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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met for a special board meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 PM 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 2:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners discussed the proposed RCM project as it relates to the Special Conditions of Approval prepared by Zoning Administrator Joe Crowe. The goal would be to share the commissioners’ views with the Zoning Board of Appeals in an attempt to help that board understand the concerns of the county. Each of the 28 points was reviewed and discussed. The use of roads was discussed at great length as it relates to which road was in RCM’s final plan, the responsibility for road usage and upkeep, alternate forms of funding for paying for the upgrade and upkeep of the road, etc.

Zoning Administrator Joe Crowe was called into the meeting at 2:35 PM to review the 28 points as they relate to the commissioners’ understanding of each point and the requirements behind each point. Upon conclusion of that conversation, a final draft of the Special Conditions of Approval was prepared.

County Commissioner Cummings exited the meeting at approximately 2:53 PM.

County Engineer Corey Dowd entered the meeting at approximately 3:00 PM for questions commissioners might have about the roads, a road use agreement, and egress and ingress. Mr. Crowe shared that the Capital Development Board will be involved in the project relating to the third-party inspection required for the project since Menard County does not have building codes in place.

The decision was made to discuss the revised draft Special Conditions of Approval with the RCM CEO and Assistant CEO.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Whitley moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 PM. Commissioner Riech seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.