

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
March 23, 2017
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Jerry Potts
Debra Kraft
Matt Brown
Helena Buckner, Vice Chair

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jay Dunn, County Board Chairman
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt
Kathy Powless, VA
Sgt Lou Ann Hollon, Animal Control

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Rachel Joy

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

MINUTES

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

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

ZONING – none

SUBDIVISIONS – none

REPORTS

Planning & Zoning – no report (excused)

Veteran's Assistance –

Ms. Powless showed a coat like the ones they've been purchasing for the Vets that they truly love.

Chair Dudley asked Ms. Powless to remain in front of the room and read a letter that had been sent to the County Board office.

I would like to commend the work of Kathie Powless, Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission. I am a Vietnam combat veteran, 1965-1966, and have disabilities brought on by serving in an area treated with Agent Orange. Kathie helped file a disability claim for me in 2010. She knew which forms to use, how to fill them out, and where to send them. When my disability progressed, she again provided the help I needed to file for an increase in disability assistance. I found her to be

extremely helpful, very knowledgeable about the V.A. programs, and a true advocate for me as a veteran.

Macon County is fortunate to be served by Kathie Powless. She is such a competent and dedicated Veteran's advocate.

Very truly yours,

*Gary Likins
Vietnam Veteran*

Chair Dudley went on to thank Ms. Powless for all she does and commented on how nice it is to get such a great letter.

***Environmental Management -
Macon County Board Resolution Approving Lease Renewal at 1750 N. 21st Street, between
Karen Wicker and Wicker Family Trust and Macon County Environmental Management***

Ms. Rasmus explained that this is an agreement so the Environmental Management Department could continue to lease space for the recycling center at 1750 N. 21st St. She said that a resolution is necessary because the proposed agreement varies from the existing agreement. First, the landlord name has changed to Karen Wicker and the Wicker Family Trust from Fred Wicker who recently passed. It is for a 3 year period rather than a 1 year period. An option for an additional year's lease at the same terms was removed. Lastly, language was added that addresses signs.

Ms. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Mr. Potts to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval.

Health Department – no report (excused)

Animal Control –

Sgt Hollon distributed a statistics report and offered to answer questions. She went on to point out that there are currently 42 cats, 41 dogs & 1 rabbit at the shelter. 84 total animals is very good. It usually runs about 150 or more.

The only special going on right now is the cat special till the end of the month @ \$25.

Mental Health-no report

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Regional Office of Education –no report

Citizen's Remarks – none

OLD BUSINESS - none

Chair Dudley updated the committee members on the wind farm. It is moving along. They are pouring a few more footings and will actually be starting bringing in and assembling the cranes to install the turbines. The first one is going up close to the highway, so people should be seeing things happening soon.

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – April 27, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried 5-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham