

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 19, 2014**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Dudley, Chair  
Phil Hogan  
Kevin Greenfield  
Jerry Potts  
Merv Jacobs  
Kevin Meachum  
Patty Cox

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Jay Dunn, Board Chairman  
Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control  
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z  
Deb Garrett, Environmental Mgmt  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Kevin Bird, County Board Member  
Matt Brown, County Board Member  
Greg Collins, Veterans Administration

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

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

**MINUTES**

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve the May 15, 2014 & June 6, 2014 special meeting minutes, seconded by Phil Hogan, motion carried 6-0 with Patty Cox voting present.

**CLAIMS**

Patty Cox made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Jerry Potts and motion carried 7-0.

**ZONING**

*S-01-06-14*: James Dewayne Barnes requesting a Special Use Permit to allow a business to manufacture ammunition for firearms other than ammunition for destructive devices or armor piercing ammunition in Re-5 Single Family Estate zoning. This property is commonly known as 10396 Sheets Rd in Oakley Township.

On June 4, 2014, a public ZBA hearing was held and based on the finding of facts, the rules of the zoning ordinance & staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 for approval with the following stipulations:

1. Special use permit is for a 2 year period. After that time, the permit may be renewed if approved. The Special Use Permit will expire on July 10, 2016.
2. The business cannot have any signage on the property.
3. The employees limited to Mr. Barnes only.
4. No firing of firearms related to the business.

5. Said property and all operations shall comply with all Federal, State and County Ordinances.

The Oakley Township Board and Oakley Planning Commission approved this petition on May 19, 2014. The only reason we had to have their approval is because Oakley Township is the only township in Macon County that has their own planning commission.

Kevin Greenfield asked if there was any opposition. Jennifer said no. Chair Dudley asked if there were any objectors present at the meeting. There were none.

Motion to approve made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Phil Hogan and motion carried 7-0.

**S-03-06-14:** Robert Weaver Jr. & Deborah Weaver requesting a Special Use Permit to allow placement of a mobile home on property where a primary residence already exist in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is commonly known as 4636 Coulters Mill Rd in Oakley Township.

On June 4, 2014, the public ZBA hearing was held and based on the finding of facts, the rules of the zoning ordinance & staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 for approval with the following stipulation:

1. Special use permit is for a 2 year period. After that time, the permit may be renewed if approved. The Special Use Permit will expire on July 10, 2016.

Again, the Oakley Township Board and Oakley Planning Commission approved this petition on May 19, 2014.

Kevin Meachum asked if there was a reason for putting a mobile home where there is an existing home. Jennifer said it was for his parents.

Chair Dudley asked if there were any objectors present. There were none.

Motion to approve made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Phil Hogan and motion carried 7-0.

**R-04-06-14:** Terry Brown for rezoning approximately 2.62 acre(s) from (A-1) Agricultural to RE-5 Single Family Estate Zoning. This property is commonly known as 13901 Illiopolis Rd in Niantic Township.

Chair Dudley announced that he was pulling this agenda item due to questions that have been raised about it. He said he has scheduled meetings with one of the objectors and with the seller. He said Jennifer Hoffman would be included in the meetings. He also said he plans to meet with the Zoning Board and at this point there will be no discussion of it. He said there will probably have to be a special EEHW meeting scheduled to deal with it before the next board meeting.

R-05-06-14: Gary H. Jostes from rezoning approximately 0.838 acre(s) of 47.15 acre(s) from (A-1) Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning. This property is located on Moss Road, approximate 600 feet East of Boody Road, in Blue Mound Township.

On June 4, 2014, the ZBA hearing was held and based on the finding of facts, the rules of the zoning ordinance & staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 for approval.

This parcel is .838 acres in size which is under the minimum lot size for a newly created lot, however, the Plat Act states that 2 property owners can buy land off of each other and add it to the existing parcel. This is the situation here. The .838 acres will be added to the existing lot which is zoned R1 and is one acre in size.

Motion to approve made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Kevin Meachum and motion carried 7-0.

*Subdivisions –*  
None

**REPORTS**  
*Veterans Assistance*  
No report

*Planning & Zoning*  
No Report

*Health Department*  
No Report

*Animal Control*  
Lt. Scheibly distributed reports and asked for questions. There were none.

A couple of upcoming events include The All American Birthday Party on Saturday, June 28. This is an annual festival to be held from 12 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Christmas in July is a fostering event just like the Home for the Holidays that is done in November, December, & January. The summer adoption fees have been reduced. Anything that has been at the shelter for over 6 months will be \$25 and everything that has been there for less than 6 months will be \$50. Hopefully, that will help move the animals out even more than what they are now.

Kevin Meachum asked how the events are advertised to get the word out. Lt. Scheibly said they are put on the Animal Foundation Facebook & website. It also goes on the Animal Shelter Facebook & the specials are sent out to the media contacts as well.

### ***Environmental Management***

Deb Garrett distributed a report about the June 11<sup>th</sup> paint collection. Fifty three cars attended. The report also contained the list of how the information is circulated.

Chair Dudley asked when the next electronics collection would be. Deb said it would be in October.

### ***Regional Office of Education***

No Report

### **Citizen's Remarks**

Shirley Stanley with the Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation reported that she had event cards to hand out that include the events scheduled through the end of the year.

This Saturday will be Waggin Tails from 5:30 to 11 at the Mt. Zion Lions Club Pavilian. Cost is \$5 at the door. There will be live bands, drawings, raffles & University Dogs will be bringing out both of their trailers and will be selling hot dogs. Drinks will be available. Prizes on the raffles are \$1,500 for first prize, \$1,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, & \$500 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are a limited number of tickets so the odds are pretty good.

The All American Birthday Party has always had good media coverage and a record number of adoptions.

Tour de Paws is a bike ride done with Scovill Zoo is on the event card and will be coming up.

Jay Dunn asked for an update on the cat addition. Shirley said that the plans went out for bid and came out double of what they had hoped. They have gone back to the architectural firm to be redone. Those plans will go back out for bid. Originally, it was hoped that it would be \$40,000 to \$80,000, but the architect said it would be about \$160,000, but the bids came back double and higher than that. She said they've got the \$160,000 and could do that, but there is a limit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Kevin Greenfield asked when the Zoning Board had stopped going out on sites. Jennifer Hoffman said it was right after Dan left and Tony had taken over. Due to budget reasons, it was so expensive to rent the van. ZBA members do get mileage for going out to the site. They are highly encouraged to go out to the site. Kevin asked if they went out. Jennifer said some do. Kevin said he wondered if it should be made mandatory so they would be aware of the situations. Jay said there are weather problems with holding the meetings at the site. He said that some of the members don't even charge the mileage for going out to the site. Mike Baggett said that holding any public meeting at the site would be a violation of the Open Meetings Act. The meetings have to be located at a site that is common and accessible to the public. Moving meetings from site to site would not be compliant with the OMA, but requiring them to go on site prior to the hearing is a completely different issue. Jennifer repeated that they are highly encouraged to go out prior to the meetings, but whether they do or not is up to them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

none

**Closed Session**

None needed

**NEXT MEETING**

Next regular meeting - Thursday, July 17, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Meachum, the motion carried 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham*  
Macon County Board Office