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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Bob Lott, Barb Kyes, Jeff Fore and Ed Whitcomb were physically present. A quorum was present. County Treasurer Jackie Horn, County Clerk Gene Treseler and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

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

Commissioner Kyes moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the October 11, 2011 regularly scheduled Board meeting; October 11, 2011 special Board meeting; October 18, 2011 special Board meeting; and the monthly department expense report for September 2011, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Menard County Tourism Council

Andy Maxon, Menard County Tourism Council, was in attendance to answer questions related to the 2012 Tourism Council budget proposal. Chairperson Kirby asked if some of the revenues being projected were actually in-kind donations. Mr. Maxon indicated that the RiverBank Lodge office space and New Salem Visitor Center kiosk were in-kind donations. Chairperson Kirby asked who did the artwork and design for ads and brochures. Mr. Maxon indicated that he was responsible for that effort. Mr. Maxon indicated that his salary or wages was interwoven into the various activities presented as expenditures in the budget. Chairperson Kirby asked what was included in the "promotional costs for county events" line item. Mr. Maxon informed that was the line item that provided funds to various events that are held around Menard County. Commissioner Kyes ask what was involved in the attendance at the Illinois Tourism Conference and Tour Illinois Conference. Mr. Maxon indicated that helped educate him to serve as director of the Tourism Council. Commissioner Kyes asked what organizations the Tourism Council had joined as a member. Mr. Maxon informed that they belonged to the Illinois State Tourism Association and an organization that helped generate bus tours. Mr. Maxon indicated that there were approximately 84 memberships in the Tourism Council.

Hearing of Citizens/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

There were no unscheduled public comments or requests for Board action.

EMS/Community Services Report/Requests for Board Action

EMS Chief/ESDA Coordinator Larry Graf and EMS Fiscal Officer/Community Services Administrator Dara Worthington were in attendance. Mr. Graf handed out copies of newspaper articles related to reimbursements for snowstorm/blizzard event that had been declared a disaster and recognition of Menard County resident Mary Ortgessen receiving the National Weather Service's John Campanious Holm award for outstanding service in the cooperative weather observer program. Mr. Graf presented proposed ambulance rates for Fiscal Year 2012. After discussion about how the cost of service needed to match the fee structure, as closely as possible, the Board directed the rate increases to be placed on the next meeting's agenda for a vote on the proposal. Mr. Graf informed of efforts to address some water-related concerns in the ambulance garage bays. Ms. Worthington provided an overview of various financial reports related to the EMS Department.

Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance. There was discussion about the need to appoint a mental health advisory committee by December 31, 2011. It was decided that the existing Board of Health would be appointed to serve in this capacity. The Board directed that a resolution be prepared to appoint the Board of Health members to the mental health advisory committee.

County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report or request for Board action.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report or request for Board action.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report or request for Board action.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan reminded the Board of the vacancy on the Menard County Rescue Squad Board of Trustees and another vacancy on the Board of Review.

Mr. Duncan presented a change order related to the Sunny Acres Nursing Home exterior soffit and fascia repairs. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the change order, as presented. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan presented a request for payment #1 to Newman-Alton, contractor for the Sunny Acres Nursing Home exterior soffit and fascia repairs, in the amount of \$70,827. Commissioner Fore moved to approve payment #1, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duncan provided an overview of storage space available at the Farm Bureau building. After discussion, the Board asked staff to get a lease agreement proposal from the Farm Bureau. Mr. Duncan informed of a commercially-zoned property that may be put up for sale, pointing out the County economic development possibilities of the property. Mr. Duncan provided an overview of issues that were occurring with the Courthouse building computer servers.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Lott provided an overview of additional work to be completed related to the Courthouse chiller and boiler replacement project (e.g., purchasing Glycol freeze protection for the chiller).

Commissioner Kyes informed the Board that the Sunny Acres Advisory Board was seeking direction from the Board of Commissioners on future planning efforts (e.g., whether an assisted-living facility should be sought as another tier of care). The Board spent time discussing this issue and were asked to think about where they wanted to go so direction could be conveyed to the Advisory Board.

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Preparation & Discussion

Mr. Duncan passed out budget worksheets for funds that he was seeking the County Board to give specific direction on to County staff. The Board and County staff spent time reviewing the budget worksheets of these funds with the following discussion/action: Fund 28 "Retirement & FICA Fund" (Board directed staff to budget the estimated \$45,000 in additional real estate tax revenues to Fund 28); Fund 90 "Court Fund" (County Treasurer Horn expressed concern with transferring most of the Court Fund's, fund balance, to the Building Improvement Fund. Board directed no change to the Court Fund budget, as presented.); Fund 97 "Tourism Promotion Fund" (Board directed \$8,000 to be budgeted for the Menard County Tourism Council and \$8,000 for economic development that could be used for other tourism-related projects and events that arise during the fiscal year). Drafts of Fund 101 and 102 proposed budgets were presented. These funds are established as part of the employee self-funded health insurance program.

There was much discussion of the current and future financial situation of the County. There was much discussion of the need to look more at economic development to enhance revenue growth to provide services. There was discussion about the role of zoning in limiting economic growth in the County. The Board directed the County Coordinator to look at the land-use regulations and make suggestions that might enhance growth.

FY 2011 Line-item Budget Transfer

Mr. Duncan presented a request from the Probation Department to approve line-item transfers in the Fiscal Year 2011, Fund 60 "Probation Services Fund". Commissioner Fore moved to approve the line-item transfers, as presented. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 8:58 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.