# EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL18, 2013 5:30 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

## **COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Chair Tim Dudley
Jerry Potts

Kevin Greenfield

Kevin Meachum

Patty Cox Phil Hogan

Merv Jacobs

Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt Jay Dunn, Board Chairman

Kathy Powless, Veterans Assistance Jeannie Durham, Board Office

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

## **MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting 3/21/13, was made by Jerry Potts seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 7-0.

## **CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Kevin Meachum, and motion carried 7-0.

## **ZONING**

None

### **SUBDIVISIONS**

None

#### **REPORTS**

Veterans Assistance

Kathy Powless had no report.

#### Planning & Zoning

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement during a disaster or extreme emergency between Long Creek Township and the County of Macon

Jennifer Hoffman reported that this agreement will provide the option for the Planning & Zoning and County Offices to move to the Long Creek Township building and rent a room from them during the relocation period so service to the public can be continued in case of a disaster or extreme emergency. This came about as part of the Business Continuity Plan that is being done by EMA. Mr. Greenfield commented that there would not be a rent charge.

Motion to approve made by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Jerry Potts and motion carried 7-0.

Chair Dudley thanked Mr. Greenfield for helping the county out.

## Health Department

No report.

#### **Animal Control**

Lt. Jeff Scheibly presented the March, 2013 report. He stated that the shelter is, as always, busy. They are gearing up for the ASPCA Challenge which starts in June. There are a lot of different activities planned so that as many animals as possible will get adopted.

Patty Cox asked how many dogs and cats there were at the kennel. Lt. Scheibly answered that there are 292 kennels and at the present time there are a few more dogs than cats, which is unusual. Kevin Greenfield questioned how many empty kennels there were. Jeff said maybe a dozen.

## **Environmental Management**

Laurie Rasmus reported that on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., an electronics collection will be held. It will be the third one day event with these partners which include Advance Disposal (formerly Veolia), ATR, & Progress City at Richland. The Northeast Community Fund and Central Illinois Christians in Mission have also been invited to collect food & clean bedding items for their missions.

The Rain Barrel sale is continuing. 10 have been sold in the last 3 days with the rain. So far, 15 have been sold year to date. They will be sold at the electronics event also.

Laurie reported that she will be giving a presentation on rain barrels and how they are used on May 3 at the Old House Workshop.

Tim Dudley asked how the new location was working out? Laurie reported that they have moved into the new recycling center. There was a paint collection on Wed, 4/17 where about 45 cars were serviced. Quite a bit of paint per person was brought in for a total of 8 or 9 pallets of paint collected. Tim added that the rain barrels could probably be well marketed right now with the rains.

Jerry Potts asked about the new sign for the new location. Laurie explained that the Highway Dept had made the metal, reflective sign approx. 3' wide x a little longer. They also have clings in the windows and programs going on at that location. Jerry requested clarification on the actual address for the new location. Laurie said the actual address is 1750 N. 21<sup>st</sup> St which is between Locust and Garfield on 21<sup>st</sup> Street on the East side. Tim explained that it is south of Bodine Electric, next to Midwest Overhead Door. Turn W at Debbie's Diner, go one block then turn N on 21<sup>st</sup> and it's right there.

## Regional Office of Education

No report

### Citizen's Remarks

Michelle Huttes reported on the Foundation's projects. They are proceeding with the Cat addition. In 2 to 3 weeks, they will publish for bids. It is left in the paper for 3 weeks. They are still fundraising for the addition.

They recently assisted the shelter become part of the Pets for Patriots Program which is a national program. For a long time, the Foundation has paid the adoption fee for veterans, but now, as part of the Pets for Patriots Program, they get \$150 coupon for a pet store and discounts with local veterinarians.

Lots of events in the last couple of weeks and coming up this Saturday at the 48 Inn a Senior Pet Adoption event will be held.

On May 3, they are partnered with Milliken and the Carriage House Press for a fundraiser.

Randy and Beth, two of our most loyal volunteers who are present here tonight, are undergoing training to become certified dog trainers. Beth is also a board member. They are going to use that training to work with shelter dogs and also teach volunteers to train shelter dogs. That will make them more adoptable. Not only will we have the benefit of their expertise, but they will be teaching the rest of the volunteers too.

Chair Dudley thanked Randy & Beth for their great volunteer work.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None. Kevin Greenfield questioned if Fracking was going to be discussed. Chair Dudley explained that at the last meeting, he was just wanting to bring it out for people to understand what it is and talk about it. There is nothing moving over at the State right now. Until they decide to do something there, we'll just leave it tabled. I just wanted to bring it to everybody's attention what it was, how it worked, whether it affected Macon County or not, etc..

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

None

## **NEXT MEETING**

May 16, 2013

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry Potts made a motion, seconded by Patty Cox, the motion carried 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham Macon County Board Office