

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 15, 2013**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Tim Dudley  
Jerry Potts  
Kevin Greenfield  
Kevin Meachum  
Phil Hogan

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Mike Baggett, States Attorney Office  
Sheree Zalanka, Health Dept.  
Kris Horton, Animal Control  
Kathy Powless, Veterans Assistance  
Matt Snyder, Regional Office of Education  
Deb Garrett, Environmental Management  
Linda Little, Board Member  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Merv Jacobs  
Patty Cox

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

**MINUTES**

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve the July 18, 2013 minutes, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, motion carried 5-0.

**ZONING**

None

**SUBDIVISIONS**

Angela Sarver reported that the Planning & Zoning Director was out of town attending some training, so she would be presenting this evening.

**Oliver's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition – 1 lot minor subdivision:**

Located at the corner of Ocean Trail Road and East County Line Road, the property is commonly known as 2021 S. East County Line Road and is in Long Creek Township and involves a total of 1.41 acres. The property is zoned A-1 Agriculture. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Zoning Board of Appeals passed a variance to allow the minimum lot size of this lot to be less than 10 acres. All documents and certifications have been reviewed and signed by all entities involved. Staff recommends approval of this subdivision.

Kevin Meachum asked if this was farm property. Angie stated that it is 80 acres and he is wanting to sell off the house with the 1.41 acres. He wants to leave the grain bins. He is just selling the homestead which he has been renting out and he is getting tired of renting it and wants to sell it off. The rest of it will continue to be farmed.

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Phil Hogan, and motion carried 5-0.

**Dottie Way Addition – 2 lot minor subdivision:**

Located in Woodbine Park Prairie Estates, the property is in Mt. Zion Township and involves 5.591 acres. The property is zoned R-4 Single Family Residential. The owner wants to divide

the original lot 4 of Woodbine Park Prairie Estates into two separate lots: Lot 1 and Lot 2. All documents and certifications have been reviewed and signed by all entities involved. Staff recommends approval of this subdivision.

Kevin Greenfield asked if there are any objections from the Homeowners Association. Ron Lamb, surveyor was present to answer questions. He said the basis for this plat is to move the original Lot 32 from Woodbine Park from the original addition. It was included before, now the owner decided they did not want it included. The reason we are here is just to accept taking the original Lot 32 out of what was approved prior. We are not changing any roads or any easements. Kevin Greenfield asked if Fletcher was the owner of that lot. Mr. Lamb confirmed that Steven Fletcher is the owner of Lot 4 that is being divided. There is another owner for Lot 32. He is not part of this. No land sales or anything transpired from the original Dottie Way Subdivision. This just makes it a lot cleaner. Kevin Greenfield asked again if there were any objections. Mr. Lamb said he knew of none. Angie said there was nobody through the P&Z office. Angie clarified that subdivisions do not go through ZBA.

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Phil Hogan, and motion carried 5-0.

**CLAIMS**

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Kevin Meachum, and motion carried 5-0.

**ZONING**

None

**REPORTS**

***Veterans Assistance***

Kathy Powless had no report

***Planning & Zoning***

No report

***Health Department***

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY13 Health Fund Budget for Built Environment Project*

Sheree Zalanka reported that this project is funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health to improve walkability, bike-ability, overall physical activity and healthy living in Macon County. Health Educators at the Health Department will work with planning and installation partners to complete a workbook and establish locations for bike racks and pedestrian signage installation. It is \$62,054.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve sending on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Jerry Potts, and motion carried 5-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriation in the FY13 Health Fund Budget for DHS FY14 Grant Adjustments*

Sheree this resolution is to revise the budget to include the FY14 DHS grants that began July 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the beginning of the State's FY. The programs included are Maternal, Infant, Childhood Home Visiting, Better Birth Outcomes, and Teen Pregnancy Prevention. These are grants that they have had for several years. This is the new grant year addition.

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve sending on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Phil Hogan, and motion carried 5-0.

***Animal Control***

Kris Horton distributed the Animal Control report.

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Oreana Regarding an Animal Control Program*

Kris reported that they were approached by the Village of Oreana who has a part time contract with the Sheriff's Department like Long Creek about getting a contract to do their animal control. It is the same as the other municipalities that have part time with a slightly reduced fee schedule and they are willing to enact our ordinance and then we can enforce in their municipalities and we would get the monies from citations. They have not voted on this yet. They asked that we go ahead because their meeting is in between our EEHW and County Board meeting. They will have it approved by the time it goes to our County Board.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve sending on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Jerry Potts, and motion carried 5-0.

***Environmental Management***

Deb Garrett had no report

***Regional Office of Education***

Chair Dudley requested Mr. Snyder go ahead and present his budget at this time rather than waiting until later in the agenda.

Matt Snyder explained that the code states that under the two counties that the ROE is with, they take the EAV after exemptions and divide that out and then divide the budget out by those percentages. Our FY is July 1 to June 30, so we went ahead and offered contracts to the people in our office through the state FY. We put a county budget together and we will see what happens after June 30 of next year. After June 30, our office will be safe, we will not have issues with the office closing, but there will be some changes in what we are doing with certifications and GED testing and we may not need the staffing after June 30. We just kept all our costs the same as last year. This is actually the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that we have kept the overall costs exactly the same. Macon County's portion of that went down about \$1,600.

Kevin Meachum made the motion to pass this budget on to Finance, seconded by Jerry Potts, and the motion carried 5-0.

Tim asked Matt if everything with sales tax was going ok. Matt said yes, that money has never been late. It flows right through and we get an average of about \$800,000 a month and it is distributed out and has created a lot of jobs and a lot of projects for the district. That is the only one that we have had no problems whatsoever.

Kevin Meachum asked when the school in Macon would be done. Matt said they are waiting on some State money. Matt said he would be going there this month to do an occupancy permit and walk through with the architect. That portion is done. They are waiting on a State grant. The gym is done. There are not classrooms in Phase I.

Chair Dudley announced that he was pulling the Mental Health Board budget from the agenda as it would be presented at the September meeting.

### **Citizen's Remarks**

Shirley Stanley stated that she had her T Shirt on to promote the Tour De Paws that is this Saturday. It is a joint effort that was presented for the first time last year. It turned out to be very successful. It was at the Scovill Zoo and benefited the new wolf exhibit. This year it is with the Scovill Zoo again and benefits Splash Cove. It will be a bike ride for serious riders. And for the casual rider, there will be a little trail that goes from the Beach House out down Lake Shore Drive that has been closed and back. They will be escorted by golf carts. There will be a bounce house and demonstrations by the Sheriff's Department dogs as well as DPD and obedience demonstrations. There will be water retriever demonstrations where they throw things into the water and the dogs bring them back. We have no way of knowing how many people will come.

Before EEHW meets again, we will have another big event in partnership with the Decatur Park District to benefit the two dog parks – Fido Fields. It is called Fido Scurry and is a 5K / 1 mile walk / run with or without a pet partner. This year's these is Royal Courts and we are encouraging people to dress up themselves and their dogs as their favorite prince or princess. That will be fun.

With more and more publicity as we push to get out into the public, the animal shelter is more and more identified as the County Shelter. We've been on WAND and they've given us a lot of pro bono PSAs as has WSOY and all their stations. We are getting a lot of publicity. For the Tour de Paws, we are having motorcycle escorts. The Sheriff's Department will have 3 of their officers involved in that escort.

The Cat Colony is coming along. We are going to promote that as a way to enhance the quality of life for the cats. We are going to have a soft capital campaign. We have enough money to do that, but we want to be able to give anyone in the public who wants to be a part to be able to do so and have ownership in it. We are going to solicit donations, but it will be a totally foundation project funded by foundation money.

We are not doing very well in the ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100,000 Challenge which is really \$300,000 total. I don't know how the other shelters that are in our category do what they do. Their numbers are not even believable. There were 3 divisions and we were in the middle one. There were 10 shelters that made all the hurdles. We were one of the 10. We were like 7 or 8 and we don't stand a chance of getting any money from that. It got us a lot of fosters and it did enhance adoptions.

Adoptions have been really good. On Saturday, any black or black & white cat can be adopted for free. There are so many kittens and we are trying really hard with spay/neuter to nip that. The more we do, the more people that come to us to volunteer. There are some very strong volunteer opportunities such as professional photographers.

Kevin Greenfield asked when the plan was to have the Cat room completed. Shirley said the architectural work is being done totally pro-bono so it is difficult to push for completion. We have got the drawings. The next step is the working drawings which we need to have before it can be bid. We are hoping it will be done by Spring. It is pretty simple construction. Once it gets going, it should go pretty quickly.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

September 19, 2013

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Hogan, the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham*  
Macon County Board Office