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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met for a special board meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 8:00 AM in the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, Rich Brauer, Dalton Whitley, and Rod Riech were present. A quorum was present. State’s Attorney Gwen Thomas and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Hamilton, attorney for RCM, was present and provided a brief history of their request. Hamilton questioned the county’s concerns and goals regarding the project.

County Engineer Dowd was present and addressed the proposed project as it related to road usage and his concerns. Possible grants were touched upon.

Each commissioner individually expressed their support for the project. Questions arose regarding a site plan, building infrastructure, road issues, and egress/ingress to the site. It was the consensus of the commissioners that they wanted to come to an agreement on what is acceptable for the special conditions without road repairs falling on the taxpayers as it would based upon not adopting special conditions. Alternate sources of funding were discussed.

Mr. Hamilton provided a verbal listing of RCM’s issues with the special conditions to which the commissioners responded their intent was to sit down and work through the process so that the development can move forward. The commissioner reported that their board must keep in mind the impact on the entire county as well as avoid a burden to the taxpayers.

State’s Attorney Gwen Thomas requested Mr. Hamilton email her with details of the changes RCM is proposing. A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals is hoped for in March. Chairperson Whitcomb thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 AM. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.