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The Menard County Public Building Study Group, an advisory Board appointed by the Menard County Board of Commissioners, met on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioner/PBSG member Ed Whitcomb, Commissioner/PBSG member Bob Lott, PBSG member Steve Ozella, PBSG member Joe Hemberger and PBSG Chairperson Charles Alderman were present as the representatives of the five, Board of Commissioner districts, serving as the Public Building Study Group (aka PBSG). Carl Fischer (FWAI Architects), EMS Fiscal Officer Dara Worthington and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

PBSG Chairperson Alderman called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The meeting started ten minutes later than scheduled to allow all members to be in attendance.

PBSG member Ozella moved to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2011 PBSG meeting. Commissioner/PBSG member Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Carl Fischer, Ms. Worthington and Mr. Duncan presented that there were still no outside funding sources (i.e., grant programs) that had been found that could be applied for to help finance an EMS/Emergency Operations facility. There was discussion about planning a visit to the EMS/Emergency Operations facility located in Logan County. Mr. Duncan was directed to work with EMS Chief Larry Graf to schedule an evening visit to the facility for the PBSG members.

Mr. Fischer presented a recommendation from Darren Johnson, Johnson Engineering, to replace the Courthouse building heating and cooling plant. It was explained that the heating plant had quit working and needed to be replaced. It was explained that the recommendation prepared by Mr. Johnson would be sent to the Western Illinois Regional Council where they would assist the County in assessing grant programs that might be applied to for funds to help alleviate the costs of replacement. There was general discussion about the Courthouse building including an overview of the history of some of the Courthouse building projects. Mr. Fischer presented a proposal to engage his firm to assess the property condition of the Menard County Courthouse.

Mr. Fischer discussed the bid process that had been outlined for various projects at Sunny Acres Nursing Home and Countryside Estates, including window replacement at Sunny Acres and addressing tornado damage at both facilities. Commissioner/PBSG member Lott directed Mr. Duncan to make available to all the members of the PBSG a copy of the facility needs assessment that had been completed by FWAI Architects and for Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

Mr. Duncan asked PBSG member Ozella if he had any concerns about the condition of the animal control facility. PBSG member Ozella expressed concerns that the roof needed to be looked at as it was his understanding there were leaks that could cause water damage inside the walls of the building.

With no other business coming before the PBSG, Commissioner/PBSG member Lott moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. PBSG member Ozella seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.