

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 21, 2017 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Grant Noland  
Rachel Joy  
Kevin Meachum

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Sgt Reynolds, Animal Control  
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept  
Kathy Powless, VA  
Kris Horton, Animal Control  
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt  
Nick Burge, Env. Mgmt  
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 November 16, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown 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** – None

**SUBDIVISIONS** – None

**REPORTS**

**Planning & Zoning** – No Report / Excused

**Veteran's Assistance**

Ms. Powless reported that they've been giving lots away. The gift cards for the Vets for food, there was a party last Friday for the Help for Heroes Vets who had received help, the VFW had asked for 50 names for Christmas Baskets and they've been passing those out for the past week.

Chair Dudley thanked Ms. Powless for her work on the Pearl Harbor event. He said it was very good.

**Environmental Management** –

Ms. Rasmus gave a summary of the 2017 electronics collections along with an outlook for the coming years. In 2017, the main goal was to optimize customer service which was done in a couple of ways. The appointment system was introduced which eliminated wait times during collection events. More collection events were held on a smaller scale. The number of

collection days was increased from 2 to 10. During the 10 events in 2017 over 187,000 pounds of electronics were collected including 2,000 televisions and monitors.

Looking forward, the demand for the program is expected to increase. For 2018, significant increases in costs are expected for electronics recycling. However, new legislation goes into effect in 2019 when the costs are expected to level off or perhaps decrease.

Many people are expected to find themselves with unwanted TVs or electronic devices after the holiday, so something different is going to be attempted. Starting in January, when the weather is unpredictable, pop-up electronic events will be held. When a stretch of good weather is in the forecast, emails blasts & Facebook posts will be used to let people know that there will be a pop-up event held. Since not everybody has email and / or social media, a regular schedule and more traditional means will return in the spring (around April).

Mr. Potts asked how many TV's we are paying the \$15 fee for. You are charging \$10, but we are paying \$25. Ms. Rasmus said that her costs for recycling in 2017 was \$15, so for TVs & Monitors, our customer paid \$10 or 2/3 of the cost for recycling that TV and the Environmental Management Department paid 1/3. Mr. Potts asked how much we paid. Ms. Rasmus said expenses for 2017 were \$33,159. That does not include full time staff or basic overhead. Mr. Potts asked if Ms. Rasmus expected that figure to go down. Ms. Rasmus said she expects it to go up in 2018 & then down in 2019. She said that 2018 will be volatile in terms of what the collectors are wanting. They are seeing this as their last opportunity before 2019. Then it will be a different system.

### **Health Department**

All Resolutions were reviewed by the Board of Health on Tuesday, 12/19/17.

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution Increase in Appropriations in the FY 17 and FY 18 Health Fund Budget for HIV Prevention***

Ms. Heyer explained that this is a fee for services grant that came in later in the year. The purpose is to reduce HIV transmission among those most likely to transmit and acquire HIV, to reduce disparities in HIV incidents and HIV prevention services access by risk, race, & ethnicity. The funding is broken down into four categories; fee for service, structural rebuilding, capacity building training, and training, equipment, supplies & travel, supplemental funding for additional testing & fee for services. This grant was for \$10,692.

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

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution Increase in Appropriations in the FY 17 Health Fund Budget for Starting Point***

Ms. Heyer explained that this includes 7 small grants through the East Central Illinois Area on Aging. The first one is Senior Information Services Enhanced Funding to purchase office equipment for the production and distribution of materials that bring awareness to programs

through the Coordinated Point of Entry Program. This program assists seniors to remain independent in their homes and individuals with disabilities over the age of 18 that need assistance. The next one is Medicare Improvements for Patient and Provider Act Funding through there. It is to conduct outreach activities for the Medicare Savings Program, the Low Income Subsidy Program, Prescription Coverage Available through Medicare Part D Drug Plans and to expand application assistance services. The next one is Caregiver GAP and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. This is a temporary assistance for adult caregivers providing care to older adults 60+ or to grandparents raising grandchildren 18 years and younger to help caregivers with their caregiving responsibilities. The next one is SAVVY Caregiver. This is to train families and others as they face caring for a relative or friend that has been impacted by Alzheimers or other dementia diseases. The last one is Powerful Tools to support time, mileage and other costs associated with attending the Powerful Tools caregiving training. This is something that one of the Health Department staff members provides to the community. She does a great job in providing that training. It is about caring for children with special needs and older adults with chronic health conditions. Overall revenue was \$23,652 and expenses were the same.

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

***Macon County Board Resolution Increase in Appropriations in the FY 17 Health Fund Budget for Year End Additions and Cleanup***

Ms. Heyer explained that there are a number of unexpected changes that occur throughout the year. The Health Department was also faced with the challenge of budgeting several varying grant years on the Health Department fiscal year. Appropriations were necessary in the Community Care Program and Public Health Emergency Program. Changes in the CCP Program are due to increases in referrals and fee for services revenue and increases in staff time and expense. The changes in the Emergency Preparedness are due to grant timing as this grant is on the State fiscal year. Bucket transfers are also included in the resolution. These are done between departments without increasing overall appropriations. Under the bucket transfers. For administrative contractuals, the budget was set up under administration for the contractual IT employee, but they ended up going with an IT company and did not renew the IT person's contract. Those expenses were allocated across all of the Health Department divisions. For the Starting Point Programs, the East Central Illinois Agency on Aging required the allocation of staff timing exactly to the hour. This resulted in some original budget calculations to be off and salary and fringes needed to be transferred between various grants within the Starting Point Program.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Kraft.

Mr. Potts asked if the IT company was less expensive than having an IT employee. Ms. Heyer said yes, definitely. She explained that they still have one full time IT employee. The IT contract with the individual was over \$70,000 a year and expenses have not even come close to that this year. The company is used as a backup to the full time Health Department IT

employee. It is not a contract with the full time IT employee. The contracted company backs him up if he has an issue or needs time off for vacation or illness. It has been a huge savings.

The motion carried 6-0.

**Animal Control**

Sgt Reynolds distributed statistics and offered to answer questions. He said he was happy to report that the shelter population is currently at an all time low. There are 20 dogs and 50 cats. Of those 20 dogs, 8 are eligible for adoption. This has a lot to do with the Home for the Holidays program. There are 86 pets fostered out and many will not be returned as they will be adopted by the people doing the fostering.

**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** –

Chair Dudley extended condolences on behalf of the EEHW Committee to Mr. Matt Brown on the passing of his 96 year old grandfather.

**Closed Session** – none needed

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting – January 25, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried 6-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham*