

**MACON COUNTY BOARD  
ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
Macon County Office Building  
141 S. Main Street, County Board Room #514  
Decatur, IL 62523**

**October 26, 2022, 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vice Chair Jeff Entler  
Mary Scott  
Vivian Goodman

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Edward Yoder, County Board  
Amy McKinney, Env Mgmt. / P&Z  
Sgt. Atkins, Animal Control  
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Linda Little  
Jacob Horve

Vice Chair Jeff Entler called the meeting to order at the Macon County Office Building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, July 27, 2023 made by Ms. Scott seconded by Ms. Goodman and the motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS**

The motion to approve claims was made by Ms. Goodman and seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion carried 3-0.

**ZONING –**

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-10-23 A Petition Requesting Renewal of a Special Use Permit Submitted By Izaak Walton League of America***

Ms. McKinney reported that S-01-10-23 is a petition filed by the Izaak Walton League of America requesting renewal of a special use permit to allow the operation of a private campground in R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning. The property is commonly known as 5179 Od Stage Coach Road in Whitmore Township. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held, and based on the finding of facts the board recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the special use permit with the stipulations listed in the resolution. Our department has received no complaints on this property.

**Ms. Scott made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Goodman. Motion carried 3-0.**

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-02-10-23 A Petition Requesting Renewal of a Special Use Permit Submitted By Stephen & Shannon Comer***

Ms. McKinney reported that S-02-10-23 is a petition filed by Stephen and Shannon Comer requesting renewal of a special use permit to allow a second residence on the property where a primary residence already exists in (R-4) Single Family Residential Zoning. The property is commonly known as 5874 Apollo Drive in Oakley Township. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held, and based on the finding of facts the board recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the special use permit with stipulations listed on the resolution. This property Tracy wanted me to mention is on a house site foundation and has passed all of the inspections that it needed to as if it were the only home on the property.

**Ms. Scott made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Goodman. Motion carried 3-0.**

Vice Chair Jeff Entler said the wording threw me a little bit.

Ms. Scott said, yes is it a second home on the property or not?

Ms. McKinney replied that there is a second home on the property and Stephen and Shannon Comer the owners are the primary residents and the second house is for her mother who doesn't have any other family. They put in a foundation and then once her mom either moves on to an assisted living or passes they are to get the house removed.

Vice Chair Jeff Entler...I assume this is a modular or a trailer.

Ms. McKinney...I am not sure I have not driven by the property and I have not seen it myself.

## **REPORTS**

### **Environmental Management-**

Ms. McKinney reported I gave you a copy of what we collected so far for the season as electronics goes. In total of electronics we have collected eight thousand three hundred and twenty-eight pounds of electronics and televisions make up a little over fifty-seven thousand of that. We do still have about fifteen pallets of electronics at the recycle center that couldn't fit on the truck and we are just going to wait until next year to send those because if we don't have a full truck and we don't meet the weight we get charged freight on those. The paint we have recycled 62 barrels of latex paint which is three thousand four hundred ten gallons. We had fourteen barrels of oil-based paint, seven hundred and seventy gallons. This was just one season. I looked back at our records today; roughly over fifteen hundred people came through our collections from April through September. We have had a lot of requests to extend the year for collection season I don't think we are going to do that just because we are pushing weather now as far as our guys are all outside processing the payment and stuff but it is something that has been brought up. We have got our household hazardous waste collection coming up this Saturday. We have got two hundred and twenty-nine scheduled appointments so far and they still have until tomorrow to finish registering for that. I am hopeful it will be a very successful event and this is the first one that I have put on. We also have a paper shred event scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> and I gave you all fliers for that one as well.

### **Animal Control -**

Sgt. Atkins reported that they are moving along out at animal control. I am sure you all have heard about the Serval and in my opinion it is unlawful to have the Serval in the City of Decatur it is against City ordinances it is not against State law. I do not believe that the Serval poses a threat to the public at large. I think with any wild animal if it is cornered it could become dangerous but I don't think we have a dangerous situation with it being out there. That said we did contact an out-of-state Exotic Feline Rescue Center who sent a representative over with some equipment and helped us place our trap and their equipment in areas where they thought it would be a good catch the Serval. After a week that it was unproductive then the circle where the Serval was being seen widened and there were significant man-hours involved in setting these traps there was a liability if domestic animals got caught and injured in those traps so we decided that the best thing to do would be to remove those traps. At this time we are not actively seeking to catch this serval that is not to say if an opportunity to catch it presented itself that we wouldn't take it but we are not actively seeking to catch it right now.

We are getting our fleet updated we are getting equipment installed into it that was purchased for computers so the Wardens can check for previous details of rabies vaccinations and licensing out in the field. Currently, after hours, they can't do that at all they have to wait and try to track the person down later if they are in violation of something or they need that information. We are fully staffed out at the shelter and I am happy about that.

***Macon County Board Ordinance Amending Section 96.17 of the Macon County Code (Animal Control Registration Fees)***

Sgt. Atkins said what this boils down to is our contract with the City of Decatur causes our licensing fees to be uniform. I think it has been an oversight in the past and we never adjusted our licensing fees to match theirs. That is one of the things that I have found going through our contracts some paperwork and such we needed to get addressed.

Vice Chair Jeff Entler said so Ron from what I understand you charge that amount but we are just bringing the ordinances up to level somebody was savvy enough to have caught that we didn't change the ordinance.

Sgt. Atkins replied, correct I will be coming back probably next month with the same things for the fines.

Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion carried 3-0.

**Veteran's Assistance – No Report**

**Health Department – No Report**

**Regional Office of Education – No report-**

Vice Chair Jeff Entler said I would imagine they are celebrating their grand opening.

Ms. Goodman replied, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Vice Chair Jeff Entler...I think that is a public event anybody is welcome to go they have a beautiful new building off of Hubbard Lane the old Seno's Tuxedo Warehouse.

**Mental Health – No Report**

**Historical Museum – No Report**

**U of I Extension – No Report**

**CITIZEN’S REMARKS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**Closed Session – None needed**

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting – November 16, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Entler at 5:42 p.m. Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion carried 3-0.

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