

**MACON COUNTY
EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2012
5:30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Tim Dudley
Kevin Greenfield
Phil Hogan
Joe McGlaughlin
Jay Dunn
David Williams

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Deb Garrett, Environmental Management
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control
Sheree Zalanka, Health Dept

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The 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 Jay Dunn, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims was made by David Williams, seconded by Phil Hogan and motion carried 6-0.

ZONING & SUBDIVISIONS

No report.

REPORTS

Environmental Management

Deb Garrett reported that today is America Recycles Day as it has been for the past 15 years. It is a non-profit organization which is a leg of the Keep America Beautiful organization and is supported by both public & private entities to encourage communities to have recycling events. Their website reported this year that the American Recycling and Reuse industry is a two hundred billion dollar enterprise that includes more than 50,000 recycling and reuse establishments. They employ more than one million people and generate an annual payroll of approximately \$37 billion. So, as a part of America Recycles Day, Laurie Rasmus and I were invited to Richland to participate in their Sustainability Fair. A lot of the different disciplines at Richland had their students produce sustainability projects. We had two contests out there. One was to tweet us a picture of a student recycling today at Richland. They were eligible for a prize and so we got a lot of tweets from the students.

Our yearly reporting shows the event recycling programs we did throughout the year. Last year, we only had about 8 or 9 of them. So, it has grown quite a bit this year. Our total for this year was 155,109 lbs of recycling was collected.

Question: Dave Williams wondered about why they were not at the car show this year.

Answer: Deb said they were not contacted in time. The usual contact forgot to let them know about it. We called and reminded them afterwards.

Deb also explained about a new flyer / bookmark that is being distributed at all the local libraries. It has information about Christmas item recycling and contact information on it.

Regional Office of Education

No report.

Veteran Assistance

No report

Planning and Zoning

No report.

Health Department

Sheree Zalanka presented a Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Increase in Appropriations in the FY12 Budget and a Decrease in Appropriations in the FY13 Health Fund Budgets for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Carry Over (PHEP) A020-810-4959-00. She explained that they received additional carry over funds from the previous budget year from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Some of the money has been used for computer equipment upgrades. We were originally going to spend it in FY13, but those upgrades needed to be made immediately. So, that is why we are wanting to take some of the money from FY13 and putting it back into FY12. It is just a transfer. The total award was \$23,050. We want to put \$14,000 in FY12 and the rest will be spent in FY13.

Motion to approve was made by Phil Hogan, seconded by Jay Dunn and motion carried 6-0.

Animal Control.

Lt. Jeff Scheibly presented the stats for the month of October. They are somewhat consistent with September. The intakes were about the same. Adoptions were a little bit less, but we had ended our specials from the summer and are currently doing our Home for the Holidays fostering program. We got a little bit earlier start with it this year. We have about a dozen animals that have been fostered out in that program so far. We anticipate those numbers to rapidly increase.

We also need to purchase a new truck for the warden. It is actually budgeted for this year, but there is not a current state bid out on the truck. It expired, so we were trying to hold off to see if there was going to be a new bid that came out. But, it looks like it is going to be several months before that happens. So, that is why we went and got the three different bids. It looks like Bob Ridings out of Taylorville has the best bid. Discussion ensued as to whether the motion should be to make a recommendation and pass it on to the Finance Committee for approval or if it was necessary to go to the Finance Committee since the purchase was already accounted for in this year's budget. In the end, it was decided the committee members would like for it to go through the Finance Committee and David Williams made a motion with a recommendation to accept the Bob Ridings bid – option 2 – and to pass it on to the Finance Committee; seconded by Jay Dunn. Kevin Greenfield questioned when the truck was to be purchased and Lt. Scheibly explained that

they would have to get a Purchase Order number from the auditor so that it will come out of the current budget even if the transaction is not completed before the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZENS REMARKS- PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shirley Stanley with the Animal Foundation stated that they had a dinner last night for the major sponsors from the beginning of the foundation. It was positively received and they felt that it was important for them to thank and express appreciation for their contributions.

Volunteers participated in the Argenta Veteran's Day Parade and they are also going to be in this Saturday's Christmas Parade too.

There have been so many more adoptions and the newspaper article yesterday was very good. The foundation strives diligently to have a lot more exposure through activities which are a good side benefit in helping increase adoptions. It's just good to get the name out there so people recognize them as "the shelter" and not just one of the other places.

Home for the Holidays is already successful and we feel very strongly about that. The foundation is giving coupons to the shelter so that whoever takes an animal home can turn those in for food. Every animal goes home with a collar and leash. If the people come back and want to adopt the pet, the foundation pays for half of that adoption. The foundation sponsors the Home for the Holidays Program and it is better received each year. Chair Dudley thanked Shirley and the Foundation for all they do.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Before finishing the meeting, Tim Dudley took a moment to congratulate everyone that won the election. December 3 will be the reorganization of the Board meeting and there is a possibility that this will be the last EEHW that Tim will chair. He thanked everyone present and those not present for everything they've done to make the committee so good. He feels that it is one of the greatest committees on the County Board. He recounted some of the accomplishments thanking Deb Garrett for all she's done in the recycling effort; spoke of the landfill expansion and all the meetings involved and the result of securing that for the next 25 or 30 years; passing the animal ordinance and all the heat the committee took for that, but great things have come about as a result. Several small villages have adopted that program as well. The Veterans Assistance and Kathie Powless and her team run one of the best programs anywhere. The recertification of the sales tax caused a lot of heat too, but that is going to help the schools and students. Those are all things I am proud of along with the small things we do to help everyone in their lives. Thanks to all the committee members and the great job. I have been proud to be your chairman. The committee will continue to do great things.

Joe McGlaughlin took a moment to thank everyone for all the help and assistance on this committee and all the other ways throughout the years. He expressed gratitude and appreciation for help and friendship and for everything everyone does. Thanks also for the personal friendship and the kindness and courtesy extended to him and his family when his son had cancer. Tim thanked him for his service as well.

A Closed session is not needed.

The next meeting will be December 20.

Jay Dunn made the motion to adjourn, and seconded by Phil Hogan . Motion Carried 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office