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The Menard County Board of Commissioners, Sunny Acres Advisory Board and Heritage Enterprise met for a special meeting on Wednesday, **March 1, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. at Broadgauge located at 101 North Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present from the Menard County Board of Commissioners. A quorum was present. Commissioners Jeff Fore was absent. Those present from the Sunny Acres Advisory Board were Emily Schirding, Tim Hurie, John Whitehurst, Angie Fletcher, Steve Territo, and Josh Gronewold. Heritage Enterprises representatives included Ben Hart, Steven Hart, Dan Curry, Robert Haerr, John Hurley, and Janette Strabala. County Clerk Marty Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests for Board Action

There were none.

Scheduled Topics

Financial Review – Dan Curry, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Curry reported that there were three factors leading to the facility being projected to go over budget. One factor was use of agency for staffing and a second factor was the timing/reporting of payments.

Turnaround Plan – Steven Hart, Director of Business Operations

Mr. Steven Hart presented a packet of information to encompass the data utilized to propose changes to be made to the business. Without making any changes to our current plan, the facility is slated to lose \$723,204 this fiscal year. Three separate recommendations were presented to the Menard County Board and Sunny Acres Advisory Board with options within each of those recommendations: Option #1 – Bed Management Strategy Changes, Option #2 – Staffing and Operating Changes, and Option #3 – Private Pay Room Rate Increase. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Project Updates – Robert Haerr, Vice President of Facilities

Mr. Haerr reported on the facility updates to both Sunny Acres Nursing Home and Countryside Estates. Haerr presented a very brief overview on proposed security to the doors at Countryside Estates.

Census Review/Survey Activity/COVID-19 Activity – John Hurley, Interim Administrator – Sunny Acres Nursing Home

Mr. Hurley presented a brief overview of the current nursing home population as well as results of the Annual Health Survey and Life Safety Code Survey. Hurley reported that there were no positive COVID cases among the residents or staff.

Approval of Increase to Sunny Acres Nursing Home Room Rates Effective 03/01/2023. Commissioner Whitcomb made a motion to approve the recommended room rate increases, as presented, for new residents with current residents being grandfathered in until June 1, 2023, at which time those new rates will go into effect for them. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners opted to further discuss and review the remaining two recommendations for possible vote at their March 14, 2023, regular board meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Whitcomb made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Cummings seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.