

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
September 26, 2019 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Debra Kraft, Vice Chair
Linda Little
Laura Zimmerman
Jim Gresham
Helena Buckner

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Kevin Greenfield, Board Chairman
Matt Reynolds, Animal Control
Rick Bright, DPBC Board Member
Jerry Lord, DPBC
Jon Perona, DPBC
Brandy Binkley, Health Department
Bethany, Health Department
Tracy Sumpter, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matt Brown

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

MINUTES

Linda Little made a motion to approve the 8/22/19 meeting minutes, seconded by Debra Kraft and the motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Debra Kraft made a motion to approve the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Laura Zimmerman and the motion carried 6-0.

ZONING – None

SUBDIVISIONS –None

REPORTS

Animal Control

Macon County Board Resolution Requesting Approval of Fees to be Charged by Macon County Animal Control

Sgt. Reynolds handed out statistics for the month of August. He stated they currently have a shelter inventory of 226 animals. Approximately 168 cats, 56 dogs and 2 other.

Chair Dudley asked what the “other” refers to.

Sgt. Reynolds stated it could be reptiles or birds. He stated there are about three cats for every dog in the shelter right now, which leads to the next two pages of adoption specials sponsored by the Animal Shelter Foundation. The first one is half price adoptions on all kittens and the second is called “pay what you weigh” on adult cats over the age of one year at \$1.00 per pound.

Sgt. Reynolds went on to explain the resolution. He attached their fee schedule to the resolution, which is a general price list for what they charge municipalities that do not have an animal control contract. He is asking to add to the fee list, he referred to the “after hours” dispatch fee on the list of \$25.00. Animal control has a full time dispatcher who works Monday through Friday during regular business hours. After hours, they rely on the Macon County Sheriff’s Office and Decatur Police Dispatch, the new Central IL Regional Dispatch Center, which started providing services about a year ago. Unfortunately, everyone is assessed certain dispatch charges, from the last meeting, they created a new budgetary line item of approximately \$25000.00 to account for the expense of radio fees. He is asking to add to the price list, anytime they are dispatched to a jurisdiction that does not have an animal control contract, that they assess a \$25.00 per call dispatch fee.

Linda Little asked about how often that happens.

Sgt. Reynolds stated it is pretty rare. The majority of their calls are within the City of Decatur with whom they already have a contract. It would be a rare situation but they still are assessed anytime they are called.

Jim Gresham asked if the municipalities that do not have a contract are aware of this proposal.

Sgt. Reynolds stated this is his first step, he is seeking board approval for the updated price list and he will reach out to all the municipalities in the next couple of months before the new fiscal budget year and let them know what is going on.

Linda Little made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Jim Gresham, and the motion carried 6-0.

U of I Extension -No report

Regional Office of Education - No report

Veteran’s Assistance - No report

Planning & Zoning – No report

Mental Health – No report

Environmental Management – No report

Historical Museum - No report

Health Department –

Brandy Binkley stated they should have flu vaccinations ready within the next week or so, she knows some information has come out from the County already. She stated another thing they are talking about doing are a couple of sessions for food establishment owner, all types,

permanent, temporary, seasonal etc. They invite the food establishment owners to come in and get information about the changes that have been made since the beginning of January. They are also doing a year-end review so they can see some of the common violations that have occurred and how people have been able to remediate those. These sessions will be held on October 21st at 2:00 and October 22nd at 10:00 a.m. While they are there, they will be able to schedule or hold a one on one consultation with their environmental health specialist. If they cannot do it that day or cannot come that day, they can schedule this. She stated this is something they do all the time free of charge. They can call anytime and do not have to come to the event. She invited the committee members to attend and come see the building. She stated if anyone had any questions, they could let herself or Bethany know.

Jim Gresham stated when the Health Department held their training toward the first of the year, as he recalls the turnout was very disappointing.

Brandy stated that is correct, it was less than 10% of all establishments.

Jim stated he found that shocking. He would have to say it would probably be a lot higher this time around.

Brandy stated she hopes so. If not, the staff do make themselves available and do these things all the time. She said they wanted to give them an opportunity in case they could not or chose not to attend last time.

Debra Kraft asked how often this is offered.

Brandy stated they offered it in December with the new food code starting January 1st, that was the one time they offered it. They are doing it again just because of some of the confusion and they want to make sure they are being supportive and available to the community. Something they really try to communicate is that while it seems like there are a lot of things in the media, out of all their routine food inspections, they have had less than 1% closure rate. The big majority of the food establishments are really doing things right and not having a problem. If there are some that are having problems or even people who want to be proactive, the department wants to be as available as they can. They can do an educational walk through or one on one at the health department. These are offered without a charge at all times.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding a Land Parcel Acquired and Owned by the Decatur Public Building Commission for the Benefit and use of the County

Chair Dudley asked Chairman Greenfield if he would like to present it.

Chairman Greenfield stated Chair Dudley could present.

Linda Little made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Debra Kraft.

Chair Dudley stated he had one question for Chairman Greenfield. At the end of the resolution, it states “for the benefit and the use of the County,” he stated he does know the City has something to do with this. He asked if that needed to be put in the resolution.

Chairman Greenfield stated this is just the County giving the Public Building Commission the right to give it back to the foundation. He stated he has not seen the resolution yet.

Chair Dudley stated it just says for the benefit and use of the County and he just wondered.

Chairman Greenfield stated once it goes back to the foundation, Mr. Buffett has the opportunity to do whatever he wants.

Chair Dudley stated he just wanted that to be clear.

Yeas: Dudley, Kraft, Little, Buckner

Nays: Zimmerman, Gresham

Motion carried.

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting –10/24/19

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Little, seconded by Helena Buckner, the motion carried 6-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Sumpter, Macon County Board Office