

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING

July 17, 2014

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Phil Hogan
Kevin Greenfield
Patty Cox
Kevin Meachum

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jay Dunn, Board Chairman
Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Deb Garrett, Environmental Mgmt
Kathie Powless, Veterans Admin
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Merv Jacobs
Jerry Potts

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

MINUTES

Phil Hogan made a motion to approve the July 2, 2014 special meeting minutes, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Patty Cox made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Kevin Meachum and motion carried 5-0.

ZONING

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-01-07-14, A Petition for Rezoning Permit Submitted by Gary Lee Brunner Sr.

Jennifer Hoffman explained that this is a request to rezone approximately 7.66 acres from A-1 to RE-5 Single Family Estate Zoning. It is located on the corner of Coulters Mill Road & Star Route Road in Oakley Township. On July 2, 2014, a public ZBA hearing was held and voted to approve. It was also approved by the Oakley Township Board at their June 6, 2014 meeting.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 5-0.

Jennifer explained that the wording of the resolution has been changed for clarification purposes and the EEHW vote count will no longer be included. She explained that the resolution needs to read "approved" and then when the board votes, it is voted on yes or no to approve or disapprove so there is no confusion on what or how to vote. She explained that the P&Z resolutions are different from regular board resolutions because they are the result of public hearings and have to follow State Statutes. Per Mike Baggett, the ZBA vote and the full County Board vote are needed, but State Statute does not say anything about an oversight committee vote. Committee members asked why they even got it then and Jennifer explained that it is because the Macon County Board Rules say that she needs approval from the oversight

committee. The paragraph that says the EEHW approved or disapproved will still be on the resolution, it will just not have the actual vote count. Kevin Meachum said as long as the full board knows that the committee considered it because they know that the committee is the one studying it and making the recommendation and they count on that. Committee members agreed that they approved of the changes.

Subdivisions – None

REPORTS

Veterans Assistance

Kathie Powless presented her budget and explained that the travel line would show an increase because Greg Collins has gone to training and is now accredited. With both Kathie & Greg being accredited, both now have to keep up their CEU's and so both have to travel. Next year the IACVAC training will be in Appleton, WI.

EDP Line - Kathie explained they are working with two companies to find someone who can integrate the files from the Virtual Veterans Program into a new Veteran's Program. Kathie said she had worked with Carol who advised that it may be able to be worked through the Capital Projects Fund. She said they are unsure on how much it will be right now.

Kathie explained that the current computers were purchased in 2009 and need to be replaced. Kathie said that if it ends up being more than the proposed \$2,000, it will be worked in with the software through the capital projects fund and repay it over three years.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding the budget to Finance, seconded by Phil Hogan. Tim Dudley asked how much the budget is this year versus last year. Kathie explained that the levy is still \$150,000. Tim asked if they are still within that. Kathie said it is over, but they are doing the checks & balances because the fund is getting pretty high. She said that last year, the Auditor had pulled the overage out of the fund and that when she had spoken with Carol, the same thing would happen this year as well so the levy can remain at \$150,000. Kevin Greenfield asked if she expected to be about \$12,600 over budget. Kathie confirmed. The motion carried 5-0.

Planning & Zoning - No Report

Health Department - No Report

Animal Control

Lt. Scheibly presented the statistical report and stated that it is fairly consistent with the previous year.

Current specials include the Christmas in July fostering program. Right now there are 4 or 5 adoptions that have already been made because of that. There are about a dozen more animals out through that program with the hopes that those get adopted.

The summer specials include a \$50 adoption fee & \$25 adoption fee for those animals that have been there longer than 6 months.

Yesterday, there was a pre-bid meeting for the CAT Solarium. Jerry Lord has those and the bids will be coming back in for that.

Environmental Management

Deb Garrett reported about the rain barrel program which started in 2010. Deb explained that they buy these barrels from an Illinois based company. They are an upcycled product that come into our country with pickles, olives, etc... in them and this company converts them into rain barrels. She said she felt good about working with this company and residents are pleased with them. Since 2010, a total of 189 barrels have been sold. Over 500 gallons of rainwater is conserved for each rain barrel that collects water 10 times in a year which is pretty normal even in dryer years. This is also a better water source for gardens because you don't get treated water from the tap. While it is not huge when talking about water conservation in an entire county, it does make an impact in the community.

Deb also reported on Municipal Grants that the department awards to the community. This is line item 7716 which has a dual purpose. One purpose is for the spring clean up grants. There are 8 that were funded this year. Receipts are still pending on Harristown & Mt. Zion. The second portion of that line item funds the community grant programs. The maximum for that is \$5,000. The H&R reported last week that the Good Samaritan Inn has been awarded a \$5,000 grant and they have already started working on it. They are going to implement a jobs program with the Mercy Gardens that they have. They are working with Robyn McCoy at Workforce and other organizations. That is a good program to fund. St. Marys is going to purchase balers for the blue plastic wraps which is a new and innovative thing for hospitals. It will be recycled through a vender. Macon Resources is going to enlarge their gardening area with the addition of two hoop houses. They have used that program for their staff teaching them how to grow & maintain a garden and how to cook the food and in some cases, how to preserve it. The total line item from last year is \$20,000 and we are already a little over that amount right now. I am going to have to transfer money in. During the next budget cycle, Deb said she would like to add \$5,000 to that because she feels that this is a really good way to spend this money. It is part of the mission statement & is putting the money back into the community.

Tim Dudley asked when electronics would be collected again. Deb said October 26. She said they could be taken any day to BLH or Best Buy, but there is a limitation at Best Buy on the size of TV. Tim asked if there was a limitation on size at the department's collections. Deb said the old console TVs with leaded glass are becoming a huge problem and she was trying to work with Midwest Fiber to not have a limit on those at the collection because a lot of residents are having problems disposing of them.

Regional Office of Education- No Report

Chair Dudley stated that members had been emailed a sales tax update and encouraged them to let him know if they did not receive it.

Citizen's Remarks

Shirley Stanley with the Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation reported that there are a couple of things coming up including being in the Decatur Celebration Parade which is a first.

Tour de Paws is being done in conjunction with the Decatur Park District which is a bike ride that starts in Nelson Park. This will be the last year for that location. It will be moved north to Hickory Point next year. The new miniature golf course, Cherry Berry, & Ted's Taters will help make this a fund event this year.

A successful birthday party was held and there were about 14 adoptions resulting from that.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing Agreement to become an Additional Party to the Intergovernmental Agreement to Petition U.S.EPA to Designate the Mahomet Aquifer as Sole Source Aquifer

Chair Dudley announced that he was pulling this resolution from the agenda

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Clinton Landfill Permit

Kevin Greenfield asked what fund the \$7,000 would come out of. Jay Dunn said it would probably come out of the County Board budget. Kevin asked if it was something that would need to be put in at budget time. Jay said he wasn't sure, but there was money that had not been used in the County Board budget. He told the committee he would have something definite before presenting to Finance.

Tim Dudley made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Kevin Meachum and the motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session

None needed

NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting - Thursday, August 21, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham
Macon County Board Office