

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

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

January 23, 2023 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Little, Chair
Jeff Entler
Mary Scott
Vivian Goodman

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Brandi Binkley, Health Department
Amy McKinney, P&Z
Makenna Parkhouse, Health Department
Sgt. Atkins, Animal Control
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jacob Horve

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, 11/17/2022 made by Mr. Entler seconded by Ms. Scott and the motion carried (4-0).

Approval of the Claims

Motion to approve claims was made by Mr. Entler and seconded by Ms. Goodman. Motion carried (4-0).

Health Department–

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY23 Health Budget for Equipment for Purchase of Digital Environmental Health System

Ms. Binkley reported that they have talked about the digital system quite a bit. This is just equipment that we did not get far enough along in the process in FY22 to purchase but it was budgeted. We are just moving that money to FY23 so that we can purchase those items.

Motion to approve made by Ms. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Entler. Motion carried (4-0).

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Budget Clean-Up for FY22

Ms. Binkley reported this is basically cleaning up some things that needed moved around. This is basically the whole year's cleanup that our Chief Financial Officer completed.

Motion to approve made by Ms. Scott and seconded by Mr. Entler. Motion carried (4-0).

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund Budget for Starting Point FY2023 SHIP Basic Contract

Ms. Binkley reported that they have had this type of funding and grant before but they have decided to give us additional dollars. The purpose of this funding is provide Medicare counseling and assistance to clients, complete enrollment processes, perform outreach, and increase awareness via media outlet. As you can see it is a fairly small amount of money but we just need to do a resolution since we did not expect to get this in FY23.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund Budget for Starting Point FY23 Health Fund Budget for Starting Point FY2023 State GRG Gap Filling Services Contract

Ms. Binkley reported that the purpose of this one is to provide assistance meeting the needs of children residing with and being raised by grandparents or relative caregivers for the purpose of providing a safe and secure environment. Again we have had this type of funding before but we are given some funds for FY23 we were not expecting.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund Budget for Starting Point FY2023 COVID Vaccination Assistance Contract

Ms. Binkley reported that the purpose of this one is to provide funding in transportation assistance for senior's age 60+. Caregivers and their family members to obtain COVID vaccinations and provide COVID care kits.

Ms. Little asked if anyone had any questions on any of the three grants and if everyone was okay with one vote to send them on.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Entler and seconded by Ms. Goodman. Motion carried (4-0).

Ms. Binkley replied that services are pretty much business as usual. I did turn in my notice and my last day at the Health Department will be February 7th. I just want to tell all of you it has been a pleasure working with all of you even if it is a short time. You know I love the Health Department and my team and what we do and I am really proud of all of them. I am thankful for the time we have been able to be together. I did find out today that our Assistant Administrator is also going to move on from the Health Department and her last day will be February 23rd. I am sure you will hear more from the board but they just found out today so just stay tuned for that but I will be there through the 7th let me know if you need anything from me. I am happy to assist however possible.

Ms. Little asked where you are going.

Ms. Binkley said that she is not ready to share that quite yet but I will be able to in a couple of weeks or so.

Planning & Zoning-

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-01-23 a Petition Requesting A Special Use Permit Submitted By Holly Mowry

Ms. McKinney reported that the Special Use permit is to allow a bakery business in (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning. The property is commonly known as 4216 Bowman Road, Decatur. On January 4, 2023 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff, recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the special use permit with the stipulations found in the resolution. The business has been at this location for the past ten years with no complaints filed in our office. There were no objectors at the hearing and Macon County Health Department reported no complaints on their end either.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Entler and seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion carried (4-0).

REPORTS:

Animal Control

Sgt. Atkins reported that the new truck that was approved at the full County Board has been ordered. Computers that were budgeted in FY23 initially have been ordered and are in. There were two high profile animal abuse cases I am currently investigating. I am getting ready to wrap one up and send to the State's Attorney for some charging and the other I just got started on that just came in the other day. It is not looking real good.

Ms. Little said I know it is January, February time of year but are adoptions on par?

Sgt. Atkins replied that he had 95 for the month of December and last December they had 110. We are pretty close in that...

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

CITIZEN'S REMARKS – None

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned by Chair Little at 5:35 p.m.

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