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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Allan Anderson and Bob Lott were physically present. Commissioners Ed Whitcomb and Jeff Fore were unable to attend. A quorum was present. County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Treasurer Jackie Horn, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also present.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the July30, 2013 Board Meeting; approval of the Menard County Community Services monthly report for July 2013 and approval of payment to FWAI Architects for services rendered related to the courthouse roof project (construction document preparation). Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hearing of Citizens (Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action)**

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

**Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance and presented the Highway Department bills for July 2013. Mr. Casson provided an update on Highway Department operations and projects including continuation of the County-wide sign upgrade program. Mr. Casson informed that Jim Carroll, if there were no Board objections, would be engaged to powerwash and paint some of the older Highway Department buildings, as budgeted funds allow. There were no Board objections.

**Health Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Georgialyn Gurski, acting supervisor of the Health Department, provided an overview of the Health Department's financial condition, informing that the Health Department is over the \$50,000 line of credit and currently owes the County \$87,783. She informed there were currently 22 home health clients being served by the Health Department. She provided information concerning Medicare home health billing and account receivables. There was general discussion concerning the health department's continuing issues with finances.

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the payment of various Health Department bills (and as deemed needed per the County extending the Health Department's line of credit to pay said bills), as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

### **Sunny Acres/Countryside Estates Report/Requests for Board Action**

Pat McNeal, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator was in attendance and provided an overview of Sunny Acres and Countryside Estates operations. Ms. McNeal stated that census for Sunny Acres was 90 total and Country Side Estates have all apartments rented at this time. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A – 15; Private Pay – 37; Public Aid – 38.

Ms. McNeal provided an overview of operations including informing the Board that the issues with the roof replacement at Countryside Estates would be forwarded to FWAI Architects (as the project manager) to address with the contractor.

Ms. McNeal provided an update on Sunny Acres Nursing Home and Countryside Estates operations and issues including that generator installation was anticipated to be complete by October; nursing home associations were stressing the importance of strict review and bargaining before signing any contracts related to conversion of dual eligible residents (Medicare/Medicaid) to managed care organizations Health Alliance or Molina and that such managed care organizations would have an effect on county-owned nursing homes in relation to access to intergovernmental transfer funds. Ms. McNeal informed that Sunny Acres was advertising for a cook and dietary aide and certified nursing assistants to work a 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and weekend shifts.

### **County Treasurer's Report/Requests for Board Action**

County Treasurer Jackie Horn was in attendance and asked the Board to authorize a few line item transfers, as budgeted and as follows: Transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Animal Control Fund and transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Building Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the budget transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Animal Control Fund, as requested. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the budget transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Building Improvement Fund, as requested. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”.

Ms. Horn asked for the Board to approve setting the “ECO” Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) rate at 50.01% (the actuarial required contribution rate as calculated by the IMRF). Commissioner Lott moved to approve setting the rate, as requested. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”.

Ms. Horn provided end of month financial reports for July 2013.

### **County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action**

There were no report/requests for Board action.

### **State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action**

There were no report/requests for Board action.

### **County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action**

There were no report/requests for Board action.

### **Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action**

There were no report/requests for Board action

### **Resolution – Opposing Any Unfunded Mandate Due to the Adoption of the 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code**

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve a resolution opposing any unfunded mandate due to attempts to impose adoption of the 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (for example, would mandate installation of sprinkler systems in single-family dwellings, thus increasing cost of homes). Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with three “ayes”, no “nays” and two “absent”.

### **Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Preparation**

County Coordinator Duncan asked if the Board had any specific budget instructions to send to department heads. The Board, in attendance, informed that they wanted to have discussion with the full Board about the budget but that budget worksheets could be provided so as to begin budget preparation.

Mr. Duncan informed of concerns related to the County's self-funded health insurance plan not bringing in enough in revenues to offset the claim costs of the plan. He informed that the County's broker for the plan was advising that the County look to establish contribution rates in an amount to bring in \$725,000 to \$750,000 to cover costs in 2014 if the status quo is to prevail (i.e., no changes to deductibles, plans, etc.) He informed that the Board would need to give direction on what they wanted to do in this area in terms of plan characteristics, etc. He informed that the County having various plans to accommodate union contracts, etc., would make it difficult to investigate and potentially move to options that might better serve all employees.

Mr. Duncan informed that other budget preparation issues would include budgeting in various funds to slow or eliminate the need to dip into fund reserves to cover costs. He highlighted the liability and insurance fund that levies to pay for workers compensation and property/casualty insurance as a fund that was already reliant on fund reserves to meet costs.

There was discussion about setting elected officials salaries lower due to retirements or current officials choosing not to seek office and new individuals running for office. It was pointed out that those thinking of running for county office may like to know what the County Board is contemplating in terms of setting salaries (as required by State of Illinois law). There was discussion about directing the EMS Department to increase re-payment of the loan from the General Fund to the EMS Fund (no direction or decision).

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Lott moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and collective negotiation matters as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", no "nays" and two "absent".