

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25, 2019 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Debra Kraft, Vice Chair
Matt Brown
Linda Little
Jim Gresham
Laura Zimmerman
Helena Buckner

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jennifer Gunter, P&Z
Kathie Powless, Veterans Assistance
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Kathy Wade, Health Dept
Nick Burge, Env Mgmt
Patty Cox, County Board Member
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the 3/28/19 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 7-0

ZONING – None

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Animal Control

Ms. Horton distributed reports showing statistics and offered to answer questions. The rabies clinic will be held on May 4th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Veteran's Assistance -

Ms. Powless invited everyone to the Memorial Day celebration at the large pavilion in Fairview Park on May 27th at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be one of the van drivers, James Collier.

Planning & Zoning – No Report

Health Department –

Ms. Wade presented the packet that was sent out to all 700 food establishments when license renewals were done. In the packet, all the new FDA guidelines and requirements are presented and explained. Additionally, two sessions were held at the Decatur Civic Center that included a detailed power point and for seasonals, another two sessions were held in March.

Certified Food Protection Managers have always been required. The new requirement now is that one has to be on site at all times. Based on the category, sometimes you could get away with not having one there, but now you have to have someone there at all times. Information on where to go to get the certification was provided.

Ms. Heyer added that a complaint they've heard from some of the food establishments is the cost of the Certified Food Program Manager test. This is not run by the Health Department. It is run by outside vendors such as Serve Safe. That fee is established by them. It is about \$159, but is through an entity that is not even associated with the Health Department.

Ms. Kraft asked about the \$250 reopen fee if someone is shut down. Ms. Wade said that they had never had a fee to reopen after a closure, but it was added to the ordinance. Ms. Heyer explained that it is because of the multiple times they have to go out when they say they're ready to open, but they're not and then they have to keep going back.

Ms. Wade said that when they adopted the FDA Code, they had to completely redo the Food Ordinance to be in compliance with the FDA. There is a page in the packet that talks about the Food Ordinance changes and the \$250 fee is discussed there as well. They knew about that in advance as well.

The FDA Code is over 700 pages. The major priority violations were included in the packet. One of the big ones is the requirement of a sign about handwashing.

The Health Educators created the pages about the BIG 6. This is a priority violation on the FDA Inspection Report. They have to be able to talk about bacteria, viruses, etc. The document was created and all they have to do is pull it out and read it to the inspectors. They are not expected to memorize it. They are just asked to know where it is and be able to refer to it when questions are asked.

The Health Educators also created pages on the 8 Major Food Allergens. Again, when asked about allergens, just pull it out and use it. Ms. Wade said they purposely gave them everything they needed.

Another page in the packet explains that they are required to know how to clean up vomit and diarrhea. The page gives directions on how to do this. All they have to do is frame it and put it up.

Boil Order information is given to them every single year. It tells exactly what needs to be disconnected and what they can and cannot do.

Ms. Wade commented that she was surprised at the number of packets that got sent back when they did their license renewals. She said she was surprised at the number of calls she got about their disbelief in having to comply with the FDA Code, about how many times she was told the packet of information was thrown away and comments were made about having to read all the information.

Yes, the FDA Code is a lot more stringent than the Illinois State Code. She said they are trying to be as helpful as they can, but there are some things that are true public health hazards and they can't just say to fix it and then walk away.

Ms. Kraft asked when the establishments had received the information. Ms. Wade said Mid-November, but all last year, during inspections, everyone was told they would be going to the FDA Code as of 1/1/19. They had a full year to prepare for it. All of the documents have been posted to the Health Department website. She said they had really tried to make this an easy transfer. It was a lot of work.

Environmental Management

Mr. Burge reported that the Spring Collection Season has started. The first paint collection of the season was held April 9th. There were 107 appointments. On April 13th, the first electronics collection for the Spring season was held. There were 114 appointments, which is a little lower than what was seen over the winter pop up collections. He said he thought that since the new spring schedule was sent out and people realized that there will be multiple events to take advantage of. It's not like in the winter when pop ups were held in a one and done situation where people felt like they needed to get it done because they didn't know when the next one would come along. The second spring paint collection is coming up this Saturday. There are currently 109 appointments which is pretty good for a paint collection. The next electronics collection will be Tuesday, April 30th. There is a low number currently with 77 appointments, but there is an ad on Facebook that will run up until the event. These numbers are steadily climbing.

Regional Office of Education - no report

Mental Health – no report

Historical Museum - No report

U of I Extension No report

CITIZEN'S REMARKS – None

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding a Feasibility Study for a Proposed County Owned Recycling and Compost Facility

Chair Dudley announced that he would like to propose a couple of amendments in an effort to calculate when this would go before the full board.

In the 5th paragraph, Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Macon County Board, assembled in regular meeting at Decatur, that the Environmental Management Department is directed to reach out to potential benefactors to determine if a feasibility study may be conducted on behalf

of the County, Mr. Dudley said he would like to strike the at no expense to the County and add in to be assigned to a consultant by June 15th. He said that would allow for it to go to the June Board meeting and it could be assigned by June 15th to a consultant so the study will be completed by August 31st of 2019 to determine if the construction and operation of the Recycling and Compost Center is economically viable. He said that would be his suggestion for discussion.

Ms. Zimmerman said she was confused as to whether the study had to be completed by August or the fact that they have to choose the company. Mr. Dudley said it was to pick the consultant by June 15 so that it could be picked and gotten to the Board in June and then have the study completed by August 31st. That gives 2 ½ months which is probably more than enough time.

Mr. Gresham asked if it is official that we already have the benefactor. He said his understanding was that we have that in place. Chair Dudley said we supposedly do, but he wanted to take that out in case the benefactor decides he doesn't want to do it or something changes. He said he doesn't want to be hooked. If the County wants to proceed and pay for it then we can. Mr. Gresham asked if there was nothing formal on it. Chair Dudley said there is absolutely nothing in writing and that is why he is taking it out, because the board could then decide if they want to go forth paying for it or not. It would be our decision on whether we want to pay for it if the benefactor fell through.

Mr. Brown said he was wondering what the intent was in striking the at no cost to the county. Chair Dudley said there has been a verbal acknowledgement, but nothing in writing. He said he didn't feel like it should be left at no expense because it should be up to the Board if they want to go forward with it, with or without a benefactor.

Ms. Little asked, if by taking the at no expense to the County out of that paragraph, and this passes, and the benefactor does not come through, doesn't this by the fact that we voted for this resolution obligate the County to do it. Chair Dudley said it could be voted down at the Board meeting if the County does not want to do it. It's just a resolution. If it is put through that way and the County decides they don't want to do it, we just don't pass it at the board meeting and it's dead. Ms. Little asked it that would be what the June 15th is for. Mr. Dudley confirmed. Ms. Little asked if before this goes to the board meeting, the plan is to have confirmed with the benefactor. Chair Dudley said yes, and if we don't have one, it is going to be the Board's decision whether they proceed with wanting to pay for it or not. If the board votes to proceed, we will proceed and if they don't, then we won't. It will be a board decision. Mr. Brown commented that if it passes, they need to make sure it is clear at the board meeting.

Ms. Kraft asked Chair Dudley to repeat.

Mr. Dudley said he wants to change on the 3rd line, where it says potential benefactors to determine if a feasibility study may be conducted on behalf of the County, striking and at no expense to the County, and putting in after County to be assigned to a consultant by June 15th, 2019 and the study to be completed by Consultant by August 31st, 2019 to determine if the construction of the operation of the Recycling and Compost Center is economically viable.

Mr. Dudley said he has done some research and he does have a list of 4.

Mr. Gresham said that is a rather short window from the start of the study to completion. Mr. Dudley said they can do it within 2 ½ months. Mr. Gresham asked if he was comfortable with that. Mr. Dudley said yes. In fact, they said about 3 to 4 weeks. We are not building this year. We are giving them plenty of time. It's not going to happen this year. This can also be amended at Finance and at the Board level. He said he just wanted to get it closer to right with some concrete things and not so open ended before sending it on.

Mr. Gresham commented that he likes the idea of putting a timeframe on it so it doesn't just get put off forever.

Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to consider the resolution, seconded by Mr. Gresham. Chair Dudley made a motion to propose an amendment to the resolution to paragraph 5 to say:

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Macon County Board, assembled in regular meeting at Decatur, that the Environmental Management Department is directed to reach out to potential benefactors to determine if a feasibility study may be conducted on behalf of the County, to be assigned to a consultant by June 15th 2019 and for the study to be completed by the Consultant by August 31st 2019 to determine if the construction and operation of the Recycling and Compost Center is economically viable.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Zimmerman.

Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Kraft, Gresham, Zimmerman, Buckner / Nay – Brown, Little
The motion for the amendment carried 5-2.

Roll Call vote on the amended resolution: Yea – Dudley, Kraft, Gresham, Zimmerman, Buckner / Nay – Brown, Little The motion carried 5-2.

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting –5/23/19

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the motion carried 7-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office