for Board Action

County Clerk Gene Treseler informed the Board that he was preparing for upcoming elections.

State's Attorney Report/Request for Board Action

There were no report/requests.

County Coordinator's Report/Request for Board Action

Mr. Duncan presented the remaining executive session minutes from September 9, 2008 for consideration to be opened to the public (a portion of the minutes had been previously opened to the public). Commissioner Fore moved to open these executive session minutes, as prepared. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan presented executive session minutes from April 28, 2009 for consideration to be opened to the public. On the advice of legal counsel, Commissioner Lott moved to open a portion of these executive session minutes, and keep another portion closed, for another six months, due to the potential for litigation. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan reminded the Board that there are two vacancies on the Menard County Planning Commission.

Mr. Duncan presented requests from the Menard County Tourism Council to release hotel/motel taxes, in the total amount of \$2,390, to help fund coupon book production and the production of tourism-promoting placemats that will be distributed among restaurants in the County; and, a request to release \$10,000 from the County's General Fund to assist in the funding of Tourism Council operations. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the release of the funds, as requested. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Lott stated that the various County Department Heads needed to start meeting so as to make sure that areas of common interest were addressed and resources/opportunities were not wasted. Commissioner Kyes stated that she would like to see each Department Head attend at least one Board meeting per month.

Commissioner Fore asked about the zoning regulations pertaining to the replacement of mobile homes in the County. County Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Duncan stated that he read the regulations to allow for replacement of mobile homes, with certain other requirements (e.g., permanent foundations for doublewides) but that no bulk regulations were required (e.g., setback requirements). He stated that he assumed this was done so as to allow replacement mobile homes to be placed where existing infrastructure was located without being required to meet, for example, setbacks from property lines. The Board expressed no disagreement with this interpretation.

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Preparation

County Coordinator Duncan handed out the latest General Fund Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2010.

Executive Session

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.