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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Ed Whitcomb, Bob Lott and Jeff Fore were physically present. Commissioner Kyes was unable to attend. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Steve Duncan was also in attendance.

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

Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the April 10, 2012 regularly scheduled Board meeting and the monthly department expense report for March 2012. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

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

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

**Menard County Sportsman's Club & Menard County Fair Association, Inc. Representatives – Regarding Agreement on Use of Menard County Fairgrounds**

There was no action on this issue as representatives of the Menard County Sportsman's Club & Menard County Fair Association, Inc. were unable to attend due to other obligations. The matter is to be placed on the May 8, 2012 agenda. County Coordinator Duncan did pass out to the Board the latest draft of the revised agreement as presented to his office.

**Electronics Recycling Event on Courthouse Grounds**

Anne Smith, representing the Rotary Club, was in attendance to seek permission for the Rotary Club to use the Courthouse parking lot for an electronics recycling event, if they choose to sponsor such an event. The consensus of the Board was that such events had been held in the parking lot before and did not have an issue with encouraging such an event that is of benefit to the public.

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

Health Department Administrator Alicia Davis was in attendance and provided an overview of the Health Department's financial condition, informing that the Health Department was still under the \$100,000 credit limit established with the County. She informed that the Health Department had performed 205 home health visits, to date, in the month of April. She informed that the Medicare consultant had said that the Menard County Health Department, as constructed, should be able to accommodate an average of 40 home health clients per month. Ms. Davis provided correspondence, with information about the Health Department, being conveyed to the Board of Health via email. There was discussion questioning if the Health Department could sub-lease any unused office space.

Commissioner Whitcomb 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 Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

**EMS/Community Services Department Report/Requests for Board Action**

Ann Gorman, representing the EMS Department, was in attendance. Ms. Gorman provided ambulance and wheelchair transport logs, a handout detailing recent grant history and an informational article highlighting the impacts of decreasing tax revenues from people dropping landlines, which largely finance 911 capabilities. She spent meeting time reporting on a number of EMS and emergency management-related issues. There

was discussion among the Board about the need for the State of Illinois to address, most likely through legislation, how 911 will be financed in the future. There was discussion regarding emergency planning and the need for various County entities to engage in such planning.

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

County Treasurer Jackie Horn was unable to attend so there were no report/requests for Board action. County Coordinator Duncan, did present various, financial reports from the Treasurer's office and much discussion was held regarding said financial reports.

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

County Clerk Treseler was unable to attend so there were no report/requests for Board action.

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

County Coordinator Duncan presented executive session minutes that were scheduled to be reviewed for opening from October 18, 2011. Commissioner Fore moved to open the executive session minutes, as prepared. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

As presented by Mr. Duncan, Commissioner Whitcomb moved to approve a quote from Hanson Information Systems to install additional hardwiring cables and purchase computer hardware related to the Courthouse building's computer network infrastructure, in the total amount of \$4,484.00. Commissioner Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The Board gave direction that they would like to do Fiscal Year 2012 budget reviews with elected officials/department heads at their normally scheduled Board meeting time, and invite elected officials/department heads that are not normally at meetings to attend the May 29, 2012 regularly, scheduled Board meeting. The Board spent time reviewing County Coordinator Duncan's Fiscal Year 2012 budget (Fund 11) with Mr. Duncan. He provided information related to part-time employee, internet, auto mileage and other, budgeted expenses.

Mr. Duncan informed of advisory opinions received from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding proposed, new mobile/manufactured homes zoning regulations. He informed that the full report would be prepared and presented for the Board at their next meeting where he would ask the Board for direction on preparation of an ordinance.

Per information compiled by the Sheriff's Department, statutory custodian of the courthouse, the Board gave their opinion that neither carpet cleaning, nor replacement of the carpet in the courthouse building, was a good use of County funds at this time.

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

Commissioner Lott expressed concerns about the sustainability of funds being directed to the General Fund from the Sunny Acres Nursing Home Fund and County Farm Fund. There was discussion about this but there was no action or direction at this meeting.

Commissioner Fore informed the Board that he had recently attended a ribbon-cutting related to the Historic Marbold Farmstead Association's recent purchase of the Marbold farm property, located near Greenview.

**Resolution – Re-Appointment of Jeffery Johnston to serve a term on the Greenview Community Fire Protection District that commences the first Monday of May 2012 and expires the first Monday of May, 2015**

Commissioner Lott moved to approve a resolution re-appointing Jeffery Johnston to serve a term on the Greenview Community Fire Protection District that commences the first Monday of May 2012 and expires the first Monday of May, 2015. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.

**Executive Session**

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

**Adjournment**

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays” and one “absent”.