

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

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

February 25, 2021 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Little, Chair
Jim Gresham
Jeff Entler
Kevin Greenfield

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control
Tracy Sumpter, Env Mgmt
Gregg Collins, Veterans Administration
Jessie Smalley, HR
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Helena Buckner (joined @ 5:35 p.m.) Brandi Binkley, Health Dept

MEMBERS ABSENT

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 meetings, 1/28/2021 meeting, made by Chairman Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

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

ZONING - none

SUBDIVISIONS - none

REPORTS

Animal Control

Lt. Scheibly reported on shelter statistics for January 2021 and January 2020 as a comparison. The reports are fairly consistent. The numbers at the shelter were still extremely low. Today, there were 4 adoptable dogs on the floor. The numbers continue to be low. The cat numbers continue to be low. Adoptions continue to be about the same. Everything is status quo.

The Valentines special was for \$40 adoptions for the month of February. Next month, in lieu of St. Patrick's day, the special will be St. Patrick's Day. From Saturday, March 14th through Saturday, March 21st, there will be half price adoptions on all cats.

Mr. Entler asked if the special would be advertised. Lt. Scheibly explained that it is put on the Facebook page, the Foundation's Facebook page and the weekly Friday event with WAND will put a plug in for it as well.

Chairman Greenfield commented that with no more animals than there currently are, he would assume the place is spic-n-span and asked if that was correct. Lt. Scheibly said yes and they are taking advantage of the low numbers. There is one room that has been closed down for months. They are able to get in and deep clean. That helps for when the summer months come and the facility fills up making it difficult to get in there and clean. He said they are definitely taking advantage of the times when the numbers are low.

Mr. Gresham asked about the 60% increase in income shown on the report. Lt. Scheibly explained that that is where several payments came in from the Foundation where they reimburse for the specials that are run like February's \$40 adoptions. Normally, the adoptions are \$75. The Foundation picks up the difference. A lot of the difference in the income figures are a result of the Foundation reimbursing the shelter for those specials or for vaccines that they provide and things like that.

Veteran's Assistance – No report

Planning & Zoning – No Report

Health Department –

Ms. Binkley reported on the various departments, saying that recently the reports have been focused on COVID.

Starting Point, the Aging and Disability Resource Center, has had a big change in that extra funding has been obtained to assist seniors and people with disabilities. Some of those things specific to COVID and some that are broader.

WIC & Family Case Management had a review today that went very well. The State even had someone from another area join so that they could watch because some of our programs have been determined to be model representations of what should be being done in those programs. That was pretty cool!

The Dental Division had been shut down for a little bit last spring, but they are now open and running. They are not only seeing patients in clinics, but they are also continuing to hold hospital days for the patients that need more involved care than can be given in the clinic.

Ms. Binkley said they have found out that the Health Promotion & Public Relations has again secured being able to take the Teen Pregnancy & STI Prevention programming into DPS. That is very exciting. All of that program has been held virtually this year, which has been great. It was definitely a challenge but wonderful that DPS has worked with the Health Department and now is inviting it back again for next year.

Administration has been adopting the new accounting software that the County has been adopting. The Health Department has also adopted the time clock part of that program. It will be going live in March. That is pretty exciting and a big change. It is something that will make the Health Department even more accountable with their numbers and the time that people spend with each grant that they are working on.

Nursing updates include the continuation of administering the vaccine. There were some significant delays due to the weather, but now the second doses have been received and everyone that were due last week and this week have been taken care of. Hopefully, there will be an increase in vaccines soon. But it's getting back on track.

Ms. Binkley said they heard from the State this past week, that the Macon County Health Department is a model Health Department in the vaccine distribution and administration. Also, in the Contact Tracing Program adopted last summer, the Macon County Health Department is one of the top ten health departments in contact tracing in the entire state when it comes to meeting the state's metric target. In health departments comparable to our size, we are in the top 2 or 3 in the entire state.

Emtrack has been adopted, which is an online registration portal for the COVID vaccination appointments. That is a partnership, not just with nursing, but also IT. That is exciting because it can move people through more quickly. Everything is automatically uploaded into the State's reporting system. Spots are still reserved for the 65 and over population as well as some really great improvements in the phone system. Phone operators are answering the phones Monday through Friday and returning all voice mails and emails daily. Now, everybody that does not have computer access can easily call and get an appointment. Ms. Binkley said they are no longer experiencing those surges in calls for the website anymore because they are just not doing it that way. So, some of those kinks have been worked out and everything seems to be going well.

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing Donation or Disposal of Surplus Property by the Macon County Health Department

Ms. Binkley explained that the purpose of the resolution was to ask for permission to donate some refrigerators and a freezer they have. Other county departments have been reached out to and some were taken. There are just a few left that permission to donate is requested.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve made by Chairman Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Entler and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

***Environmental Management –
Macon County Board Resolution Approving Lease Renewal at 1710, 1750 & 1760 N 21st Street, between the Wicker Real Estate Trust And Macon County Environmental Management***

Ms. Sumpter explained that it is a one year lease and there were no changes made from last year to this year.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve made by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Sumpter reported on the 2020 recycling box summary showing the breakdown by municipality of their weight and shared expenses which went into effect last year. This year is year 2 of the intergovernmental agreement to which they pay 33% of the total program cost incurred for the year 2020. Next year and every year following, they will be responsible for 50% of the costs.

The 2020 Christmas light collections and electronics collections results were also distributed.

Chairman Greenfield asked about the 2021 collections. Ms. Sumpter explained that they will start back up in April and scheduling will begin in March.

Regional Office of Education – no report

Mental Health – no report

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

CITIZEN'S REMARKS –

There were no remarks submitted via email prior to the meeting
There were no citizens present to make comments.

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – 3/25/2021

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made & seconded & the meeting was adjourned by Chair Little at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office