

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

**December 21, 2023, 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vice Chair Jeff Entler  
Mary Scott  
Jacob Horve  
Linda Little (arrived 5:39)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vivian Goodman

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Edward Yoder, County Board  
Amy McKinney, Env Mgmt. / P&Z  
Sgt. Atkins, Animal Control  
Sheriff Root  
Sheriff Jedlicka  
Tamara Wilcox, County Administrator  
Cindy Thomas, Animal Control Volunteer

Vice Chair Jeff Entler called the meeting to order at the Macon County Office Building. We will take a different path of the agenda. Linda is on the way and we need a quorum to be able to vote on any particular items on the docket so we will work through our monthly reports first starting with Animal Control.

**REPORTS**

**Animal Control –**

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Sale of Vehicles***

Sgt. Atkins reported that Animal Control purchased two new animal control trucks in the past and they have been equipped and are out on the streets they are in service they replaced two vehicles that were in dire need of being replaced and they don't have a whole lot of value but I think we can put them up for auction and get something out of them. The resolution I put forth would authorize me to put them up for auction. The end of the year has arrived we got over the last year we took in a total of 3449 animals including people who had brought in their animals to be euthanized because they were in medical situations that included wild animals that were brought in to access everything that came in through our door. We were able to adopt 1632 animals which comes out to about 31 animals a week. Of the animals euthanized for behavior, it was 70 cats and 205 dogs.

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

**Veteran's Assistance – *No Report***

**Planning & Zoning-**

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-02-12-23 a Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted By Classy Grass Services LLC.***

Ms. Wilcox reported that this resolution went before ZBA and there was no opposition to this petition. The previous use for the parcel was for an ambulance service. He is going to use it for his LLC business.

Vice Chair Entler asked what the vote on that was.

Ms. Wilcox said it was unanimous.

**Vice Chair Entler made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Horve. Motion carried 3-0.**

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-05-12-23 a Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted By Oreana Renewables LLC.***

Ms. Wilcox reported that this one was run back through ZBA because of a change in the size of the project and where they were going to put the solar panels on the project. There was no opposition to this petition and this parcel was previously approved for this special use permit in September of 2022 but there was just a change in the size of the facility and the location of the solar panels. They have got all the proper setbacks from all the buildings and dwellings on the parcel.

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

**Environmental Management- *No Report***

**Health Department – *No Report***

**Regional Office of Education – *No Report***

**Mental Health – *No Report***

**Historical Museum – *No Report***

**U of I Extension – *No Report***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, October 26, 2023, made by Mr. Entler, seconded by Mr. Horve. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS**

No claims presented

**CITIZEN'S REMARKS –**

Ms. Cindy Thomas introduced herself and stated that she had emailed the board Sunday night and also the Sheriff in regards to some concerns she had going on at the shelter. I was just wondering if you folks have received that email. I have not received any responses so I just wondered if you have received it.

Vice Chair Entler...I did receive it myself.

Ms. Thomas...okay, I am just curious as a taxpayer are you guys going to take a look at the shelter of our concerns or what is kind of the plan of action?

Vice Chair Entler...I think it will be appropriate, and yes we will look into your concerns and issues. I would like to relook at my email and your document. If you would like to describe or talk about your ideas tonight that would be fine.

Ms. Thomas...my ideas about.

Vice Chair Entler...that you have for the animal control area.

Ms. Thomas...I think some employees need to be looked at closely. There have been several incidents and these gentlemen over here are aware of the incidents and I think the employees need to be looked at. There is a handful of people out there that probably don't need to be there. I mean it is an animal shelter so the animal should not be drug around or abused in any way shape or form at a shelter and that is where our concerns are at.

Vice Chair Entler...let us address and respond to your concerns. I appreciate you coming tonight.

Ms. Thomas...I appreciate you hearing us.

Vice Chair Entler... we will get back to you.

Ms. Thomas...Thank you.

Ms. Aber Moten...spoke about her concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**Closed Session – None needed**

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting – January 25, 2024

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Entler at 5:44 p.m. Vice Chair Entler made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Horve. Motion carried 4-0.

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