

**MACON COUNTY BOARD  
ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Macon County Office Building  
141 S. Main Street, County Board Room #514  
Decatur, IL 62523**

**March 24, 2022            5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Little, Chair  
Kevin Greenfield  
Jason Comer  
Jeff Entler

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Helena Buckner  
Jim Gresham  
Kristen Larner

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Josh Tanner, County Clerk  
Lt. Scheibly, Animal Control  
Greg Collins, VA  
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z  
Tracy Sumpter, Env Mgmt  
Jessie Smalley, HR  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, 2/24/2022 made by Chairman Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Entler and the motion carried 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims made by Mr. Entler, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the motion carried 4-0.

**ZONING –**

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-02-22, a Petition Requesting a Special use Permit Submitted by Allied Asphalt***

Ms. Gunter explained that the property is commonly located at 2104 S. Taylorville Road in South Wheatland Township.

On March 2, the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, they voted 5-0 for approval with the stipulations found in the resolution.

Chair Little asked how long the business had been at the location. Ms. Gunter said quite a while.

Chairman Greenfield questioned what the asphalt plant entailed. Ms. Gunter said he parks his trucks there but does not process asphalt there.

Motion was made to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full County Board with recommendation for approval by Chairman Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Entler, and the motion carried 4-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-01-03-22, a Petition for Rezoning Submitted by Michael A. and Diana L. Bruntjen***

Ms. Gunter explained that this is for approximately 1.72 acres from B-1 Neighborhood Shopping Zoning to M-1 Light Industrial District Zoning.

The property is located to the west of 4135 N. Bearsdale Road in Hickory Point Township.

On March 2, the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Chair Little asked what the reason for the request to rezone was. Ms. Gunter said they are wanting to put up a large grain facility or their personal farming operation. They have 3 parcels there already and they are zoned M-1. This one is zoned B-1. They want to combine them all with the same zoning and then build their operation.

Motion was made to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full County Board with recommendation for approval by Mr. Entler, seconded by Chairman Greenfield, and the motion carried 4-0.

**SUBDIVISIONS** – None

**REPORTS**

**Animal Control**

Lt. Scheibly distributed monthly statistical reports for February, 2022 & February, 2021 for comparison and explained that there is not a lot of difference between those.

Number wise, the shelter is good. The current special, in lieu of St. Patrick's Day, is St. Pups Day. The dog adoptions for the month of March are \$25. As always, the difference between that and the normal fee is made up by the Foundation reimbursements.

There will most likely be a special next month, but it has not yet been decided as to what it will be. As the weather warms up, it tends to get a little busier and the shelter tends to fill up a little more.

Chairman Greenfield asked when kitten season begins. Lt. Scheibly said it is now. There have been a few cats come in with litters already, 3 or 4. A Facebook advertisement was just done for finding barn homes for feral cats that come in. That program continues where the cats are spayed or neutered and then people take them in for barn homes.

**Veteran's Assistance –**

Mr. Collins distributed information and said he was going to start coming with information every couple of months to inform the committee what his department does.

He distributed a copy of a portion of his by-laws, the emergency assistance aspect of it. He explained how the gift cards are handed out. It used to be \$20 monthly until it got to the point where the same people were coming over and over. He said he cut it back to \$50 two times a year. They have to bring the receipt back. They can go to Dollar Tree so no cigarettes or alcohol can be purchased with it. As long as they bring the receipt back, they can come back in 6 months for another one. If they do not bring it back, they are suspended for a year.

The application is included so that it could be seen that the EVA is on there. That was raised this year as far as how much could be made while still getting assistance. With one dependent it is \$26,000, with two dependents it is \$32,000. The bill cannot be over 90 days old. That cut a lot of it out. The Veteran also has to pay 20% of the bill. Some get switched over to the charity side, but for the most part that is where the gift cards go.

Mr. Collins invited the members to the Viet Nam Veterans Recognition Day on Saturday. Approximately 200 to 400 veterans show up for that each year (except during COVID). Dinner is served. There will be give aways. Mr. Collins will be making dogtags for them.

Tuesday is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Viet Nam war and there will be ceremony at Camp Butler. Mr. Collins said he would be taking the new van over and invited anyone that would like to join them.

#### **Planning & Zoning – No Report**

#### **Health Department –**

Ms. Binkley was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following update:

All state forms have been updated for local use since the full vote to approve the ordinance at the last County Board Meeting. As of Monday, 3/14/22, every Cottage Food operator in our system was emailed with the following: information about the changes and updates; new registration form; and the Act. There were also two new potential Cottage Food Operators whom had previously contacted our Environmental Health Division and they have also received this information. As of 3/24/222, we have not yet received any applications.

#### **Environmental Management -**

Ms. Sumpter had no report

#### **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

**OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS** - None

**Closed Session** – None needed

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting – 4/28/2022

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Little at 5:50 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office*