

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 17, 2015
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Little
Matt Brown
Kevin Bird
Gary Minich
Jerry Potts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Tim Dudley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Reed, Auditor
Sgt Louann Hollon – Animal Control
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Greg Collins, Vet Administration
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Tim Haworth, Mental Health
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the August 20, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the August 31, 2015 special meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Minich made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

ZONING –

R-01-09-15 Rezoning for Blue Mound Township from (R-2) Single Family Residential Zoning to (M-1) Light Industrial Zoning

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is a petition by the Blue Mound Township for rezoning approximately 3.3 acres from (R-2) Single Family Residential Zoning to (M-1) Light Industrial Zoning. The property is located on Boody Road in Blue Mound Township.

On September 2, 2015, 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 approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Minich asked about the location. Ms. Hoffman explained that it used to be an old ball diamond. Mr. Minich asked what they were going to do with it. Ms. Hoffman explained that the Blue Mound Township already has a special use permit for it to build a shed for the road commissioners, but they didn't want to have to come back and renew it every year, so their board told them to come back and have it rezoned.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 5-0.

R-02-09-15 Rezoning for Stephen Dennis from (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning to (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is a petition by Stephen Dennis for rezoning approximately .52 acres from (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning to (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning. The property is located at 206 N. Center St. in Oakley Township.

On September 2, 2015, 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 approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS –

Betzer Second Addition is a 3 lot minor subdivision located off of Caleb Road within Whitmore Township. The subdivision includes Lot 1 (1.0 acre), Lot 2 (3.00 acre), and Lot 3 (5.23 Acres) and involves a total of 9.49 acres. The property is zoned R-4 Single Family Residential. All documents and certifications have been reviewed and signed by all entities involved. Staff recommends approval of this subdivision.

Mr. Minich made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

KenMarChelle Estates II is a 1 lot minor subdivision located off of S. Baltimore Avenue within Long Creek Township. The subdivision includes Lot 1 (1.29 acres). The property is zoned R-4 Single Family Residential. All documents and certifications have been reviewed and signed by all entities involved. Staff recommends approval of this subdivision.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Veterans Assistance –

Mr. Collins had no report.

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Planning & Zoning –

Ms. Hoffman had no report.

Regional Office of Education - No report

Environmental Management - no report

Health Department- No report

Animal Control – Budget Presentation

Ms. Horton distributed monthly reports and pointed out that in 2014, total adoptions were 112. When that happened, it was a record. It was never thought that there would be more than 100 adoptions in a month, but in looking at the 2015 report, there were 196 adoptions for the month.

Tag Revenue has been bumped up. It has gone up due to enforcement and this year is already at almost \$400,000.

Return to Owner Fees Revenue has also been bumped up based on this year's revenue.

Most of the salaries are per contract. The raises for the ones that are not per contract range from less than 3% down to less than 1%. The 3% went mostly to the kennel workers who make the lowest wages. Upper management did not get a whole 3%.

Hospitalization is standard.

Last year, the County's bid for vehicles did not come out until late, so a resolution was done and a vehicle was bought a year later resulting in two vehicles consecutively so it was taken out of the budget this year. A new vehicle is not needed this year. However, line 9040, equipment was bumped up by \$7,000 for two lift gates. Two of the big trucks have lift gates and there is a need for the other two trucks to have them because of the 500 pound deer they are picking up. This will help with back injuries. Mr. Potts asked if they had a crane to help lift them. Ms. Horton said no. They had a pulley at one time, but it did not work right. It tore the truck up. It tore the deer up. It is much easier to be able to move them onto the lift gate, lift it up, push them in.

This is right at a 3% cut. Ms. Reed explained that while the expenses went up, the revenue also went up so that made it come out better. Ms. Horton said that, as of right now, there is \$186,621.23 in the fund balance. She said they've done a pretty good job of curbing expenses and collecting revenue.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve forwarding the proposed budget on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing, seconded by Mr. Potts and the motion carried 5-0.

Mental Health-Budget Presentation

Mr. Haworth, Director of Contract Management and Residential Services for the Mental Health Board, explained that he would be presenting the budget proposal on behalf of Dennis Crowley who had gotten called away for a family medical emergency.

He explained that they are respectfully requesting that the EEHW committee recommend to the county's Finance Committee, the approval of a tax levy extension of \$2,445,594 for the Mental Health Fund. This is the same amount approved by the County Board for the last 2 years and it represents the legal maximum tax levy of \$1.5 million and allows the Mental Health Board to catch the full possible extension. More than 100% of the local tax levy goes to the annualized

funding of locally supported services. So everything that is taken in goes to services. This will enable the continuation of the funding of local services at 100% and it includes full funding for the Mental Health Court.

The Mental Health Board is not dependent on State revenue so what is going on in Springfield is not going to impact the services that are supported through the tax levy.

Mr. Minich commented that it looks like that even with the tax levy at the maximum, they were getting into the reserve funds in order to meet the outgoing last year. Mr. Haworth said they budget more than they take in because the expenditures each year have a certain amount of lapsed funds that are counted on each year but it balances out at the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Little explained that the Mental Health Board operates on the state calendar.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the proposed budget on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing, seconded by Mr. Minich and the motion carried 5-0.

Citizen's Remarks - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Closed Session – None

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting - Thursday, October 15, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. *Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham*