

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

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

November 18, 2021 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Little, Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Jim Gresham
Jason Comer
Jeff Entler

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Brandi Binkley, Health Department
Tracy Sumpter, Env Mgmt
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z
Jessie Smalley, HR

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Helena Buckner
Kristen Larner

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, 10/28/2021 made by Chairman Greenfield seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Claims were not available. Committee members agreed to forward the claims to the Finance Committee for approval there.

ZONING –

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-01-11-21, A Petition for Rezoning
Submitted by T & G Land Company***

Ms. Gunter explained that this is a request for rezoning approximately 12.91 acres from R-1, Single Family Residential Zoning to B-1, Neighborhood Shopping Zoning. The property is located at 814 N. Moffet Lane in Decatur Township. On November 3, 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 rezoning. Chairman Greenfield asked if there had been opposition. Ms. Gunter said no. Chair Little asked about the location. Ms. Gunter said it is near 36, just after you go over the RR tracks, turn on the little lane and it goes back there.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve forwarding on to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Entler. The motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Animal Control

Lt. Scheibly was unable to attend the meeting, but statistical reports were distributed.

Veteran's Assistance –

Mr. Collins was unable to attend the meeting. There was no report.

Planning & Zoning – Ms. Gunter had no report

Health Department –

Ms. Binkley reported that things are moving along. The new Dentist has been fully implemented to replace the old Dental Director. That is going really well and they are excited that they were able to get somebody on board. A lot of the year end stuff is being wrapped up throughout all of the departments and they are getting ready for the new calendar year. The annual report will be coming out after the first of the year and it will be sent to all of the EEEHW committee members. Contact Tracing with COVID - the numbers are going up again. The State is watching to see if that is a surge again or not. That is being watched closely. Things are getting busier. There are more cases in children now than there have been before. We, the entire state, & most of the Country are all in high transmission for COVID right now. As far as mass vaccinations, the peds age 5 – 11 year old group started this week and there have been a lot of people that have come in. The Health Department was able to open up more spots to serve them today.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY21 and FY22 Health Fund Budget for Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation

Ms. Binkley explained that they had mentioned during budget time that they had applied for a Delta Dental grant that had been secured in previous years. They have found out that they did get it again. They actually got more than expected, which was great news.

FY21 is revenue only because that expense was already in the budget. FY22 was not put in the budget since it was not known if the grant would be received or not. It ended up being \$133,000. The \$100,000 will cover the dentist salary and the additional \$33,000 will be added to help cover the additional staff which was there before, but with COVID and some of the temporary layoffs that had to be done in the Dental clinic, some staff was lost. They are now trying to build the staff back up and have been able to secure the funding to do that.

Mr. Gresham 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.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Fuse Agreement for Macon County Health Department Dental Division

Ms. Binkley explained that the State's Attorney's office has looked at this because it is a newer organization that is being contracted with for dental clinic software. This is cloud based

software. It is something that has been needed for a while. Part of the Delta Dental Grant will cover the cost of this cloud based software. Mr. Baggett made 2 small changes which were asking the company, Patterson Dental, to change that it would be following Illinois Law rather than Minnesota Law. Those changes were made. Patterson was agreeable to that.

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 -

Ms. Sumpter reported that the last collections of the season were held in September. The Recycle Center is now clean and ready to be closed up for the winter months with the exception of the paint drums to be picked up in late December. That is due to driver shortages. Totals from the collections have been included in the report that was distributed. Also included in the report information is an explanation of how electronics are recycled after leaving our facility. The paint & electronic collections will start back up in April. The Christmas Light collection will begin December 6 and will run through the end of January. Mr. Gresham asked if that was just a drop off. Ms. Sumpter confirmed saying that they would be putting a container outside the recycle center for people to put them in.

Chair Little asked if the collected paint is offered up for sale. Ms. Sumpter explained that they do not sell it, but if people are interested in coming out and looking at it when the guys are out there processing it, they just give it away.

Regional Office of Education – No report

Mental Health – No Report

Historical Museum – No Report

U of I Extension – No Report

CITIZEN'S REMARKS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – 12/16/2021

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

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