

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
September 28, 2017 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sgt. Hollon, Animal Control
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Laurie Rasmus, Environmental Mgmt

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland

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

MINUTES

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the August 24, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Buckner and the motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 6-0.

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-01-09-17, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by T R of Decatur

Ms. Gunter explained that the R-01-09-17 petition filed by T R of Decatur for rezoning of approximately 1.31 acres from A1 Agricultural zoning to R1 Single Family Residential zoning. It is commonly located along Route 121 in Mr. Zion Township. On September 6, 2017, a Public Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 4-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Joy and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-02-09-17, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by TR of Decatur

Ms. Gunter explained that the R-02-09-17 petition filed by T R of Decatur for rezoning of approximately 6.74 acres from R1, Single Family Residential zoning to RE5, Single Family Estate zoning. The property is commonly located along Route 121 in Mt. Zion Township. On September 6, 2017, a Public Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 4-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-03-09-17, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by TR of Decatur

Ms. Gunter explained that the R-03-09-17 petition filed by T R of Decatur for rezoning of approximately 7.45 acres from A1, Agricultural zoning to RE5, Single Family Estate zoning. The property is commonly located along Route 121 in Mt. Zion Township. On September 6, 2017, a Public Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 4-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Ms. Kraft asked about the location. Ms. Gunter pointed it out on the map.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Buckner and the motion carried 6-0.

SUBDIVISIONS –

Farrellawn Estates Fourth Addition – 3 lot minor

Ms. Gunter explained that this is a 3 lot minor located in Mt. Zion Township. The owners are JAB Firehouse, LLC – Jack Bodine and T R of Decatur. This property is located off of Route 121 and is zoned R1 Single Family Residential and RE5, Single Family Estate. Lot 1 is 12.19 acres, Lot 2 is 2.32 acres and Lot 3 is 2.0 acres for a total of 16.51 acres. The Village of Mt. Zion has approved the subdivision. Staff has reviewed all of the documents and recommends approval.

Ms. Gunter used the map to explain that they did the rezonings. The lady wants to have horses on Lot 1, so it had to go to RE5, Single Family Estate zoning. Lot 2 is R1 and serves as a buffer. Lot 3 will be a buildable lot.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Joy and the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Planning & Zoning –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Increase in Fee Schedule for Cell Towers and Special Use Permit Fees for Solar Farms

Ms. Gunter explained that cell towers will go to \$25 per foot versus the cost of the project. For example, if you have a 250' tower that costs \$150,000 to install, the old fee would be \$1,150. At \$25 per foot, the new fee would be \$6,250. There are not too many cell towers, but there are couple coming up. This is a standard fee that a lot of the other counties have already established. She explained that by attending the association meetings, she is able to compare our fees to other counties and this is one that she would like to see increased. The solar farm

special use permit fee would be a flat fee set at \$5,000. A lot of other counties are doing solar farm ordinances and that is the standard fee that is being used.

Chair Dudley asked if we have a solar farm ordinance. Ms. Gunter said it is at the State's Attorney's Office waiting for approval.

Ms. Buckner made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 5-1 with Mr. Potts voting no.

Veteran's Assistance No report

Environmental Management –

Ms. Rasmus reported that they had attended the Senior Rama on 9/8/17 at the Decatur Civic Center. It was attended by over 1,000 senior citizens of Macon County. She said they had a display explaining how to dispose of medicines, handed out flyers, and spoke with people about disposal of medicine and many other topics. She said they enjoyed getting to know some of the senior population in the county and getting to know more about what their needs are. It was a really good event for them to attend.

Ms. Rasmus shared a flyer that was handed out at the Farm Progress Show to exhibitors as part of their check in information so they would know about what recycling services were available during the show. The back of the flyer has data about this year's and past shows and amounts that have been collected. In terms of total tonnage, this year was very productive with a couple more tons than in 2015 & 2013.

The Valley View Landfill is the county's only active landfill. There is a 21.8 acre area that has received its final cover, so it will soon be seeded and that will mark completion for that area of the landfill. Cell 2 is a newly constructed area of the horizontal expansion area that was just completed a couple of days ago. Now, the landfill has applied to the IEPA for their permit so they can begin putting waste in there. That is about a 90 day process.

The small scale electronics collections are continuing. They are being done at the 1750 N. 21st Street location. They have been very successful. There are about 75 to 80 cars or customers that come through per day and the average is about 1 ½ TVs per person. Well over 100 TVs are collected each day there is a collection. The average weight of a TV or Monitor is 76 pounds. There are still a lot of really large TVs out there, but she said they are getting them through their system.

Health Department

Ms. Heyer reported that the flu vaccine is now in. It is recommended that as soon as the flu vaccine arrives, they start giving it. There is also vaccine available for 6 months up to adults. There is an open, walk in clinic at the Health Department on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. each of those days. The cost, without insurance, is \$40. Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance are accepted. The high dose flu vaccine that is recommended for over age 65 is also available. That is also covered by Medicaid.

Plans are in place for Bed Bug trainings that will be held on October 3. She distributed flyers and asked everyone to share the information. The training is intended for concerned citizens, landlords, tenants, client service providers, social service providers, etc.. This has been a collaboration of many partners within the community that have been impacted by the bedbug problem. There are 80 people signed up for the a.m. session and 20 or 30 so far for the afternoon session. It is free and will be held in the theater at the Civic Center. The two sessions are from 10 to 12 and from 4 to 6 p.m. The speaker is Ruth Kerzee. She is an expert on pest control. She is with Midwest Pesticide Action Center. She is a very good speaker.

Animal Control

Sgt. Hollon distributed a statistics report. She pointed out that intakes are up. There are a lot of cats and kittens coming in. To help with that, there will be a cat special starting this Saturday, 9/30 through October 31. All cats will have all shots, be spayed or neutered, and can be adopted for only \$25.

The Clear the Shelter event went very well.

The Barn Program is also doing very well. It helps with feral cats. Local vets around town spay / neuter and then people in the county that have barns can get the cats so they can live there and run free in their barns.

Regional Office of Education No report

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 – October 26, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham