

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
May 25, 2017
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Helena Buckner, Vice Chair (arrived @ 5:36 p.m.)
Debra Kraft
Matt Brown (arrived @ 5:31 p.m.)
Rachel Joy
Jerry Potts

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Tracy Sumpter, P&Z
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Matt Snyder, ROE
Jay Dunn, Board Chairman
Deb Garrett, Env Mgmt
Sgt. Hollon, Animal Control

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland

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

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the April 27, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 4-0.

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 –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-02-05-17, A Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted by Brett Thompson

Ms. Sumpter explained that this is for installation of a certified kitchen for the production of pepper sauces, jellies and salsas for potential market sale. The property is commonly located at 4485 N. Oakley Road in Oakley Township.

The Oakley Planning Commission met on 4/17/17 and recommended approval. Oakley is the only township in the county with their own planning commission.

The ZBA hearing was held on 5/3/17 and based on finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 to approve with stipulations as listed on the resolution.

Staff recommended a 2 year period for stipulation #11. The ZBA amended it to a 3 year to give time to build the kitchen.

Petitioners were present. Chair Dudley asked if they would have any problems complying to the stipulations. They did not.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 5-0.

Chair Dudley thanked the petitioners saying small businesses are appreciated in Macon County.

SUBDIVISIONS - None

REPORTS

Regional Office of Education –

Mr. Snyder gave a quarterly report. Everything at the Regional Office is going well. There are no concerns. They are in the same situation they are in every year where they are waiting for state money. They are grant funded and are trying to spend money in the grants because the grants run out June 30. Yet, the money has not been received, so it puts them in a difficult situation where they are forced to spend money they do not have. Fortunately, they have a little in reserve to carry some programs.

It has been a great year at Futures. They had the largest graduation they've ever had with about 90 graduates. There were 37 in the 4th quarter, which is the largest amount ever for a quarter. Futures is the alternative high school.

Good things are going on at the Tec Academy with both of the major programs there.

The Pregnancy Program is going well. A couple of girls graduated out of that this year.

Chair Dudley asked if everything was flowing well with the sales tax. Mr. Snyder said that money has never been an issue. It comes in every month and is gotten out to the schools. Construction has been going on. Sangamon Valley was the last one where they just built a Science Lab using that money.

Animal Control

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Macon County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Division to Enter into an Agreement with Hill's Pet Nutrition Sales, Inc.

Sgt. Hollon explained that they would get a considerable cost savings of about \$10,000 by getting the food through them.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 6-0.

Sgt. Hollon distributed the statistics reports for April, 2017 & 2016. She explained that the income varies from year to year because it is all dependent on when the checks come in and get deposited.

Celebrating Pets & Patriots is Saturday, June 24th from 12 to 4 p.m. That is usually when the pet birthday party is held, but this year they wanted to do something special with the vets.

There will be a flag ceremony, a photo op for veterans with their adopted shelter pets & probably some specials. She said they'd love to see everyone there.

Chair Dudley commented that he had attended the fundraiser at the Beach House on a perfect evening and things seemed to go well there. He thanked them for all they are doing.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Veteran's Assistance – no report

Environmental Management -

Ms. Rasmus reported on the Electronics Collection held April 21st & 22nd at the Civic Center. This is the first collection in which the newly launched registration system was employed. The registration system was introduced to provide a better customer experience by assigning appointment times. During registration, fees were collected for TV's & monitors to help with the costs associated with sponsoring such a collection. During the event, it was apparent that the appointment times allowed customers to quickly move through the check in and unloading zones. 624 attendees were served during the 2 day event resulting in the collection of 85,000 pounds of electronics filling 4 semis. The department is extremely appreciative of the excellent service received from the Macon County Probation Department. Ten Probation Officers ran the unloading zone directing traffic, interacting with customers and overseeing the 60 community service workers that they brought in each day of the event. Ms. Rasmus went on to express appreciation for the delivery of cones and barricades by the Macon County Highway Department. The next collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th at the Decatur Civic Center again. She encouraged everyone to let people know about the event and get registered for it.

Chair Dudley said it looked like things went really well as he watched from afar. It looked organized. He thanked them for all they do.

Ms. Garrett added that on the flyer, there is a household hazardous waste collection they had received word on that will be in Clinton & DeWitt County. The state does not fund these very often and she said her office has been trying to get one for about 8 years. She asked that everyone share the information because there won't be another opportunity like this in this area for a while.

Health Department –

Ms. Heyer reported that things are going well considering, like the ROE and some others, they are still waiting on state funding.

All of the case managers and nurses are going to be going through mental health first aid training. Like CPR, when someone has a heart attack and immediate assistance is provided, this is learning how to respond to someone that is in mental health crisis. The training, except for the book, is no cost. There is hardly a day that goes by that somebody walks into the health department in some kind of a crisis. This should be very helpful to the staff.

The DPBC has ownership of the Health Department and has been doing a great job. They recently finished the painting in the main waiting room. It is beautiful. They will soon be putting in new flooring in that room. She invited everyone to stop by and see it. The yard and grounds look fantastic too.

Ms. Heyer explained that Chair Dudley had been on the Board of Health for about 6 years and recently resigned. She said that they had not had opportunity to thank him, so in an expression of appreciation for the years of guidance and support to the Health Department, presented him with a token of appreciation. Chair Dudley thanked her and said the county is very lucky to have the Health Department. They always rise to the occasion as the many challenges present themselves. He said gaining the PBC and hiring Ms. Heyer were huge accomplishments.

Mental Health-no report

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Citizen’s Remarks – none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – June 22, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Potts, seconded by Ms. Kraft, the motion carried 6-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Sumpter / Jeannie Durham