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The Menard County Board of Commissioners, Menard County Planning Commission, and Menard County Zoning Board of Appeals met for a **Special Meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016** at 6:30 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp, County Assessor Jason LeMar and County Clerk Patricia Duncheon were present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington was also present. Commissioner Jeff Fore was absent.

Members from the Menard County Planning Commission included: Dennis Kunken, John Dixon, Rod Reich, Terry Entwistle and Mark Churchill.

Members from the Zoning Board of Appeals included: Barry Bass, Tom Eldridge, Steve Ozella, Karen Stott and Steve Wilken.

County Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

There was an in depth discussion regarding the updates to the Menard County Comprehensive Plan. Leading the page by page discussion was Zoning Administrator, Brian Hollenkamp. Specifically, all proposed changes and/or updates were explained and open for discussion.

Administrator Hollenkamp explained in detail the proposed policy change pertaining to the rural residential district allowance for one dwelling unit per three plus acres along with the agricultural areas providing for one dwelling unit per 30 acres on soils with a soil productivity index average above 110 and no less than three acres on soils with a soil productivity index average of 110 or less. It was explained that this was an attempt to spur economic growth in the community while at the same time understanding that agriculture is a mainstay in the county. This area is being addressed because of the number of requests that have been received over several years from farm families themselves. Several Farm Bureau members spoke regarding this policy change.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Boards, Member Entwistle moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.