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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Jeff Fore, Ed Whitcomb and Bob Lott were present. Commissioner Kyes was not in attendance. County Clerk Gene Treseler, County Treasurer Jackie Horn, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were also in attendance.

Commissioner Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the consent agenda which included the regular minutes from the December 28, 2010 regularly scheduled Board meeting; the Menard County Community Services Monthly Report for December; and, the Bruce Harris & Associates quarterly invoice for geographic information systems map maintenance expenses. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

Ross Santos, representing a group of Countryside Estates residents and their families, spoke about their concern with the new policy to eliminate free meals to employees and charge \$2.50 to eat a meal prepared at the facility. Mr. Santos informed that they felt that Countryside Estates was a separate organization from Sunny Acres Nursing Home and that the policy should not be applied to employees at Countryside Estates. Mr. Santos presented a written statement from residents of Countryside Estates and written statements from Janet Lyons and Natasha Miller, all supporting reversing the policy. The consensus of the Board was that it was a business decision to control costs and that they did not want to treat employees at Countryside Estates differently than those at Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

Alex Snedeker, Snedeker Risk Management, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the WellTrak program, a prescription medicine service that can be incorporated into the County's self-funded health insurance program.

Area Agency on Aging FY 2011 Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act Grant

Dara Worthington, Community Services Director, asked for approval to submit an Area Agency on Aging FY 2011 Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act grant. She informed that the purpose of the grant is to conduct outreach activities regarding Medicare Savings Programs, the Low-Income Subsidy Program, Medicare Part D and the new prevention and wellness benefits included in the Affordable Care Act and counsel and provide application assistance to Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare Savings Programs and the Low-Income Subsidy Program. Commissioner Lott moved to approve submitting the grant, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Overview of Tornado Incident

Larry Graf, EMS Chief/ESDA Administrator, was in attendance and gave an overview of the response to the recent tornado incident. He informed that there would be an evaluation of the tornado siren system.

Highway Department Report/Requests for Board Action

Tom Casson, County Engineer, was in attendance. He presented a policy to be adopted that would set forth criteria for siting an intersection streetlight by the County. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

Commissioner Fore moved to approve seeking placement of a streetlight at Five Points Road and Newmansville Avenue, as based on the intersection streetlight policy. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

Mr. Casson presented a County maintenance resolution appropriating motor fuel tax allotments for 2011 in the amount of \$550,000. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 01-11**.

Mr. Casson presented a County maintenance resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds to pay the County Engineer’s salary in 2011. Commissioner Lott moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”. The resolution shall be known as **Resolution 02-11**.

Sunny Acres/Countryside Estates Report/Requests for Board Action

Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator Pat McNeal was in attendance and gave an overview of Sunny Acres operations, highlighting that the census at Sunny Acres was at 90 (with 2 admits pending) and the Countryside Estates census was 23 residents. She informed that the pay mix at Sunny Acres was Medicare A -7; Private Pay – 31; and, Public Aid - 52.

Ms. McNeal provided an update on the tornado damage to both the Countryside Estates and Sunny Acres Nursing Home facilities. Ms. McNeal presented a list of potential costs to engage FWAI architects to assist in evaluating, making recommendations and developing construction documents, as necessary, for the correction of the tornado damage to the facilities. She also presented an agreement between the Sunny Acres/County and FWAI architects to perform work related to the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant including window replacement at the nursing home facility. Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve engaging FWAI Architects to perform the work, as presented in the documents. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Jackie Horn presented a handout showing a comparison between the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) regular plan for members who were enrolled before January 1, 2011 and what the regular plan will be like for new enrollees beginning January 1, 2011 (e.g., the vesting period has been raised from eight years to ten years and the normal retirement age for a full pension will go from sixty years of age to sixty-seven years of age for new IMRF enrollees). She informed that, as County employees turnover, this should result in a savings to the County.

County Treasurer Jackie Horn presented various financial reports for the Board’s review. She asked the Board to give consideration to annually renew the line of credit agreements that were developed between the County and the Health Department and also with Sunny Acres Nursing Home. The Board discussed that they would like to see these agreements renewed on an annual basis or possibly be eliminated in the case of Sunny Acres Nursing Home.

County Clerk’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gene Treseler informed the Board that road district tax levy information was available in his office.

State’s Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

There was no report/request for Board action.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Duncan informed that minor building improvements had been made to the Animal Control building.

The County Board gave direction that they did not want the County to require a new zoning permit when a house is destroyed by a fire or other disaster, unless there is to be a change in the "footprint" (either vertically or horizontally or both) of the existing structure. This was a clarification of previous direction and more consistent with zoning ordinance language.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no reports/requests for Board action.

Executive Session

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel/union negotiations at 7:59 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".