

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

January 26, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Linda Little
Mary Scott
Vivian Goodman
Jeff Entler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jacob Horve

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Edward Yoder, County Board
Tracy Sumpter, Director of P&Z
Sgt. Atkins, Animal Control
Jill Reedy, Regional Office of Education
Lindsey Munsterman, Health Department
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on December 21, 2023, made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Entler. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

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

Zoning-

Ms. Sumpter reported that they did not have any hearings this month for ZBA. I did provide a spreadsheet for you all that shows the building permits that were issued for December. I thought I would start updating you all on one of those being the first building permit for the County for a Solar Energy Facility.

REPORTS

Animal Control –

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriation to FY24
Animal Control Budget***

Sgt. Atkins reported that in FY23 the board approved the purchase of a squad car for use at Animal Control they also approved the funds to equip it with the lights, and sirens and have it installed. Due to supply chain issues, I was unable to acquire the equipment and get it installed in FY23 that money was unspent in FY23. The resolution I put forward tonight would be to spend that money in FY24 because that equipment can now be put in.

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

Veteran’s Assistance – *No Report*

Planning & Zoning- *No Report*

Health Department –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations In The FY24 Health Fund Budget for (Addition of new position of Care Coordinator Aid)

Ms. Munsterman reported that it is funded primarily through grants that we receive from DHS. This will be primarily funded through grants and that will be for a position called a Care Coordinator aid.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY24 Health Fund Budget For (Addition of PT MIECHV Coordinated Intake Worker)

Ms. Munsterman reported that this is a position that is funded by DHS funds with a grant that we receive each year. It would be an increase of seventeen thousand thirty-one and twenty-five cents.

Chair Little said can you tell me again what the MIECHV stands for.

Ms. Munsterman replied, maternal, infant, education, childhood, visiting and it is a program that oversees multiple home visiting agencies in Macon County. Early Pershing Learning Center houses one in the Health Department, Baby Talk and this is the umbrella over those different home visiting agencies.

Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion carried 4-0.

Environmental Management- No Report

Regional Office of Education –

Ms. Reedy reported that she wanted to update on the progress of the past couple of months at the Regional Office. Truancy is going strong we have hired Judge Little to come in and support our truancy with truancy hearings with James Calloway our Truancy Officer and that has been impactful. We are getting kids back in school. Our big thing is we held a two-day school safety training the past two days with local Law Enforcement. We had Decatur Fire Department, and Decatur Law Enforcement Police Officer there and school administrators. It was training through the Illinois Fire Institute it is called ASIM- Active Shooter Incident Management Training and that is day one with Decatur Fire and Decatur Police. Day two Decatur Fire, Police, and school administrators, and that one is called the Save Them Training or School Safety and Violent Event Incident Management. It was powerful to get all of the people in the same room to talk about what if or when something happens we have to be prepared.

We often prepare for the initial incident but it is the after if we would have to reunify a school we hope that we are all trained to be able to work together and help those schools out. It was a great opportunity for Decatur Fire and Police to say we don't often get two full days to spend together to communicate build those relationships and work together. Next week we are hosting a two-day training called School Threat Behavior Assessment Training and that will be another opportunity for Law Enforcement, School Resource Officers, and the School Threat Assessment Team to get together to learn more about behavioral threat assessments. Our reunification team I have talked about that before our Regional Reunification Team went strong we met and we

now have an app called Crisis Go that we are going to upload information but to use for communication among all the stakeholders in the groups. If one of our Macon/Piatt County schools needs support with reunifying students and parents at their reunification site we can send a message out. Our office purchased a trailer which is being housed at the County Highway department and we are going to load that trailer with all the signage we would need and supplies that we would need to run a reunification no matter what school might need. We are making a lot of progress and I am excited about that.

Mental Health – *No Report*

Historical Museum – *No Report*

U of I Extension – *No Report*

CITIZEN’S REMARKS –

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – **February 22, 2024**

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned by Chair Little at 5:43 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Crystal Hugger, Executive Secretary, Macon County Board Office