

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, November 17, 2016
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Linda Little, Vice Chair
Matt Brown
Kevin Bird
Jerry Potts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Minich
Grant Noland

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sgt Lou Ann Hollon, Animal Control
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Sheree Zalanka, Health Dept
Kathy Powless, VA
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt
Deb Garrett, Env Mgmt

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

MINUTES

Ms. Little made a motion to approve the October 20, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Potts and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

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

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-11-16, A Petition for the Renewal of a Special Use Permit Submitted by NFI Sales (Blake & Grant Noland)

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is for the renewal of the operation of a trailer equipment sales business with the addition of occasional vehicle service trucks sales in A1 agricultural zoning. The property is commonly located at 7770 S. Meridian Avenue in Blue Mound Township. A public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held on November 2nd and based on the finding of facts and staff recommendation, the board voted 3-0 for approval of the petition with the stipulations as described in the resolution.

Ms. Little asked if the stipulations are the same as they were on the original special use permit. Ms. Hoffman confirmed that they are with a change in the timeline. Instead of 2 years, they get 10. That is what is done for everybody.

Ms. Little asked if there had been any complaints. Ms. Hoffman said no.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Health Department-

Ms. Heyer reported that there is still flu vaccine available.

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention program is up and running. The last person for the program has been hired and they are out in the schools doing their education. In that program, not only teen pregnancy prevention, but also sexually transmitted disease, infections, & HIV prevention are discussed. They are excited about the program and the hopeful impact it can make.

The department has started to hire some people. The FY16 money has come in and so some of the positions that were lost are being filled.

Ms. Heyer said she has decided that she needs to start telling some good news stories about what they do at the Health Department. There was a situation recently where a Family Case Manager had a mom that was in crisis dealing with a couple of small children, an infant and post-partum depression. The Case Manager helped make sure the mom got to the hospital, got treatment and care and that the kids were taken care of. She stayed with the kids until a family member could get to the hospital. Those are the types of things that are done regularly that people don't know about.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY16 Health Fund Budget for Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Ms. Zalanka explained that this contract was first received in July, 2015. The first year, the award was \$50,000 and it was received again starting July 1st, 2016. At the time of budgeting, it was not clear whether it would be received a 2nd year. This resolution is to put it into the FY16 budget. The expenses are slightly more than revenue by \$3,600, so there is a small match.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY16 Health Fund Budget for Ebola

Ms. Zalanka explained this contract originally came in July, 2015 and was extended to a 2 year contract. So, the total award was \$16,400 and it was decided to spread it over 2 years. This resolution is to move a portion of the funds, \$5,881 revenue & expense into FY16.

Mr. Brown made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY16 & FY17 Health Fund Budget for Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation

Ms. Zalanka explained that this is a new grant that was received beginning April, 2016 for increasing access to hospital dentistry services to children with special needs from underserved populations. The funds are being used for contractual dentists and equipment needed for the hospital program. A portion of the revenue and expense is going into FY16 & a portion will go into FY17. The total award was \$127,531.

Mr. Bird made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY16 Health Fund Budget for Year End Additions and Clean Up

Ms. Zalanka explained that this is a lot of bucket transfers. There is a group, MIECHV, that is mainly due to there being 2 of these grants; the MIECHV Community Systems Development Grant that ended in December, 2015 and a MIECHV grant that covers home visits and coordinated intake. So, some of the expenses that were in the grant that ended were moved into the Home Visiting one.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

Animal Control –

Sgt. Hollon distributed the statistics report and offered to answer questions. There were none.

The Foster for the Holidays program is set up for people to come out and take a homeless pet home with them to see if it works out. It gives the pets a much needed break from the shelter and if they come back, they come back rejuvenated. If they are adopted through the program, it is half price.

Mental Health-no report

Veterans Assistance –

Ms. Powless reported that the Help for Heroes program that went on through WSOY on this past Friday. She said they had an inkling that it would be good sized, but it became huge. Howard Buffett matched 5x each donation, so each \$50 donation became \$250. The guesstimate is about \$112,000 in donations. Donations are still coming in and Mr. Buffett said there is no limit to what he will 5x match. It will be used for veterans that fall through the cracks. If a vet comes in and needs shoes, they can help. They will purchase McDonalds gift cards, gas cards, etc. to hand out to those in need. If a vet goes through CDL classes, but can't afford the \$175 CDL license fee, they can pay that. It is called the Ann Owens because she is the brains behind providing Help for Heroes. Ms. Powless said that she, Ms. Owens, and Greg Collins would be the committee that determines what vets get what and how it is used. The first thing they will do is buy gifts for veterans in nursing homes in Macon County for Christmas.

Chair Dudley asked Ms. Powless to thank the Howard Buffett Foundation.

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Planning & Zoning – No report

Regional Office of Education – No report

Environmental Management -

Ms. Rasmus gave an update on the waste relocation project at the County's active landfill. She started with back ground information. As part of the landfill's application for local siting for expansion, the landfill committed to exhuming waste that was within their permitted boundaries near the Sangamon River. Macon County approved the local siting of the expansion. In 2012, the IEPA granted the landfill a permit to expand. Both the vertical and horizontal expansion of the landfill has progressed. Now, the waste relocation project is near completion.

The landfill is called Valley View Landfill and it is owned by Advanced Disposal Services. It is in the Harristown Township south of Cantrell Road and west of the Highway 51 bypass just north of the Sangamon River.

The Waste Relocation Project entailed the exhumation of 700,000 cubic yards from 13 acres of Unit 1 and the construction of a flood control berm around the perimeter of the exhumation area. An outline on a map of the landfill shows that it kind of loosely resembles a map of the United States. The area known as Florida was the exhumation area. That was the 13 acres where the waste was removed and moved to the north into unit, the east margin of unit 2. The way the landfill worked is that unit 1 was the oldest section. It is believed, from records, that waste started being placed there about 1957 and stopped around 1977. The Waste Relocation Project began in 2014 with the excavation of about 4 test pits. The waste was profiled and then backfilled into the pits. Newsprint that was found is known to be from 1957 to 1977. All of that waste is now gone. It is a big hole now. They will be filling in some dirt. Chair Dudley asked if it would be reused. Ms. Rasmus said no, they are getting it away from the water. The Waste Relocation Project started in earnest in 2015, a clay berm was constructed on the east side of the north portion of unit 1 and 130,000 cubic yards of waste was removed. In 2015, the top 10 to 15 feet of the entire exhumation area was removed. They did not go down to the full depth, just the top layer. Operators made cuts across the width of the exhumation area starting in the south and progressing to the north. The exhumed waste was placed in the north section of unit one for the most part and a berm was constructed on the north section of unit one. The berm is located in the foreground next to the sediment fence.

Continuing into 2015 with Phase I, at the end of each day, and they did this in 2016 too, they would put soil on top of the areas they were cutting from so that the waste was not open overnight. The cut line was only open during daytime operations. This year, Phase II began and it consists of removing approximately 560,000 cubic yards from the exhumation area, the construction of the flood control berm and contouring the area for storm water management. Showing pictures, Ms. Rasmus explained, this year, in about July, about the same things happened that happened the previous year. There was a cut line for the removal of waste.

There were a lot of tires, a lot of plastic and an awful lot of just dirt. In August, more of the perimeter area was removed so they could start on the berm. The berm can be seen on the right and all around the perimeter of Florida. In October, a picture shows the very south end of Florida looking north, there is the exhumation area and there is a mound in the background where all of the exhumed waste is being placed. A current picture looks a little different. You can see the Unit 1 mound is completely filled in. All of the usable air space has been used up in unit 1 and there is a little left in section 2 over the crest of the hill. They do still need to do some contouring. They are going to put in about 118,000 cubic yards of dirt into that hole and get it tapered from the north and sloping down to the south. The control berm around the perimeter will hold water probably at some point during the year or in the spring. The idea is not to have a pond, but the berm is there to keep the river from flooding into that area.

What's next? Closure of the older sections. Closure of Unit 1 has to be completed by 9/1/17 per the facility's permit. At least 70%, which is a little over 43 acres of sections 1, 2 & 3 will be final filled and final cover installed by 9/1/18 per Macon County's local siting condition #6.

The last slide of the presentation showed an overview of the landfill. Looking at the US, all of Section 1, Unit 1 will be covered no later than 9/1/17 and Sections 1, 2 & 3 will be 70% covered by 9/1/18 although it is probable that they will go ahead and cover all of it because there are just little tiny areas that yet have to be filled in sections 1-4.

Section 5 is the new cell that opened this year. Ms. Rasmus will report on that at a later date.

Citizen's Remarks – none

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting - Thursday, December 15, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0. Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham