

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 18, 2014
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Patty Cox
Kevin Meachum (arrived @ 5:32 p.m.)
Jerry Potts (arrived @ 5:33 p.m.)
Merv Jacobs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phil Hogan

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Denny Crowley, Mental Health
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Deb Garrett, Environmental Mgmt
Laurie Rasmus, Environmental Mgmt
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Kathy Wade, Health Dept
Greg Collins – Vet Admin
Jay Dunn – County Board Chairman
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

MINUTES

Patty Cox made a motion to approve the August 21, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Merv Jacobs, motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Patty Cox made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 4-0.

ZONING

S-02-09-14- Eric Livingston- General Assembly of the Church of God in IL (Camp Warren) for a special use permit to place two more manufactured homes for the use of the State Minister and the Executive Director in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. This property is commonly known as 4225 Camp Warren Rd in Mt. Zion Township.

Jennifer Hoffman reported that on September 3, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the petition.

Patty Cox made a motion to forward the request to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, and motion carried 5-0.

S-04-09-14 Hollie Burns for a special use permit to operate an animal grooming and pet photography business in (R-1) Single family residential. This property is commonly known as 2727 W. Rock Springs Road in South Wheatland Township.

Jennifer Hoffman reported that on September 10, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended denial, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 0-5 for denial of the petition.

Kevin Meachum asked what the reason was for denial. Jennifer explained that the house had just been purchased 2 weeks prior. The house had caught on fire and needed to be demo'd because of the health & safety of the property and the current condition it was in. The day before the ZBA hearing, they were witnessed by Jennifer demoing the house without a demo permit. When the demo happens the lot becomes a non-conforming lot in R-1 Single Family Residential. R-1 zoning is for the permitted use of a single family home. They were going to operate the grooming business in the garage that was behind the house. Therefore, you are issuing a special use permit on a non-conforming lot.

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for denial, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 6-0.

S-05-09-14 Robert & Aissa Norris for a special use permit to allow the holding or special events, such as educational events; wedding/ receptions; company picnics, and family reunions in (A-1) Agricultural zoning. This property is commonly known as 990 S. Meridian Avenue in Harristown Township.

Jennifer Hoffman reported that on September 10, 2014 a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended denial, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 3-2 for approval of the petition with the following stipulations:

1. This Special Use Permit constitutes a license issued to the named Petitioners only. This special use permit is not property nor does it convey any property right. This special use permit is, therefore, not assignable or transferable.
2. Employees shall be family members only.
3. Advertising sign regulations on the subject property shall comply with Macon County Zoning Ordinance.
4. Building permits shall be obtained as required.
5. There shall be no parking on the county roads for any events. Ample parking shall be provided to handle all events on the property.
6. Proof, within 60 days, from an Illinois Department of Public Health Licensed Septic Installer to show that the current septic systems are adequate for all of the events handled by the commercial business. If current systems are not adequately sized, according to code, new private sewage disposal systems must be installed to meet the demand and requirements.
7. Within 60 days, all private water systems will need to be properly constructed, and tested yearly to ensure the supply is potable. If said property has events more than 60 days a year, a Non-Community Public Water Supply application must be applied for through Illinois Department of Public Health.

8. If any food is prepared and served at said property, a Macon County Food License will be required and needs to be obtained within 60 days. Licensed catering companies/businesses from certified kitchens will be approved.
9. Said property and all operations shall remain subject to all other applicable local, county, state, and federal regulations. Failure to do so will result in revocation of this special use permit and it will be effective immediately.
10. Hours of operation for the business is 8:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. for 7 days a week.
11. The maximum occupancy number for the property is 200 guests per event.
12. Special use permit is for a 2 year period. After that time, the permit may be renewed if approved. This special use permit expires: October 9, 2016.

Kevin Meachum asked about the Noise Ordinance and stipulation #9 and wanted to know if it would be applicable to this special use permit. He said that if there were a band, he wanted to make sure they were being respectful to their neighbors. Jennifer clarified that the noise ordinance only affects the residential districts so it would not apply to this. Mr. Meachum stated that he felt they need to comply with the Noise Ordinance. Chair Dudley said that if it doesn't apply, you can't just make it be for them. Mr. Meachum asked how close the neighbors were. Jennifer said it was approximately ¼ mile. Mr. Greenfield asked if the police had been called out due to noise yet. Jennifer did not know as those complaints are dispatched through the Sheriff's department, but she had not heard of any nor had any come through the P&Z office. Mr. Greenfield asked if it had been operating for a while. Jennifer confirmed. Mr. Greenfield asked if she had gotten any complaints in her office. Jennifer said no, but she doesn't get most noise complaints unless citizens call her during the day hours. Chair Dudley asked if, even though the Noise Ordinance does not govern that property, if there is excessive noise, a complaint could still be made and the police would check it out. Jennifer said she assumed so.

Chair Dudley asked for objectors that wanted to speak to come forward.

Jim Jankowicz, Attorney at Law, 101 South Main St., Decatur, Il 62523

Mr. Jankowicz explained that he represents Susanna Miller who lives at 10385 Pit Road in Niantic which is just around the corner from the property.

He distributed a hand drawn map that shows nearby property owners & a petition in objection to the special use permit. He said that the immediate neighbors, at the time of the hearing before the ZBA were objecting to the special use permit being allowed. It is important for this committee to understand the evidence was presented. It is understood that the County is looking for economic development. This is not compatible with agricultural use. It was clear at the hearing that the Norris's are trying to run a business. It has been run for a number of years in violation of the existing ordinance and they were continuing to do so up until the ZBA hearing. For a special use to be granted, on page 30 of the Macon County Zoning Ordinance, the standards that must be met are listed. Those standards were not met by the applicants. In

particular, aside from the noise ordinance, the road usage issue was significant. He said he felt it was not properly addressed by the Zoning Board. Not only was there discussion about on road parking, but there is also significant concern by the nearby property owners about the use of the roads. The most direct route is the interstate and getting off at Point Cemetery Road or the Four Bridge Road and coming in from the north & west, but the reality is that these are small country roads and are not designed for traffic. The petitioners talked about having up to 200 people attending. That is significant traffic on a country road that is not designed for that kind of usage. In particular, there is concern that where alcohol is being consumed, many people will not be using the interstate and will intentionally use the back roads to avoid detection of driving under the influence of alcohol on the interstate. People are using the back roads and traffic has significantly increased down Pit Road where Ms. Miller lives. Mr. Jankowicz said they also talked at the hearing about how the petitioners are trying to say that this is related to agriculture because they are trying to show the history of agriculture and they are using the 1912 barn. Mr. Jankowicz said that they specifically sited that the petitioners have a website that talks about having such functions as family reunions, wine & cheese tasting parties and events for party planners. This is not related to agriculture. This committee, as a part of its duties, looks at the impact on the nearby property owners. The diagram shows the significant opposition from the nearby property owners. The petitioners are trying to create a B2 Commercial District in an agricultural zone. Having this sort of thing in Macon County is good, but this is not designed to be in an agricultural district.

Chair Dudley asked Mr. Jankowicz if there are any state laws or ordinances that limit the use of the roads or parking on those roads. Mr. Jankowicz said it was recommended by the zoning administrator that if the special use were granted, there would be a limitation so that parking could not take place on the road. That is a public road and anybody can use it except for weight limitations. From a realistic standpoint of what the County is spending its money on to have what is really designed as country roads for agricultural use and for farm families that live there, it is not designed for heavy use for what could be up to 60 days of events of 200 people coming in to use the roads. That is not what the roads were designed to be used for.

Mr. Meachum said that most of the traffic would be from vehicular cars. Car traffic has very little impact on the structure of a roadway. Truck traffic destroys a roadway. Federal & State studies have all indicated that. Mr. Jankowicz said that this is an event center and catering services, beer trucks, tent vendors & chair & table vendors are coming in. There will be heavier duty vehicles coming in. Mr. Meachum said that these would be very low volume. He said he understood that they have concerns, but he also understands that vehicular traffic will be 90% of it and there is a federal guideline ratio that states what these are. Mr. Jankowicz said the roads are not particularly wide roads and if you are looking at vehicles passing each other, the roads are not designed for the increased traffic. Mr. Meachum asked if the road commissioner had been contacted and asked for his opinion. Jennifer Hoffman said she had spoken with the Road Commissioner from Harristown and he said he had had no complaints. She said she did not ask specifically about the conditions of the road, but only if he had had any complaints. She said she also spoke with the Niantic Township Road Commissioner and he said he has heard complaints and issues about the parking out there.

Jerry Potts asked about the distance from the Norris property to neighboring properties.

Dan Carr, 10855 Pebble Road, Niantic, IL which is .85 miles from the location being discussed. Mr. Carr said he thought there were several important issues. One is that the County has a staff that are paid to do a job and they have researched this and thought that denying the petition was in order. He said that contrary to the sworn petitioner's activities, most of the activities are revenue producing. That has been observed over the last 24 to 36 months. Even though they have not been operating for a long extended period of time, they have been operating for some time. He said he believed that because of the employment of the petitioners they were aware of the necessity to comply with ordinances, but they did not make an effort to do so. Although the stipulations were put into place, on September 6 there was an additional function held that did not comply with these wishes. He said he knows how important commerce is and he is not trying to discourage that, but thinks it is important that they carry on their business within the rules and regulations abiding by the zoning and health ordinances that are set forth and they need to do that to the letter of those ordinances. If they do not do that, they should not be allowed to operate their business. Mr. Meachum addressed Mr. Carr saying that since he is saying that they have been in operation for 24 to 36 months, has it impacted your lifestyle. Mr. Carr said he would not say they are annoying, but his 2 dogs just go nuts when there is loud music playing. That detracts from the quiet enjoyment of his household. He said there is increased traffic on the road. Mr. Meachum said that is progress. Mr. Carr said that Meridian Road is the primary route to his house and there have been times when there have been cars parked on both sides of the road with people walking down the middle of the road and that poses danger for them. Mr. Meachum said the parking has been addressed in the stipulations. Mr. Carr finished by saying that he was not really objecting to issuing the permit, but was saying that all the rules and regulations should apply to the Norris's just like everybody else and if you let them ignore the rules and regulations, then Mr. Carr said he could too.

Attorney Britt Brown, Brown, Hawkins & Basola Attorneys, 234 S Franklin St., Decatur, IL Mr. Brown stated he was present to represent Robert & Aissa Norris. He said that economic development is something that the City of Decatur & the County of Macon certainly needs to expand on. He distributed a handout with information taken from Yes Magazine & the Knot that talks about the impact of a wedding in a community. These events present an opportunity for Macon County to embrace a very unique venue that allows the attraction of out of the area individuals to bring funds & income into the community. There are currently 7 to 10 wedding venues in Macon County. Mr. Jankowicz intervened saying the information presented by Mr. Brown is new information that was not presented at the ZBA hearing. He said he had read the minutes of July 2 where they were admonished by the State's Attorney's Office that you could only look at evidence previously heard by the Zoning Board. He said he respected Mr. Brown highly, but he said he thought the presentation of new material that has never come before the Zoning Board is something that this committee cannot consider when it makes a decision on what to do tonight. Chair Dudley said that was a good point and asked Mr. Brown to stick to the stipulations and how they are addressing them.

Mr. Brown went on to address the statements of Mr. Carr & Mr. Jankowicz. There is a lot of traffic on that road, both agricultural and vehicular. Mr. Carr lives on a road that is not a very commonly travelled area. This is an agricultural area and large grain trucks create a volume of traffic up and down the road. That applies to the issues of noises. There are

a lot of noises in the area, but he said he did not believe this venue would offer substantially large amounts of noise that would violate the sound ordinance, especially in consideration of the fact that the approximate number of events that would probably be held from April to October would be about 20 events. It is not a lot of volume, not continuous, and not every night.

The first event they held for pay was in May, 2013. This has not been going on for years. They've had events prior, but not paid events.

Mr. Jankowicz brought up the issue of economic impact. Some of the events held there have included the Sister City Exchange for students to come out and visit a farm, 4H groups, Girl Scouts, 2 Church groups, Grade School groups, U of I Extension, PBS has done a program on this unique barn. This is an asset to the community, but it cannot be shown if you don't have the opportunity to have events there.

On the volume issue, in the event of a wedding, it has been common that there has been a shuttle bus that has been used to bring people in. Traffic is not a major issue. Parking has been addressed.

Addressing stipulations:

1. This is the Norris's property. They are going to retain the property.
2. There are no employees of 1912 Barn, LLC. Only the current family members assist in the process
3. There are no large signs there. There is a temporary sign to point to the actual event, but no large permanent signs.
4. There is no building that will be going on. They use an existing 1912 constructed barn that has a historical and unique asset to our community.
5. Parking for at least 75 cars is available off the road. There is not a need for any type of roadway parking. In addition, there is a substantial grassy area on the east side of the tennis court.
6. A licensed septic inspector who has done a recent inspection, 9/17, acknowledges the systems are adequate to meet the needs.
7. Water testing has been done. These individuals are in compliance. They want to do the right thing for the County and the community and follow the stipulations as requested.
8. No food preparation is done on site. They are all licensed caterers who have their own licenses. Aissa Norris has a food sanitation certificate anyway.
9. They are an entity that is in good standing with the State of Illinois. They have gone through business classes. They want to be a good community neighbor.
10. The hours of operation are very acceptable from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. They rarely go that length, but occasionally they might go up to 11 p.m. They are willing to be fully in compliance with that.
11. No problem with the maximum number of guests. 175 has been the most they've ever had at an event and it is usually substantially less than that.
12. Two years is acceptable so that we might show the community that this can be a benefit and that it can be in compliance with all the zoning.

We believe this is a positive plus for the community and this special use permit should be approved.

Chair Dudley asked Jennifer Hoffman if all these stipulations are met if they would be qualified for a special use permit. Jennifer said she does not vote on a special use permit. The Macon County Board does. Mr. Dudley rephrased, asking if all 12 of those measures if she would recommend approval of the special use permit. He said she had laid out the stipulations, so if they comply, are they not in compliance for a special use permit. Jennifer said as long as they meet the codes and the Macon County Health Department codes.

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval.

Jerry Potts asked Kathy Wade if she had been involved in it as far as the septic & sewer. Kathy Wade said they have been working with Parks Sewer Service and that she had not received anything yet. Section 6 of the State Act says that when they become a business, they must provide a true, full blown septic system. With 200 guests, the 1,000 gallon tank & two to three hundred feet is not going to be State Code. Kevin Greenfield said that he had spoken with Parks Sewer and he thought there was more than one septic tank out there. Kathy Wade said she did not know. She does not have records of any septic systems on that property. She said she understood there is only to be one bathroom accessible and it is only connected to one of the septic systems. Ms. Norris said there is one restroom connected to the one septic and there are other restrooms in the house that are connected to the other septic. The ones in the house can be utilized without a problem if there was a need. Currently they've been bringing Parks Sewer Systems out. Whenever they have anything, there are porta potties that can handle 400 uses each. There are 2, so they are able to handle 800 restroom uses with Parks support. Kathy Wade explained that that is where the Section 6 comes in. Because it is now a commercial business, porta potties will not be allowed. True restroom facilities will be required. Ms. Norris said they had taken a look at it, and for 175 people, it was 5 gallons per person that needed to be available and so they more than meet that need because it is 875 on a single restroom. She said they have over 1,000 on a single restroom. The issue that they need to check out is the length of the runs. That is what Parks is trying to figure out. That was the only area that no one really knew because of when the septic systems were put in. Parks has been the ones that have done these systems. There are 3 systems on the house and two of them are 1,000 each. At this point, that give 2,000, so it is the commercial runs that have to be possibly extended.

Chair Dudley clarified that if this does get approved and they apply for the special use permit, we will require that all these stipulations be met and will make sure it is governed.

The motion was seconded by Patty Cox.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to amend the resolution to change stipulation #12 to one year permit and to add a stipulation #13 to require that the newly passed Noise Ordinance would have to be adhered to. The motion to amend was seconded by Jerry Potts. Roll Call Vote:

Dudley – No, Potts – Yes, Cox – No, Greenfield – No, Meachum – Yes, Jacobs – No.
Tabulation of votes showed 4 no's & 2 yes. Motion to amend failed.

Roll Call Vote on original motion to forward to full board with recommendation for approval:
Dudley – yes, Potts – yes, Cox – yes, Greenfield – yes, Meachum – no, Jacobs – no. Tabulation
of votes showed 4 yes & 2 no. Motion passed.

Subdivisions – none

REPORTS

Regional Office of Education – a copy of report was included in packet

Environmental Management

Laurie Rasmus presented a safe disposal for unused medications program. She explained that expired and unused medications are typically stored in the home for long periods of time in a place that is easily accessed such as an unlocked medicine cabinet. Some of the risks of improperly storing or disposing of unwanted medicines include accidental poisonings by young children, drug misuse by teens and adults especially with commonly prescribed pain relievers, and water contamination due to flushing of the medications and leeching in landfills. Several organizations have worked together so that Macon County now has two sites where residents may drop off their unwanted meds for safe disposal. On September 5, Sheriff Schneider's office installed a collection box inside the lobby of the LEC implementing a collection program. The Maroa Police Department has had a program since 2011. These two offices are responsible for the collections so that Law Enforcement is managing and tracking it through the process. As medicines accumulate in the evidence room, transportation is arranged. The meds are transported to the Indianapolis plant where they are incinerated. To make the public aware, the Environmental Management Department did a release and produced a brochure. They promote the program when they interact with the public in the office or at events. Details are also on the website maconggreen.com

Kevin Greenfield asked if it wouldn't be more effective if the collections were not done at the police stations. Laurie Rasmus explained that by law, they have to be there. Some of the regulations have recently changed and now a pharmacist can take some of the drugs. Right now, we have the programs through the law enforcement agencies available. Kevin Meachum asked about dropping off at a doctor's office. Laurie explained that she thought it had to go through an evidence room. Law Enforcement are very careful about sealing up the box and putting it into the evidence room and when it is transported, it has to be transported by law enforcement.

Animal Control

Kris Horton announced that for the rest of this month and all of next month, the Foundation is working with them on an Empty the Shelter Event where all adoptions are \$25. Kitten season was very late this year and the shelter is full.

Health Department

Kathy Wade had no report

Planning & Zoning –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule

Jennifer Hoffman explained that she did not want to raise any fees. She said she wants to lower the demo permit fee to \$50 and increase the penalties on building permits to double. Right now it is 1 ½ times the permit fee when you don't get the permit and she would like to make it double. She said that the City and all the other counties around here are double. She said she also wants to increase the penalties fees for demolition to \$250, \$500 & \$1,000.

Mr. Potts asked why she wanted to do this. Mr. Meachum said it's because she has violators – three in the last month & a half. Jennifer said she wants to increase the penalties for the building permits to be more uniform with all the other counties. She said she wants to increase the demo fees because lately, demo contractors that know the rules fail to get permits. She said when someone wants to demo, she wants them to get the permit and do it right. She wants to be able to reward with a lower fee for coming in and getting the permit. If they don't get the permit, we need a stiffer penalty.

Mr. Greenfield asked about the guy that tears his barn or shed down and doesn't know he's supposed to have a demolition permit. He said he agreed with those licensed demolition contractors, but there are a lot of people that don't know. Jennifer said that is a lot of education. If a house burns down and the landowner does not know the rules, she said she would not go out and slap them with a \$250 fine. If they hire a contractor that knows the rules and he doesn't get the permit, he needs to be penalized.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 5-1 (Greenfield voted no).

Veteran's Assistance

Greg Collins had no report

Mental Health Board –Budget Presentation

Dennis Crowley presented his budget saying the levy request is the same as last year. The extension was lower than the request, but through other sources, all the services have been kept funded. They have grown and are in the middle of managed care and health care now. Mr. Crowley said they have received a major state grant. Seventeen middle class jobs have been created with three of those folks buying homes. A contract has just been signed with DMH to provide care coordination and a contract will be signed next week with Health Alliance to care coordinate for them. It is a coalition that involves CHIC, SIU Family Practice, both hospitals, the Public Health Department, the Housing Authority and Heritage Behavioral Health. He said they expected to have income of \$750,000 with that program. In the first year of operation, the income was \$1.6 million. They took \$350,000 of that and paid back the startup costs and \$150,000 to keep all the local services going. Every penny of the local property tax levy is purchasing services for Macon County residents and that is because of the alternative sources of revenue and programs. The owner of a \$120,000 house last year paid \$60 in mental health tax. With approval of this, that owner of that \$120,000 house will pay the identical \$60 and it is the

same amount that was paid in 2008. Administration costs are at 5.7% of the total budget. The Mental Health Board has looked at and passed this budget. The fiscal years are different.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding the proposed budget on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing, seconded by Jerry Potts.

Kevin Greenfield asked if Jeff Johnson would stay on another year as president. Mr. Crowley said Jeff will be president until June 30th of next year. He is in his 4th consecutive term as president and the by-laws only allow 4 consecutive years.

Mr. Greenfield asked about the extra funds and said his concern last year was that we were kind of getting into the insurance business and asked if that is where the extra revenue was coming from. Mr. Crowley said that is part of where it is coming from. He said it is not quite insurance business, but more managed care business. We get a payment per member per month from the state for those who enroll with us. A health plan has been created and 90 physicians and both hospitals are in it. The local medical community is very comfortable and we are doing something very positive and are helping both hospitals with the new regulations, decreasing their emergency room use, decreasing re-hospitalizations. Mr. Crowley said that they are the only care coordination entity in the state that has been approached by managed care companies to provide them with service in this county. He said that they are actually now selling a service to private businesses because of what is being done. 15% of all Medicaid recipients use 85% of Medicaid funds. There are five chronic diseases that account for the 85%. Serious mental illness is one of those. The difference from the typical managed care which either approves or rejects a service is that they are coordinating the service with the individual from the primary care doctor to the specialist. There is customized web based software where if one of the enrollees show up in the emergency room of either hospital, electronic notification is sent within 24 hours and staff visits them the next day. Staff are not located at the Mental Health Board. They are located at CHIC, SIU Family Practice, Heritage, Alternative Clinic, or DMH. A role in keeping the local medical system stable is being played. They are very comfortable with the idea that we are government because we are totally transparent and can't make money. The money that is being made is turned back into services. What is happening at both hospitals is if someone is on Medicaid and they are re-hospitalized within 30 days for the same thing, the hospital is not going to get paid. Our people, when the person is discharged, are sitting in that person's home 24 hours later asking if the prescriptions have been filled and if they need help, if follow up appointments have been made and if they can drive them there or get transportation. It's an extension of the primary care physician's office.

For mental health purposes in the State of Illinois, it used to be a carve-out. The Medicaid money would go from the Medicaid agency which is Family Services to the Department of Mental Health and they would allocate it. That is changing. There is no longer going to be a carve-out. Mental Health is just a health condition and the managed care companies are going to be the payers. With this coalition, as this evolves, Mr. Crowley said they will be a part of it. He said they are very proud that they are the only down state contract and the only one that private companies have contracted with. We are actually in competition with major organizations in Chicago. It used to be one payer for Medicaid. Now, in our area, depending on the type of Medicaid, it is 6 or 7 different payers and we are looking to become that common

source for the doctor's office, CHIC, etc... We'll help this person stay healthy and out of the emergency room. Mr. Greenfield asked if there were any complaints from any insurance companies. Mr. Crowley said the managed care companies put a bill up in front of the IL State Legislature this year saying care coordination entities like us should come under the Department of Insurance regulations. With negotiations, the insurance lobby withdrew that stipulation. Mr. Crowley said he could see them working for the insurance companies. DMH is a part of Illinois Professional Health Alliance. This is a LLC of 8 hospitals that have formed an accountable care entity which is a managed care entity serving Medicaid folks. They came to us to work with them because we have this service set up where we can work with the high and medium risk and can help them lower their cost and we can make money by helping them make money. Health Alliance called us yesterday and said they definitely want to contract with us and purchase a service from us. Rather than setting ourselves up as competition for insurance companies, we've created a product that if you're dealing with the public paid medical system, you can purchase this product from us in Macon County and everybody is a winner. Health Alliance shareholders are going to make money off of this. Molina has shareholders that are going to make money off of this. Mr. Crowley said his organization and his shareholders are the residents and taxpayers of Macon County and they are going to make money off of this. That money will give them services and will keep both hospitals operating hopefully. Motion carried 6-0.

Citizen's Remarks - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting - Thursday, October 16, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Meachum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry Potts, the motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham