

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE
COMMITTEE MEETING
Macon County Office Building
141 S. Main Street- Room #514
Decatur, IL 62523
February 23, 2023 5:30 P.M.**

Members Present

Linda Little, Chair
Jeff Entler
Vivian Goodman
Mary Scott

County Personnel Present

Lindsey Munsterman, Health Department
Jill Reedy, Regional Office of Education
Greg Collins, Veterans Assistance
Amy McKinney, Env Mgmt Admin
Nicole Bateman, Economic Development
Dr. John Lee, Ophthalmology
Lori Durban, Nurse
Edward Flynn, Attorney
Tracy Sumpter, Env Mgmt/ P&Z Director
Tamara Wilcox, County Administrator
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

Member 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, 1/26/2023 made by Mr. Entler, seconded by Ms. Scott and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Claim

Motion to approve the claims made by Mr. Entler, seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Goodman had a question of the claim on page two of an incentive for Carolyn Wagner. Is that a board member under the Health Department?

Chair Little asked if that comes out of the Health Department budget.

Mr. Entler responded that he thought it had something to do with the Christmas party reimbursement because she bought quite a few items for that. I bought sandwiches for something last week so my name comes up on there for like \$300 worth of Jimmy Johns.

Ms. Goodman said she was just checking to make sure there was no conflict of interest. If that is what it was for, just the reimbursement but it did say incentive.

Chair Little said it will come out of the Health Department budget not the County budget.

Motion carried 4-0.

Zoning / Environmental Report–

MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING CASE S-01-02-23 A PETITION REQUESTING RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT SUBMITTED BY JOHN C. LEE M.D.

Ms. Sumpter reported S-01-02-23 is a petition filed by John C Lee requesting renewal of a Special Use Permit to allow a doctor's office I (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning. This property is commonly known as 1714 S Blaine Lane in Long Creek Township. On February 1, 2023 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff, the board recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the special use permit with the stipulations listed on the resolution. There was no opposition to this petition. Mr. Lee's original special use was issued in 1998 and the last renewal date was 2013.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Entler, and seconded by Ms. Scott.

Chair Little asked were there any decenters. Ms. Sumpter said that there were no oppositions to this petition. Chair Little asked if there were any complaints. Ms. Sumpter replied none and that Mr. Lee special use permit was issued in 1998 and he has renewed every 10 years.

Chair Little replied that when she drives by it, it just looks junkier and junkier every time and that is why she was asking if the neighbors were complaining.

Ms. Sumpter said we have not had any complaints in our office.

Motion carried 4-0.

MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING CASE R-02-02-23, A PETITION FOR REZONING SUBMITTED BY ILLINOIS VALLEY PAVING, A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, INC

Ms. Sumpter reported R-02-02-23 is a petition filed by Illinois Valley Paving for rezoning approximately 30.66 acres from (A-1) Agricultural Zoning to (M-2) Heavy Industrial Zoning. The property is commonly known as 5515 S Business Route 51 and the parcel directly north located in South Wheatland Township. On February 1, 2023 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff the board recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning. There was no opposition to this petition.

Motion made to approve by Mr. Entler, seconded by Ms. Goodman. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports:

Environmental Management-

Ms. Sumpter reported that currently we are working on Spring Clean-up Grants, Community Sustainability Grant, and Hauler's Licenses. We are working with the EPA to possibly hold a household hazardous waste collection in the near future. We have also spoke with Andrews Engineering about working with them to update the waste management plan and we have also applied for a grant to help with the expenses for that. During the month of March we will be putting our recycling event schedule together for the upcoming season. I think we will continue

to have the center open two days per week. One will be 8 am to noon and the other will be noon to 4 p.m. We will still have at least one Saturday collection per month during the season but it will be a combined event collecting both paint and electronics. I have handed out some year-end reports summary in the 2022 recycling events as well as the recycling box summary.

Mr. Entler asked if hours are substantially more than what you currently have because you talked about new hours.

Ms. Sumpter replied no it is the same as last year. Before we always had two collections a month on a Saturday and not everybody can make it out on a Saturday. We decided to broaden that and have it open two days a week during the week one in the morning and one in the afternoon hours and it seems to work out really well.

Chair Little said she has had a lot of really good feedback about that. Nobody has to stand in line and the people who got scared away out at Richland now have the option to go during the week.

Chair Little stated that she is going to rearrange the agenda just a little bit. We are going to cover the enterprise zones because Nicole has another meeting.

New Business:

Chair Little made a motion to send the ordinances to the full board and seconded by Mr. Entler.

MACON COUNTY BOARD ORDINANCE ADDING TERRITORY TO ENTERPRISE ZONE AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ENACTING ORDINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (Lewis Property Development and Rentals)

Ms. Bateman reported that Decatur EDC is the Decatur of Macon County Enterprise Zone Board and all of the local units of Government that are part of the Intergovernmental agreement. Macon County is one that approves the addition or deletion of parcels to the zone. We are allotted a certain amount of parcels in our enterprise zone. Anytime someone has a new project and wants to receive potential benefits that comes along with being inside the enterprise we need to do a boundary amendment. We are proposing two boundaries amendment and two separate resolutions to include these. The first project was at a request for Steve Lewis who will like to add five parcels to the enterprise zone along highway route 21 in Mt. Zion. He is going to be doing a commercial development that will employ as many as 50 fulltime employees. (The resolution has maps of the area included).

Motion carried 4-0.

MACON COUNTY BOARD ORDINANCE ADDING TERRITORY TO ENTERPRISE ZONE AND APPROVING THE ADMENDMENT OF THE ENACTING ORDINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (Bulk Additions)

Chair Little made a motion to send the ordinances to the full board, and seconded by Ms. Scott.

Ms. Bateman reported that in this process we apply for a boundary amendment to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. We can apply under two different options. We can apply for a specific project which is what Steve Lewis's project is or option I application. Option II application is where you do not have a specific project but it is primed for development. In this case for this group there are 61 parcels in total. In two different sections in the city of Decatur that are primed for development having inclusion into the enterprise zone would offer special incentives that perhaps would be attractive to developers to develop those areas.

We are looking at two sections. The first section would be what we call the formal Durfee School and if we go cross section we are looking at north Oakland Avenue and Grand Avenue. There is land right there that is currently owned by the Decatur School District but the city is working with the developer who is highly eyeing that location for development. (There are maps available to see the areas of development).

Motion carried 4-0.

Animal Control- No Report

Veteran's Assistance –

Mr. Collins distributed information and reported that he intended to talk about the law changes but the Governor has not signed the last Trailer bill to their package yet. It will not change much for us now.

Chair Little asked do you want him to sign it.

Mr. Collins said not really because it is coming after me. I put together my report to the Governor and also to our State reports. We are upstairs on the 8th floor right now while our office is being redone which I appreciate. We just ordered new furniture and it will look really good when we get done. Some of the interesting facts in my report that I put out for this year is the money we brought in we are actually down a little bit. By losing Cathy we do not have two people doing claims in the office. We brought Neal in this year and we got him in last year. It will start picking back up because we have already done 100 claims this year.

Chair Little replied next month we want a report on what the Governor has done to you.

Health Department –

Ms. Munsterman introduced herself and stated that she is currently serving in the Interim Administrator position at the Macon County Health Department.

MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE IN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FY2023 HEALTH FUND BUDGET FOR United Way Dental Clinic Expansion Pay Back Resolution

Ms. Munsterman said that they have given us money to expand our dental clinic at the Macon County Health Department. Unfortunately due to staffing shortages and other logistical issues we were unable to complete that project in the timeline that was initially discussed. We are going to pay that money back to United Way.

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

Chair Little asked do you see going forward now that COVID is finally getting further away of this money becoming available, that you would need it and be able to use it. Or is it we lost it and we are done.

Ms. Munsterman said that it can't be promised. I did have a conversation with the person from United Way and she proposed that if you are interested of having collaboration in the future please reach out because we would love to see this project be completed.

MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF THE FY23 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO IMPLEMENT AN EMPLOYEE RETENTION/ MILESTONE BONUS PROGRAM

Ms. Munsterman handed out copies of the policy and stated that this would be a program created between the Health Department Administrative staff as well as the Board of Health. This would provide incentives for employees to continue successful employment with the Health Department. This will provide them a bonus after so many years of employment in the agency. It applies to both fulltime and part-time staff. The money to fund this retention bonus would come from multiple different parts. Some of it will be coming from COVID Crisis grants, and from the Health Fund budget. The goal of this retention bonus policy is to try to retain employees at the agency. There has been a lot of turnover. We are trying to come up with new and innovative policies that we can do to retain our staff members and reward the ones that have been loyal to the department the most.

Chair Little made a motion to move to full board. Motion made by Mr. Entler and seconded by Ms. Scott.

Chair Little stated you mentioned the financial funding of this project would be with some COVID dollars and that sort of thing in your own budget. Is your budget ready to handle it all when the COVID dollars are finally gone? I assume this will be an ongoing thing and not just a right now policy.

Ms. Munsterman replied yes this will be ongoing and the COVID funds are set to expire at the end of June. Much of the funds that we would be dispersing in large payments all at once would come from that. Then it will be a little more separated and easy to budget moving forward.

Chair Little said and you are comfortable that your budget can accommodate those.

Ms. Munsterman replied, I am yes.

Motion carried. 4-0.

Regional Office of Education –

Ms. Reedy introduced herself and reported that she took over on October 1st. We are creating a Regional Reunification in Crisis Management team and we have had some dedicated people.

We had Law Enforcement, Fire Department representatives of all Macon, Piatt Counties and even Moweaqua and all of the school districts present. This morning was one of our meetings with 45 people in the room and we are trying to follow the same reunification plan.

For example if there is a disaster, chemical spill, and active shooter the biggest issue that we found was that in the reunification piece if we have to relocate children to a safe area how do

we reunite them with their parents. It has been really incredible and Jim Root has been a part of it. Just to see the participation and the plans that are taking place that we can all support and send out a team supporting this. We also have a crisis team that we trained through the regional office. It is through the regional office of counselors and school social workers that in the event of a school tragedy they would go out. They partner with Paw Print Ministries in bringing the comfort dogs out. Unfortunately we have had some sad situations already were we have deployed the team about 4 or 5 times. The team go and support students and staff in that time of crisis.

We have a new truancy officer who is a retired police officer, James Calloway. He has done a phenomenal job. He started in January and is working very hard to get kids reengaged in school and back in school. I hope to come back each month. I will be gone next month but hope to be back and feel you in with the things we are doing and a little more awareness of what the regional office does.

Mental Health – No Report

Historical Museum – No Report

U of I Extension – No Report

Old Business – None

Public Comment - None

Closed Session – None needed

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned by Chair Little at 5:56 p.m.

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