

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Macon County Office Building
141 S. Main Street, County Board Room #514
Decatur, IL 62523**

October 28, 2021 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Little, Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Kristen Larner
Jason Comer
Jeff Entler

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Brandi Binkley, Health Department
Greg Collins, Veterans Administration
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z
Jessie Smalley, HR
Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Helena Buckner
Jim Gresham

The meeting was called to order by Chair Little at the Macon County Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, 9/23/2021 made by Chairman Greenfield seconded by Ms. Larner and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims report was made by Mr. Entler, seconded by Mr. Greenfield and the motion carried 5-0.

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-10-21, A Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted by Stephen & Shannon Comer

Ms. Gunter explained that this is a request to allow a second residence on a property where a primary residence already exists in R-4, Single Family Residential Zoning. The property is located at 5874 Apollo Drive in Oakley Township. The Oakley Township Planning Commission and the Township Board voted to approve the special use permit. On October 6, a Public Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 in favor of approval of the special use permit with the stipulations that are stated in the resolution.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding on to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Larner. Mr. Comer abstained from voting. The motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-02-10-21, A Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted by Jill Bottrell

Ms. Gunter explained that this is request for a renewal of a special use permit allowing a pet grooming and boarding business in A1 Agricultural zoning. The property is located at 9645 Boody Road in Pleasant View Township. On October 6, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the special use permit.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding on to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Entler. Chair Little asked if the person operating this business has to be licensed or certified by the state or if they can just hang out a shingle and say bring me your dog? Ms. Gunter said they have to be licensed by the State. Lt. Scheibly said they have to be licensed by the Department of Ag. Ms. Little asked if the license issued by the Department of Ag is lost, are they still allowed to have the business or do they have to shut down? Lt. Scheibly said he thinks the Department of Ag would shut them down. Ms. Gunter agreed. Lt. Scheibly explained that it is the same process as at the Animal Control Shelter where they have to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. They come out and inspect the shelter every year and they would do the same for this type of business as well. Ms. Little asked, if the license is lost, could the business still operate? Lt. Scheibly said the Department of Ag would probably shut the business down when they pull a license. The motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Animal Control

Lt. Scheibly distributed handouts explaining the specials for October.

A one day only special for this Saturday is \$13 adoptions for everything that is in the shelter. Refreshments will be served.

The Black and Orange cat & kitten specials for the month of October ran \$20

The Spectacular event where everything was \$31 if it was not a black or orange cat or anything on Saturday's event.

Statistical reports for September for this current year and last year for comparison purposes were distributed. Most of the information is consistent from year to year. The income for this year is substantially more this year than last year and there really is no rhyme or reason to that other than the reimbursements for the specials from the Foundation. That could be that they are just getting caught up on paying for some of the specials, adoptions and donations that they pass on to the shelter.

Veteran's Assistance –

Mr. Collins reported that they are not going to be doing a Veterans Day program at the Salvation Army this year. When it was last held, a year before last, there were only about 6 people that attended. There were more veterans there than anything. The video, like the one that was done last year, will be done again this year. He encouraged anyone with family

members that are veterans that they would like to send a picture of them in their uniform or when they were in active duty or if anyone would like to say thank you, please send it to Mr. Collins and he will put the video together.

The new van has already made about 17 trips and that is going well.

Planning & Zoning – Ms. Gunter had no report

Health Department –

Ms. Binkley reported that services are still ongoing. They are working on getting the STI clinic back up and running. A partner provider is having to be relied on because the Health Department does not have their own provider. She said they are waiting to hear back from them so they can get it going again. The goal is by next July. Sooner would be better, but they have to wait on partners to do their part.

Immunization clinics have been very busy. It is the time of year when kids need their immunizations or they will be put out of school. Along with this, the regular flu vaccinations, COVID boosters and preparation for the pediatric vaccinations for ages 5 through 11 are also keeping them busy.

The digital programs, Digital Environmental Health has been put through the State’s Attorney’s office. Demos are being viewed for the electronic medical records for primarily clinical nursing right now. Hopefully they will be putting something forward soon for that. They are also really hopeful to present dental to the Board of Health next month.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving TrueBlue Service Agreement – Helmer Scientific

Ms. Binkley explained that this is a multi-year contract and they do have to put this through the Board of Health and all of the steps for full approval from the full County Board. This is just for servicing the new refrigerators and freezers. The cost for this is already in the budget that has been presented, but if things are locked in for 5 years, it does limit the amount they can increase the cost each year for this which helps keep the cost down for the Health Department. This is for calibration, maintenance of the refrigerators and freezers the vaccines will be in. That maintenance has to be done or the vaccine will not be kept correctly and thousands of dollars in vaccines could be lost.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Entler and the motion carried 5-0.

Environmental Management - No Report

Regional Office of Education – No report

Mental Health – No Report

Historical Museum – No Report

U of I Extension – No Report

CITIZEN’S REMARKS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OFFICEHOLDER’S REMARKS - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – 11/18/2021

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned by Chair Little at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Executive Secretary, Macon County Board Office