

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 15, 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

Carol Reed, Auditor
Debra Kraft, County Board member
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Dennis Crowley, Mental Health
Kathy Powless, VA
Sgt Lou Ann Hollon, Animal Control
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Deb Garrett, Env Mgmt
Tracy Sumpter, P&Z

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the August 18, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Little 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 – None

SUBDIVISIONS –

Minor Subdivision – Summer Lot 3rd Addition – 1 lot minor
Removed from the agenda

Minor Subdivision – Martin’s Wood – 2 lot minor

Ms. Sumpter explained that this is located at 10204 Cabin Road in Oakley Township. The subdivision includes Lot1, which is 9.86 acres zoned RE-5 Single Family Estate and Lot 2 which is 2 acres zoned RE-5 Single Family Estate and involves a total of 11.86 acres. 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

Planning & Zoning – No report

Health Department-

Ms. Heyer reported that it is getting close to flu vaccine time and the supply has arrived. The Director of Nursing, Carol Carlton, is working with the County Board Office and some clinics have been set up for October 4 & 5. Sign up sheets are being circulated.

Clinic hours at the Health Department for flu vaccines are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Plans are being made to schedule outside of the Health Department at sites within the community as well. Flu vaccines are \$40 for infants, children through adult. The high dose vaccine for persons over 65 is \$55. Pneumonia vaccines are also available for people over 65 who have not had it before or people with chronic health conditions. It is \$115. The Prevnar 13, the pneumonia vaccine that has more coverage for different strains of pneumonia, is \$205 for persons 65 or older. Medicare will cover for one of those doses and will pay for the flu shot every year.

Ms. Heyer said they are working with the District 61 schools in getting kids the immunizations they need for school. There are still over 700 kids in the district that have not gotten their shots yet. There are going to be some changes to the Vaccine for Children program in that kids on the All Kids plan, IDPH & HFS are saying that those kids are no longer going to be covered under the Vaccine for Children program as of October 1st. She said they are trying to get the word out to the schools and parents that they need to get their kids in before October 1st if they are covered under the All Kids plan or the vaccines are going to be substantially higher after the 1st. Some special expanded clinics have been scheduled for September 26, 27, 28 & 29 all day long except over the lunch hour to try to get those kids immunized and up to date on their shots.

There are still positive West Nile Mosquito batches coming in. 55 batches have tested positive so far this season. That is actually down from last year when there were 108 positive batches that tested positive. But, it is still the time of year when you could get bitten by a mosquito and come down with it. Preventative measures are still needed such as mosquito repellent, proper coverage, getting rid of standing water, etc. Mr. Potts asked about the symptoms of West Nile. Ms. Heyer said it can be a lot like the flu symptoms which are achiness, fever, chills, stiff neck, etc. If it goes into encephalitis like illness, there can be dizziness, confusion, really bad stiff neck, nausea, vomiting and more neurological symptoms. That is seen more in the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Unfortunately, with West Nile virus, there is not a lot that can be done except supportive care, staying hydrated, pain management, etc. People that are really severe are usually hospitalized and receive fluids and monitoring.

Veterans Assistance –

Ms. Powless reminded everyone that Veterans Day is Friday, November 11 and this year, the festivities will be at the Masonic Temple. It will also most likely be there next year as well. Hopefully, it will go back to the Civic Center after that. Ms. Powless explained that everywhere they've checked into has been booked solid.

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Regional Office of Education – no report

Animal Control –

Sgt. Hollon first presented their statistics noting that most of them are down. Several specials are currently in progress to try to help with the numbers in the shelters.

The Clear the Shelters was September 10th. It was a huge success with 22 adoptions.

Fido Scurry is September 24th. Information with details was distributed.

Budget Presentation

A lot of restructuring has been done in the last year. The veterinarian left in December, 2015 and new one was not hired until May, 2016. During that time they had to make sure that they were transporting animals where they needed to go trying to give all the vets in town some of the business and getting the vets to come to the shelter when needed for bite animals, etc.

The Chief Warden left and Kris Horton has absorbed that position. She still handles certain Director duties, but the Director position has been taken out.

Sgt. Hollon said they have been very diligent in saving over the past couple of years. A fund balance sheet has been included in the packet. The budget shows a \$32,000 deficit, but \$95,000 that had been received each year from the general fund has been cut. That is about a 7½% cut. The fund balance will be used to cover deficits.

With the new vet, a kennel worker was added. That is a lot cheaper than a vet tech. She was happy with that and uses the vet tech when she is there part time. She is a part time worker and does not get county benefits. When she is there, an assistant is needed.

Chair Dudley asked if raises are included in the budget. Sgt. Hollon confirmed that there are, explaining there is a contracted 3% raise for kennel workers and wardens, Kris Horton did not receive a raise, Sgt. Hollon received a contractual 2% raise. Chair Dudley clarified that everybody got a raise except Kris. Sgt. Hollon confirmed. Sgt. Hollon was asked why Kris was not included in the raises. Sgt. Hollon said she was not privy to that information.

Chair Dudley made a motion to amend the budget and forward it on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing to include a 2% raise for Kris Horton, seconded by Mr. Bird. Ms. Little explained that she would vote to forward the amended proposal on, but cautioned that when it gets to Finance, it may not fly because in other departments, non-contractual raises although not 100% across the board, but for a large part, have not been given raises. Chair Dudley said he did not disagree with Ms. Little, but the Animal Control is covering with their fund balance and they have made the cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Mental Health – Budget Presentation

Mr. Crowley announced that he had the privilege to present the Mental Health Board's tax levy request to this committee for the 28th year in a row. By statute, the County Board has two functions in relationship to the Mental Health Board's quasi unit of county government, that is

to appoint the 9 board members and to approve the tax levy. The statute gives authorization for them to do their own budget. The board is requesting that this committee recommend to the finance committee a tax levy extension of \$2,445,594. This is the same amount that the County Board has approved for the last 4 years. This will be the 5th year. This would mean that a property tax payer in Macon County of a house assessed at \$120,000 would pay \$60 into the mental fund which is the identical amount they would have paid in calendar year 2008. He said they are at their legal maximum which is \$1.5 million. He went on to explain the contents of the packet that had been distributed to the committee members including a letter, objectives, a summary of the current FY budget, information on the government wide fund balance & the fund balances that go into the government wide fund balance, a list of Mental Health Board members & a list of staff with their salaries plus information on which salaries are supported by the local levy vs other funds that come in. This year's budget that was approved by the Mental Health Board contained the potential for a 1% raise for all staff.

Ms. Little made a motion to approve, seconded by Chair Dudley and the motion carried 5-0.

Environmental Management - Budget Presentation

Ms. Garrett reported that she was back again, had no changes since finance, and offered to answer questions. Chair Dudley asked Ms. Garrett to hit the highlights of the cuts that had been made. Ms. Garrett said it was \$50,000 which was transferred to the fund. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bird, and the motion carried 5-0.

Citizen's Remarks – none

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting - Thursday, October 20, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham