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The Menard County Board of Commissioners, Menard County Planning Commission, Public Building Study Group, Zoning Board of Appeals met for a **Special Meeting held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018** at 6:30 PM at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Allan Anderson, Ed Whitcomb, and Troy Cummings were physically present. A quorum was present. County Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present.

Members from the Menard County Planning Commissioner included: Ed Blair, Mark Churchill, John Dixon, John Greenan II, Jack Knuppel, Dennis Kunken, Landon Lounsberry, Road Reich, and Julie Wankel.

Members from the Public Building Study Group included: Joe Hemberger, Dan Ortgessen, and Steve Ozella.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Jessica Tyler, Business Development Manager for Gem Energy, was present to give a presentation on the proposal for Menard County to enter into a contract with Gem Energy for installation of a Solar Farm on the county farm. Discussion ensued and encompassed indemnification, timeframe, length of the contract, energy subscriptions, and property tax impact to county.

Each of the committees broke out into their individual groups for further discussion for a short period of time. Upon returning to the joint meeting, further questions were posed to Ms. Tyler. At the completion of the question and answer session, Ms. Tyler exited the meeting.

It was the consensus of the group as a whole that the county should cautiously move forward with the signing of the nonbinding letter of intent with Gem Energy.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Ed Whitcomb made a motion to adjourn and Troy Cummings seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.