

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 17, 2012  
5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Tim Dudley  
Kevin Greenfield  
Phil Hogan  
Joe McGlaughlin  
Gary Minich  
Don Westerman  
Mark Wicklund  
David Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kevin Meachum

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Kris Horton, Animal Control  
Sheree Zalanka, Health Department  
Randy Waks, Asst. State's Attorney  
Deb Garrett, Env. Mgt.  
Linda Koger, County Board Office

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

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of prior meeting made by Mark Wicklund, seconded by David Williams, and motion carried 8-0.

**CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims made by Gary Minich, seconded by Phil Hogan, and motion carried 8-0. David Williams questioned the two sets of claims, and Chair Dudley replied one set is for last month.

**REPORTS**

***Health Department***

Sheree Zalanka distributed copies of a handout, Health Department Highlights May 2012. A flyer was also distributed regarding an event they are putting on called Radio Disney Move It on June 10 at the mall that is from an obesity prevention grant they received. Committee had no questions.

***Animal Control***

***Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement With Village of Long Creek Regarding An Animal Control Program***

Kris Horton distributed copies of resolution and their normal report for April. Long Creek wants them to be able to go out there and enforce their ordinances, so they are willing to adopt the county's ordinances which is the same as with Forsyth and Macon. Any money written on the ordinance violations will come to us, if not paid within 30 days the Village will pay it, and it will then be up to them to go after whoever the violator is. The difference with this one is since they do not have the full time contractual through the Sheriff's Department, there is a fee schedule attached as the last page.

They have a fee schedule for people who have no contract with us that we cannot enforce their ordinances within their village, and the difference with this one is the only thing they took off was the impound fee which is basically the paperwork and the disposal fee for any animals euthanized; the incentive they are getting is \$35 per non-reclaimed animal, \$15 for the adoptable ones and \$35 for non-adoptable ones. Our citations are \$75 and up, they will be able to write those, and then we will collect the revenue. Motion to approve made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Gary Minich, and motion carried 8-0.

### ***Environmental Management***

Deb Garrett said they had a meeting this week with the stakeholders involved with illegal dumping on West Grand Avenue under the interstate overpass, had a good turnout, came up with great solutions, and will be able to address that. They are going to try and install cameras and signs with the help of the IEPA and the railroad and Mr. Gietl out there in Harristown. They are organizing the event recycling, and have had calls from organizations around the county.

### ***Veterans Assistance***

David Williams commented he and Chair Dudley were in attendance, we need to recognize Veterans Assistance for their efforts in making the World War II Memorial happen, and he thinks they were there. Chair Dudley agreed they have done a great job, and we appreciate everything they do every day.

### **CITIZEN'S REMARKS**

Michelle Huttes with the Animal Shelter Foundation reported on what they contributed to the shelter operations; during April they spent over \$1600 providing free spay & neuter certificates, over \$1000 towards salaries, almost \$3000 towards adoptions providing adoption fee for seniors and veterans, over \$300 for feline leukemia tests, and almost \$2000 for flea preventative. They have a fund raiser event coming up June 9 at Mt. Zion Lions Club pavilion, and they hope to see committee there. In June and July, they have partnered with Decatur Public Schools Summer Camp to help let students read to the animals to improve literacy skills along with some statistical/analysis work for advanced students.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution in Opposition to Proposed Chemical Waste Landfill Over Mahomet Aquifer in Dewitt County, IL*

Randy Waks distributed copies of resolution. Chair Dudley commented this is their landfill, but the Mahomet Aquifer affects Macon County, the dumping of the PCBs there. He knows Senators Durbin and Kirk both are against this, they have come out publicly, and as a county we need to come together and try to throw our support behind Dewitt County to help them through this. Motion to approve the resolution made by Chair Dudley and seconded by Mark Wicklund.

Regarding the comment in support of Dewitt County Board, Don Westerman asked if Chair Dudley could tell us how truthful that is since he is kind of lost, support for the Dewitt County Board or not; he is very much opposed to this addition to their landfill, but is very reluctant to mess around in Dewitt County business if they are not pretty much one way or the other.

Chair Dudley understands Don's question, he feels it is important because this does affect Macon County, the rural areas take a lot of water from this and if that gets polluted, it is going to affect us and everybody around us; he understands Don's reluctance to be in support, but hopes he can see to support this because this is something we really need to try and stop. Don Westerman replied his question was can he tell us about the Dewitt County Board's support, is that almost unanimous or barely 50/50. Although he doesn't know if it is unanimous, Chair Dudley thought they were in support of it. Don Westerman thinks they can kill it if they are not. Mark Wicklund said they passed something last year, a motion on this having to do with EPA or something, you would automatically assume the county would be able to squash what is going on up there so he would like to think they could, but apparently they are having problems. Chair Dudley asked Randy Waks to comment.

Randy Waks said there are a number of people and a number of groups that think the Dewitt County Board has the authority to stop this if they can, the Dewitt County Board takes the position that they can't stop it, that it is too late, and they entered into a host agreement a number of years ago that would allow this, they feel that their hands are tied so they are not taking a position, and right or wrong that is their position. Randy commented this resolution is virtually identical to the one that Champaign County passed.

David Williams said the makeup of the board has changed somewhat, and Don Westerman commented it is going to change again. Joe McGlaughlin asked if we passed a resolution pertaining to the Clinton Landfill. Chair Dudley replied no, we talked about it a couple times last year, but we never did it. David Williams discussed his memory from several years ago and the last year, and after talking to Env. Mgt. thought this really doesn't mean much to the EPA. Deb Garrett said no, our opinion or resolution will not have affect on the EPA, the federal EPA did give approval for this expansion but there has been so much continued opposition to it that the EPA has been willing to open the case up again to re-examine the issues again, nothing has been decided definitely right now, it is kind of on hold, resolution is same as Champaign County has passed, but she thinks they did spend \$25,000 in a consultant fee to examine this on their own. Randy Waks said they are part of the Mahomet Aquifer Consortium which is also made up of the towns of Normal, Bloomington, McLean County, a number of communities, and they have been doing as she has indicated.

Regarding the EPA, Randy Waks said the IL EPA has already approved this, but he doesn't believe the federal EPA has issued a ruling on it yet. Deb Garrett commented she thought they had, and she thought they had agreed to reopen it. Randy Waks stated they were supposed to issue a ruling or close contributions, opinions, and submissions but they extended that date, so they are still taking information from anybody to wants to submit it.

Don Westerman asked if it would be prudent to know where we stand with our neighbors before we jump off on this, and if the Dewitt County Board would ask us for help. Chair Dudley said he had a member of their county board ask him to do this. Don Westerman commented a member, he is talking about something that went through their county board approved by a majority asking for our help, and then he would be for it 100%.

Also, he would not like it if Dewitt County came down here and started telling us what we could and could not do, don't misunderstand him since he is totally against it, but for neighbor relationship we should know where we stand.

Chair Dudley commented that Don sat through the grilling during the last landfill expansion here in Macon County, saw how much power we have as a county board, practically zero, and many things we put our foot down on they took to court and had most of them thrown out. Deb Garrett said we had a lot of stipulations put on the expansion, more than a lot of counties have, they took it to the Pollution Control Board and out of the 22, 3 were turned around, but overall we did have a lot of say. Chair Dudley commented probably the 3 big ones.

Kevin Greenfield commented that Long Creek Township has approximately 3000 water customers, out of those 3000 100% of their water comes from the Mahomet Aquifer, so whether Dewitt County likes it or doesn't, he would like for them to know we don't. Chair Dudley hasn't talked to anyone up there who wants it, there may be some but he doesn't know who they are, and he feels we need to throw our support in there to let them know; this is not binding, we can't tell them what to do, but they need to know how we feel. Gary Minich commented he agrees with Kevin, and with all due respect to Mr. Westerman, contamination of the Aquifer is not Dewitt County's decision to make, so he supports voicing opposition to this.

Committee had no further questions or comments, Chair Dudley called for a vote since the motion was made and seconded, and motion carried 8-0.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

June 21, 2012 – Chair Dudley requested an email be sent to ROE Superintendent Matt Snyder asking him to be at this meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by David Williams, seconded by Mark Wicklund, motion carried 8-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Koger  
Macon County Board Office