

**MACON COUNTY  
EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2012  
5:30PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Tim Dudley  
Kevin Greenfield  
Phil Hogan  
Joe McGlaughlin  
Kevin Meachum  
Gary Minich  
Don Westerman  
Jay Dunn  
David Williams

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Deb Garrett, Environmental Management  
Kris Horton, Animal Control  
Kathie Powless, Veterans Assistance  
Tony Van Natta, Planning & Zoning Dept  
Sheree Zalanka, Health Dept  
Randy Waks, State's Attorney's Office  
Jeannie Durham – 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 David Williams, seconded by Gary Minich and motion carried 9-0.

**CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims was made by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Jay Dunn and motion carried 9-0.

**ZONING**

Tony VanNatta presented one petition filed by Roberta Sheets for the rezoning of approximately two acres from RE-5 Single Family Estate to RMH-5 Single Family Estate in order to comply with our ordinance (Section 9.9). The reason for the request is that in 2000 she applied to get it rezoned for a manufactured home. She had already given her son a lot that has a manufactured home on it and she had sold a lot which has the manufactured home on it. When she applied for the rezoning for her lot, the Zoning Board of Appeals did not make her recommendation and gave her a special use permit. Now she has gotten elderly and has to move to a retirement home and the finance company won't finance it because the zoning is not correct. So, this is, in my feeling, to correct a mistake that was made. It should not have been a special use permit to put a house on it. Motion was made to approve the Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-02-10-12, A Petition for Rezoning submitted by Roberta Sheets and as presented by Tony VanNatta by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Gary Minich and motion carried 9-0.

**SUBDIVISIONS**

Tony Van Natta stated that on the same day as the above mentioned rezoning hearing for Mrs. Sheets on Oct 3, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance to Robbie Morse on setbacks and to subdivide this 5 acre tract Zone RE5 on Camp Warren Road in Long Creek Township. The Parcel is to be divided in to two lots consisting of 2.52 acres with 149' on Camp Warren.

Lot 1 will be on the east side of the double drive and lot 2 will be on the west. This will be Morse's Subdivision. All certificates are in order with the exception of the Village of Long Creek. We are waiting on them to sign it. Staff recommends approval contingent to Long Creeek's signing off on it. Kevin Meachum questioned Tony if he could foresee any problems with the pond being split down the middle. Tony replied that the pond had been put in by the previous owner and it will be a shared pond with responsibilities being on both properties. They are going to run a double driveway up through the center of this, so there will be a drive on each side and the property line will run through the pond. It should not create any problem. Motion was made by Phil Hogan to approve Morse's Third Addition – 2 Lot Minor Subdivision , seconded by David Williams and motion carried 9-0.

## **REPORTS**

### *Environmental Management*

Deb Garrett had two reports. One was the chart showing the event recycling for the past two months. The 2 month total was 73,239 lbs.

The second report explained about a workshop they are helping to sponsor with the City, the EDC, & the Illinois State Section of the American Planning Association. They are bringing a speaker to town, Neil Seldman from Washington D.C. He is going to talk to people at the workshop about an Economic Development initiative for recycling and reuse businesses that someone may be interested in startup information on. So if you know anyone that would like that information or would like me to pass it on to an organization, just let me know.

Kevin Meachum questioned about the Mega Recycling Event this past weekend and whether there were intentions of doing another due to the weather conditions this past Saturday. He knows of several people who were not able to participate. Deb informed him that the event is in conjunction with Midwest Fiber who is the main sponsor and they would like to do it again. Deb's department has already agreed to work with them. She has \$2,000 that they are willing to contribute. She clarified that this is strictly for passenger tires that a whole semi load of 1200 pounds was collected.

### *Regional Office of Education*

No report.

### *Veteran Assistance*

Kathie Powless reported that anyone that might want a brick for the WWII war memorial, time for procrastination is up. There are a few more left, so if anyone wants one they need to contact them tomorrow because they will be finished up next week. They have to be back to Pyramid by Nov 1 and that will be the end of it. If anyone wants one, they need a discharge and \$100 and they will be good to go.

### *Planning and Zoning*

No further report.

### *Health Department*

Sheree Zalanka presented four resolutions that were all approved at the Board of Health meeting on Tuesday, 10/16.

First, a resolution approving an increase in appropriations in the health fund budget for the Diabetes Self Management Program (DSMP). It is a program for the residents of Macon County who are diagnosed with diabetes or are caring for someone with diabetes. It is a \$10,000 grant and that revenue is actually going in FY13, but we have received an additional award for \$6,000 for class leader training and to cover materials for the program . That needs to go into FY12. Motion to approve was made by David Williams, seconded by Kevin Meachum and the motion carried 9-0.

Second, a resolution approving an increase in appropriations in the health fund budget for Coordinated Point of Entry (CPOE). We also received an award from the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging for this grant and it is to help cover the cost of scanners and upgrading computer equipment. It is for \$8,203. Motion to approve was made by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Phil Hogan and the motion carried 9-0.

The next resolution is for a transfer of funds within the health fund budget. We have some programs that are over budget while others are under so instead of increasing appropriations, I am just asking to make some transfers within the health fund between the various programs. Motion to approve was made by Phil Hogan , seconded by Kevin Greenfield and the motion carried 9-0.

The last resolution is for an increase in appropriations in three programs.

The first is West Nile Virus due to a grant timing issue. This program runs between our county fiscal year so it is always complicated. We need to add \$7,000 for payment to Macon County mosquito abatement for sample testing.

The second program is WIC. Medichcek revenue has increased. They pay us for our lead screenings. Our supplies line also needs increased. The estimate we used for the budget for FY12 was based on our previous supplier who did not send regular bills.

Money Management needs increased due to an increase in private pay clients this year, so revenue needs to go up and also an increase for private pay insurance.

Just the West Nile is an increase in expense and the other two are a wash between revenue and expense. The funds will come out of next year's budget. The grant runs over two years (March to Feb) so we will be paid for it next fiscal year. It is a timing issue. Motion was made to approve by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Gary Minich and the motion carried 9-0.

### *Animal Control*

Kris Horton handed out report and drew attention to the record number of adoptions. In her six years, there have never been 123 adoptions in one month. She attributed the increase to some special events, Foundation events, and a real push to get things done and get the animals out there. Next month the Home for the Holidays program will run from before Thanksgiving thru the first of the year. This is where we do a Foster for the Holidays Program. Then the adoptions will all be reduced on those.

Kris presented a resolution to amend the county ordinance No. 0-67-6-07. There are two sections that had unincorporated areas of the county only in them and it adds the language or within any incorporated municipality or village which has entered into an inter-governmental agreement with the county for animal control. For example, for Long Creek, Niantic and all these people who contract with us, this will clean up the wording so we can actually enforce this ordinance within their villages. They have already adopted the ordinance. We just needed to clean it up. Motion was made to approve by Kevin Meachum, seconded by David Williams, and the motion carried 9-0.

### **CITIZENS REMARKS- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shirley Standly with the Animal Foundation stated that they had a presence at the Labor Day Parade and there were a lot of volunteers that came out and marched and a lot of animals came too - which is absolutely terrific. The increase is even more significant in the adoptions when you look at the three months that include July, Aug, & Sept of 2012 and compare them to 2010. It is triple and I think that says an awful lot for getting out there and making it clear that this is the shelter and there are so many animals out there. We have the luxury of having a wonderful new young man who is the assistant adoption coordinator and he is doing a lot of the social media. So, there is a lot of information out there, which is great and more and more people are making comments to all of us on the foundation board that they see this and that and it is truly terrific. We are really, really happy we are doing something in November that we have wanted to do for ages. We are having a dinner to thank the major donors from the beginning of the foundation. Literally, the building would not have happened without them so we are going back to thank them. Most of them do not come to our other events and the board has not met most of them and vice versa. That is going to be a good thing and it also gives a chance to catch them up on what we are doing and hopefully keeps us in their giving. We are out at a lot of events at PetSmart and WalMart. There was the Fido Scurry which had a lot of people attend, the blessing of the animals in October at St. Mary's, and the blessing at the Fido Fields Dog Park. Things are good – never been better. The Tour-de-Paws was a pleasant surprise because we were hoping for 30 to 40 people, but had over 100 and people loved it. The proceeds from that event will be divided so half goes to the Foundation and half will go to the Park Board and the Zoo's wolf exhibit. That check will be presented at their board meeting. The stronger the partnerships, the much better it is. Frankly, it kind of locks out other animal groups from having the essence of a dominant presence of the community. Fido Scurry proceeds benefitted Fido Fields. Reps from the Park Boards came and wanted to talk about doing more. That is great. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year for Fido Scurry, but the first for Tour-de-Paws. People came up and stated that they hoped we would do it again next year. We are talking about adding a little side event called Tour-de-Paws roars with motorcycles. We will kind of do that the same day or the week before or the week after. It is good. It branches into a whole new group of people. The more feelers and the more things that can be done in cooperation with other agencies, the better it is.

Chair Tim Dudley thanked Shirley and expressed appreciation for all she and the foundation do.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Tim Dudley gave a heads up that on the Nov 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, provided that the Integrys Aggregation passes on the ballot, we will be dealing with a few issues on that. Hopefully, we will have that goal up and going by the time you get your bills in March.

Jay Dunn reminded that quite a few board members that have not yet taken the open meeting training yet. It needs to be completed by the end of the year. It takes about 2 hours. Randy Waks clarified that the testing only has to be done once.

Jay Dunn made the motion to adjourn, and seconded by Kevin Meachum . Motion Carried 9-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office*