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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Merle Kirby, Barb Kyes, Jeff Fore, and Bob Lott were present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was unable to attend. Sheriff Charles Jones, Sunny Acres Nursing Home Administrator Pat McNeal, State's Attorney Ken Baumgarten and County Coordinator Steve Duncan were other County officials in attendance.

Chairperson Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Board spent time discussing the Courthouse building furnace that was not working. Mr. Carl Fischer, an architect with FWAI Architects, Inc., and Charles Alderman, Chairperson of the Public Building Study Group were also in attendance to lend their expertise to the discussion. Staff informed that the County's advising engineer on the matter, Darren Johnson, was recommending that the furnace unit be completely replaced.

Chairperson Kirby informed that he had contacted the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) and was told that the County should put together what it is looking to install, with cost estimates, and forward to the WIRC. He informed that he was told that the WIRC, once they had received said materials, could evaluate what funding/grant opportunities might be available. As the Spring is approaching, and staff informed that the air conditioning unit was still in working order and could be used, it was the consensus of the Board that pursuing other funding sources should be looked into before moving hastily on this project and that such efforts should also look at what grant funding may be available to address other heating, ventilation and air conditioning issues at the Courthouse building (e.g., replacing the "chiller" unit).

The Board spent time discussing copies of old, Courthouse environmental mitigation reports that had been obtained by FWAI Architects, Inc. Commissioner Kyes moved to have paper copies of these reports made for the County's records. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with three "ayes", one "nay" (Commissioner Lott voted "nay") and one "absent".

Executive Session

Commissioner Fore moved to enter into executive session to discuss a potential real estate transaction at 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Kyes seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one "absent".

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Kyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays" and one absent.