

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

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

September 22, 2022 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Little, Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Kristen Larner
Jim Gresham

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Brandi Binkley, Health Department
Tracy Sumpter, Env Mgmt. & P&Z
Tammy Wilcox, County Administrator
Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control
Ron Atkins, Animal Control
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Helene Buckner
Jason Comer
Jeff Entler

The meeting was called to order by Chair Little at the Macon County Office Building at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, 8/25/2022 made by Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims report made by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Larner, and the motion carried 4-0.

ZONING –

Ms. Sumpter presented three resolutions that are the same but in different locations.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-03-09-22 A Petition Requesting A Special Use Permit Submitted By Nexamp Solar LLC (Oreana Solar Project)

Ms. Sumpter said it would be developed and constructed on approximately 12.3 acres of an existing 78-acre track of land. Within a 3-year period, they will obtain a building permit and begin to establish the use in A-1 Agricultural Zoning. On 9-21-22, a Public Board of Appeals Hearing was held. Based on the finding of facts staff recommended approval. The ZBA voted 4-0 for approval of the special use permit with stipulations found in the resolution.

Mr. Greenfield asked if there were any objectors. Ms. Sumpter said that there where no objectors on that.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-04-09-22 A Petition Requesting A Special Use Permit Submitted By Nexamp Solar LLC (Argenta Solar Project)

Ms. Sumpter said that it would be developed and constructed on approximately 24.2 acres of an existing 34.2-acre track of land. Within a 3- year period, they will obtain a building permit and begin to establish the use in A-1 Agricultural Zoning. On 9-21-22, a Public Board of Appeals Hearing was held. Based on the findings of facts staff recommended approval. The ZBA voted 4-0 for approval of the special use permit with stipulations found in the resolution.

Ms. Sumpter said that on this one, we did receive 1 letter in opposition via email and their concern was taking farmland out of production.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-05-09-22 A Petition Requesting A Special Use Permit Submitted By Nexamp Solar LLC (Maroa Solar Project)

Ms. Sumpter said that it would be developed and constructed on approximately 32.7 acres of an existing 64.98-acre track of land. Within a 3- year period, they will obtain a building permit and begin to establish the use in A-1 Agricultural Zoning. On 9-21-22, a Public Board of Appeals Hearing was held. Based on the findings of facts staff recommended approval. The ZBA voted 4-0 for approval of the special use permit with the stipulations found in the resolution.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0

Chair Little said that she appreciate the two Matts for coming to answer any question that they didn't have but said there will be other board meetings.

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Animal Control

Lt. Scheibly distributed statistical reports for August for this current year and last year for comparison purposes. Lt. Scheibly said that they do have a current special going on at the shelter right now. Everything out there is \$25 dollar for adoptions. I will probably be looking at that for next month as well. They are trying to reduce the numbers out there and are still on the fuller side than they have been.

Lt. Scheibly explained that they are trying to do the \$25 dollar special to encourage folks to come out and adopt. He said he has seen an increase in the number of owners surrender and intakes that have been coming in to the shelter so we have been trying to do the special to combat and to try and get the numbers to go back down. I have got Sergeant Atkins with me for those that may or may not have heard I will be retiring in probably 2 months. Sergeant Atkins will be replacing me so I am trying to get him exposed to everything we do out there to get him used to taking over for me out there in the next couple of months. He is excited.

Veteran's Assistance – No report

Planning & Zoning – No report

Health Department –

Ms. Binkley said she had a few updates. The Starting Point Division at Aging and Disability Resource center have been able to assist a lot of seniors in the community and people with disabilities because they got some increased funding specifically for that. If you know anyone with a need have him or her call, our office and we will help him or her out if we are able to do so. The implementation process for our electronic health records and digital environmental health has started.

Vaccination are very busy the school deadline is coming up of October 15th there are still some kids that have not been vaccinated so we have been working since last year with the school districts and a lot of different partners to make sure that none of the kids have to miss school. The regular vaccinations, flu is coming up, we got monkey pox or MPX, MPV that we are doing and COVID vaccination that we are doing. If you know anyone needing vaccinations have them give us a call. We have been busy recently here with some bat issues. I want to say thank you to Lieutenant Scheibly for the help and the support on all the hours on all the days.

Environmental Management - 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

NEW BUSINESS – - None

OFFICEHOLDER’S REMARKS - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – 10/27/2022

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned by Chair Little at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Hugger, Executive Secretary, Macon County Board Office