

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2012
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Tim Dudley
Phil Hogan
Kevin Greenfield
Jerry Potts
Patty Cox

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jay Dunn, County Board Chairman
Amy Stockwell, Auditor
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Deb Garrett, Env Mgmt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Merv Jacobs
Kevin Meachum

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 Jerry Potts, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims made by Patty Cox, seconded by Jerry Potts, and motion carried 5-0.

ZONING

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-12-12, A Petition for Special Use Permit Submitted by Eric and Holly Mowry

Jennifer Hoffman explained this is to allow a bakery business in a 20' x 40' out building situated on a single family estate. The property is commonly known as 4216 Bowman Road located in South Wheatland Township. The zoning board voted 5-0 at the public meeting on 12/5/12 in favor with the following stipulations: The employees shall be family members only, the business will only have one sign not exceeding 6 square feet, the special use permit is for a 10 year period, building permits will be obtained, and they shall conform to all state & county regulations. Motion to approve was made by Phil Hogan, seconded by Patty Cox.

Question: Kevin Greenfield asked if this was done about a year or so ago. Jennifer confirmed that they did on 4/15/11 when they were granted a special use to operate the bakery in their garage which is attached to their house. The zoning ordinance states that home occupations shall be confined to the principal structure and no accessory buildings shall be used for such occupation. That is why they need this special use permit to operate the bakery in the out building. This is nothing new. The county has lots of businesses that are operated this way. This is the same property but they are just going to an outbuilding because they need more room. Motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS

Minor Subdivision: Henderson Tree Farm Second

Jennifer Hoffman explained that this is a 3 lot minor subdivision located in Hickory Point Township. The owners are Eugene Henderson, Helen Henderson, Clayton Girard & Andrea Girard. The property is located off of Mound Road and is known as 1650 E. Mound Road. The lots are zoned R1 single family estate. Lot 1 is 4.32 acres, Lot 2 is 4.57 acres, & Lot 3 is 3.33 acres. All signatures have been approved and all fees have been paid.

Motion to approve made by Patty Cox, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, and motion carried 5-0.

Minor Subdivision: Gensler Estates

Jennifer Hoffman explained that this is a 5 lot minor which is located in Whitmore Township. The owners are Steve & Jennifer Gensler. The property is located off of Birch Church Road. The lots are zoned R1 single family estate. Lot 1 is 14 acres, Lot 2 is 1 acre, Lot 3 is 1 acre, Lot 4 is 1.03 acres and Lot 5 is 1.35 acres for a total of 18.5 acres. There is a flood plain line affecting lot 1 of the 14.10 acres, but there is plenty of room to build as it is on the back side of the lot. All signatures have been approved and all fees have been paid.

Tim Dudley questioned what they were zoned before. Jennifer explained that they are zoned R1 and they are not changing. They are just subdividing the 18 acres into lots.

Motion to approve made by Phil Hogan, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, and motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Veterans Assistance

Kathie Powless was excused.

No report

Planning & Zoning

No further report

Health Department

No report

Animal Control

Kris Horton distributed the animal control report. They are still doing the Home for the Holidays Foster Program. They have approximately 60 animals in foster care right now. As of today, there have been 960+ adoptions this year. This has never happened in the history of animal control.

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing Additional Appropriations for Animal Control FY2013 Budget

Kris Horton stated that they have received a very generous donation of \$8,000 which they would like to use in 2013 to do the disaster preparedness plan for the county. In doing that, there is going to be equipment such as kennels, portable crates, etc... We are wanting to use those funds to get set up so if we have a disaster at the shelter. With our location being between the railroad tracks, that is a possibility. We would be able to evacuate off site. Or if there is a disaster in the community, we would be able to set up anywhere there is a Red Cross Shelter so that people would not have to be separated from their animals. Studies show that, especially elderly people,

in a disaster, will not go to a shelter if they cannot take their animals with them. The Red Cross does not allow them. This way we will be set up to do both of those things.
Motion was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Phil Hogan and motion carried 5-0.

Environmental Management

Deb Garrett distributed her fiscal year report. This year 233 residents were served through the paint collection program. This was done by appointment usually 2 -3 times a month. The call to recycle is for rechargeable batteries. Most come in through the front door from the Sheriff's Department and the Building Commission. The fluorescent bulbs are collected through the collection point at Kenny's Ace Hardware in Mt. Zion. In a year's time, we took in 2200 CFL bulbs for recycling. Long Creek, for the 3rd year in a row has recycled far more than anyone else through their trailer. The total from all the trailers was 512 tons. This is a huge improvement from last year.

Question: Is the paint recycling pickup still going on now? Deb replied that it is not done in Nov, Dec, or Jan except for special circumstances such as road commissioners and township people.

Question: Do we collect tires everywhere or are there drives? Deb explained that there had been one drive in partnership with the City of Decatur & Midwest Fiber. We also have a location at the Highway Department. So, Road Commissioners can take them there if they are found dumped out in the County. Normally the pickup fee is paid by the IEP, but sometimes that funding does not come through and we have to pay.

Regional Office of Education

No report

Citizen's Remarks

Shirley Stanley, president of the Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation, reported that they held an open house last Saturday at the shelter. The public was invited. It was publicized decently, but not excessively. They were amazed and pleased at the number of people that showed up. There were 13 animals that went home that day that were adopted and there were another 4 that went out through the Home for the Holiday foster program. We have talked about why we think we had such a good response and I think the shelter has just attained the reputation of not being an awful place with sad stories. It is looked upon much more positively. That has certainly been our goal and I think that has been happening. We love seeing that. We had donations of hot chocolate and cookies that people baked and brought in. It was very successful. We have also done Santa photos at Pet Smart on the Saturday & Sunday of the first three weekends of December. Our next event will be speed dating in February around Valentines Day. Chair Dudley thanked Ms. Stanley and expressed appreciation for all she does at the shelter.

Kevin Greenfield asked about a news article he had seen about Homeward Bound's shortfall and a need of \$50,000 or they would have to close. Both Shirley & Kris Horton assured him that they are NOT closing. Even if they did, it would not affect the shelter negatively. A lot of the animals they adopt out do not come from Decatur or Macon County, but from other places in Illinois. I'm not sure if the animals that they have there would go to the shelter or not, but after the initial adoptions of whatever they've got, we would not be affected negatively.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

NEXT MEETING

January 17, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dudley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham
Macon County Board Office