

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE
COMMITTEE MEETING
Macon County Office Building
141 S. Main Street, County Board Room #5
Decatur, IL 62523**

April 25, 2024 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Linda Little
Jeff Entler
Mary Scott

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Edward Yoder, County Board
Lindsey Munsterman, Public Health Admin
Sgt. Ron Atkins, Animal Control
Tracy Sumpter, Dir. of Planning & Zoning
Amy McKinney, Adm-Environmental Mgt
Tamara Wilcox, County Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vivian Goodman
Jacob Horve

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on January 26, 2024, made by Jeff Entler, seconded by Mary Scott.

Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Motion to approve the Claims, made by Mary Scott, seconded by Jeff Entler.

Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Planning & Zoning:

Tracy Sumpter presented S-01-04-24, a petition filed requesting renewal of a Special Use Permit submitted by Dennis and Debra Park to operate an indoor/outdoor storage for recreational vehicles in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is commonly known as corner of Wyckles Road and IL Route 121, Warrensburg, Illinois in Hickory Point Township. On April 03, 2024 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 on the resolution.

Chair Linda Little inquired if there were any objectors.

Mrs. Sumpter stated no, there were none.

No further questions or concerns from the committee.

Motion to approve S-01-04-24 was made by Jeff Entler, seconded by Mary Scott.

Motion carried 3-0.

Tracy Sumpter presented S-02-04-24, a petition filed by Jerry Koehler requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a motorcycle repair and restoration shop in (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning. The property is situated on three (3) acres and is commonly known as 4842 W. Rock Springs Road, Decatur, Illinois in Blue Mound Township. On April 03, 2024 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the findings of facts, the board recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 4-0 for approval of the special use permit with the stipulations listed on the resolution with one (1) member abstaining.

Mrs. Sumpter stated that on this Special Use Permit they did receive one (1) letter of opposition from the adjoining neighbor concerning noise.

Motion to approve S-02-04-24 was made by Jeff Entler, seconded by Mary Scott.

Chair Linda Little inquired if there was any follow-up with the letter of complaint as far as hours of operation, did that satisfy their concern.

Mrs. Sumpter stated they did not actually attend the hearing. They just sent a letter. Mrs. Sumpter has not followed up.

Chair Linda Little stated that was fine.

Mr. Entler inquired about the one zoning member abstaining.

Mrs. Sumpter stated yes because she is from the area. She is actually Township Supervisor out there.

No further questions or concerns from the committee.

Motion carried 3-0.

Tracy Sumpter presented S-03-04-24, a petition filed by Long Creek Solar, LLC requesting a Special Use Permit to allow the development and construction of a solar energy system on approximately 27 acres of an existing 33.10 acre tract of land and within a three (3) year period, obtain a building permit and begin to establish the use in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is commonly known as 6650 Angle Crossing Road, Oakley, Illinois in Oakley Township. On April 03, 2024 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 on the resolution. Oakley Township Planning Commission and Oakley Township Board voted to approve the special use permit in Oakley Township.

Motion to approve S-02-04-24 was made by Jeff Entler, seconded by Mary Scott.

Chair Linda Little inquired if this facility is near the silt facility.

Mrs. Sumpter stated across the road.

No further questions or concerns from committee.

Motion carried 3-0.

Veteran's Assistance: *No Report*

Health Department:

Lindsey Munsterman, Public Health Administrator, stated the Macon County Health Department is working on Sharps Grant with the State of Illinois that would allow us to put a big kiosk in the front of our building that people in the community could dispose of Sharps safely whether that was diabetes, drug use that would obviously reduce the spread of disease through needle sharing. That is something we are working on right now and hoping to have that process in place by July. In our Starting Point Division that serves our senior population, we have a program called SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) and we are working with them right now to eventually receive some additional funding to expand that program that we currently offer basically helping the senior population getting enrolled in Medicaid different portions of the year and basically just being able to expand the current days we devote to that if we do receive this additional funding. I will try to share with you updates at these meetings moving forward.

Chair Linda Little asked if the Macon County Health Department is a drop-off for prescription medication.

Mrs. Munsterman stated Macon County Health Department does not currently have that service.

Chair Linda Little stated that with her other hat, Dementia Friendly Decatur, Starting Point has been so involved and it has just worked so well with getting the word out with the activities we do. Kudos to Teresa and the entire staff of Starting Point.

Mrs. Munsterman stated Teresa is amazing and incredibly on it. She is incredibly passionate about the senior population. An incredible leader. She is genuinely meant to be in that position. It is just not a job to her. She is invested in the work she does. There is core public health requirements, that is not one of them having Starting Point serving the seniors does not make you necessarily a certified health department. The fact that we even have that at our health department and maintain it and are constantly expanding it is just impressive. Because the opportunities are not quite as cut and dry as some of those other core public health programs obviously we do immunizations, that funding just comes really easy. Teresa is constantly looking for additional ways that we can expand our programming.

Chair Linda Little stated it's also her staff too and it is not all about Teresa.

Animal Control:

Sgt. Atkins stated he doesn't have much of an update to share for Animal Control. He apologized for missing last month. Sgt. Atkins stated it has been calm waters out at Animal Control. Sgt. Atkins did say that they stopped taking new volunteers several months back to revamp the onboarding process. That is just about done and Sgt. Atkins hope by this time next month we will be taking volunteers again.

Environmental Management:

Tracy Sumpter stated we've started the recycling collection back up and it is going very well and very busy. It's working out well. Collection is held on Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and one Saturday a month.

Regional Office of Education: *No Report*

Mental Health: *No Report*

Historical Museum: *No Report*

U of I Extension: *No Report*

CITIZEN'S REMARKS:

Abeer Motan expressed her concerns.

No further citizens remarks at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Closed Session: None needed.

NEXT MEETING: Next regular meeting – **May 23, 2024**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Little at 5:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deborah A. Blair, Executive Secretary, Macon County Board Office