

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, November 19, 2015
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley
Matt Brown
Kevin Bird
Gary Minich
Jerry Potts
Grant Noland

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Deb Garrett, Env Mgmt
Sheree Zalanka, Health Dept
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Kathy Powless, VA
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Tracy Sumpter, P&Z
Kathy Wade, Health Dept
Sgt Lou Ann Hollon, Animal Control
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Little (excused)

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

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the October 15, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Minich made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 6-0.

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-11-15 A Petition for a Special Use Permit Submitted by Robert & Aissa Norris

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is a request for the renewal of a Special Use Permit to allow the holding of special events such as; educational tours, weddings/ receptions; company picnics and family reunions in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning.

This property is commonly located at 990 S Meridian Ave, Niantic, IL 62551 in Harristown Township.

On November 4, 2015, a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the petition with the stipulations as seen in the resolution. #2 was changed to:

2. Employees shall be family members or no more than 5 non family members only.

And #11 was changed to read:

11. This Special Use Permit shall be for a 5 year period beginning December 10, 2015 and ending December 11, 2020.

Mr. Bird asked if everything else has been met. Ms. Hoffman said yes.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Chair Dudley asked Mr. Norris if he understood and agreed with the stipulations. Mr. Norris said yes.

The motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-03-11-15 A Petition for a Special Use Permit Submitted by Hollie Burns

Ms. Hoffman explained that is for the renewal of a Special Use Permit to operate an animal grooming and pet photography business in (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning.

This property is commonly located at 2727 W Rock Springs Rd, Decatur, IL 62521 in South Wheatland Township.

On November 4, 2015, a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts, staff recommended approval and the ZBA voted 5-0 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 is not property nor does it convey any property right. This special use is, therefore, not assignable or transferable.
2. This special use permit is subject to regulation and/ or revocation by Macon County for violation of the stipulations set forth herein.
3. Proof, within 30 days, that all final inspections are completed and an occupancy permit can be obtained for the residence on site.
4. Within 30 days, the camper must cease as a residence on the property and comply with Nuisance Ordinance regulations pertaining to Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles in Macon County.
5. Within 60 days, the keeping of horses on the property shall cease.
6. The number of animals kept at the kennel at any one time shall not exceed 10 animals, inclusive of Petitioner's personal pets.

7. Employees shall be limited to owner, immediate family members of the owner, or person(s) living on the premises.
8. The wholesale, retail, and/ or manufacturing of goods related to animal grooming on the subject property is allowed.
9. Advertising sign regulations on the subject property shall comply with Macon County Zoning Ordinance.
10. Normal hours of operation shall be limited to 8 AM to 5 PM Monday thru Saturday.
11. Said property and all operations shall remain subject to all other applicable local, county, state and federal regulations including, but not limited to, the Macon County Zoning Ordinance, the Macon County Nuisance Ordinance, and the Macon County Subdivision Ordinance.
12. The special use permit shall be limited to a 2 year period and shall expire on December 14, 2017.

Mr. Brown made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Potts. Mr. Dudley made a motion to amend stipulation #5 to 30 days for the removal of the horses. He explained that the 30 days would start after the December 10th Macon County Board meeting. That gives until the 9th of January which is 52 days from today and that is plenty of time. Mr. Potts seconded the amendment.

Mr. Minich asked how many horses there are and how long they've been there. Ms. Hoffman said that when she was there on the Monday prior to the ZBA hearing, there were 3 and she wasn't sure how long they've been there. Mr. Minich asked what the objection to them is. Ms. Hoffman said it is zoned R1 single family residential. Keeping horses requires an RE5 or Agricultural.

Roll Call vote on the amendment showed all 6 members present in favor.

Chair Dudley asked Ms. Burns if she understood all the stipulations. She said yes.

Chair Dudley asked if she agreed to comply with them. She said yes.

Roll Call vote on the motion to forward the amended resolution on to the full board showed all 6 members present in favor.

SUBDIVISIONS –

Carmean's Addition- 2 lot minor

Ms. Hoffman reported that this is located off of Center Street within the Decatur Township. The subdivision includes Lot 1, one acre zoned R1, single family estate and Lot 2, which is 78.35 acres zoned A1, Agricultural and involves a total of 79.35 acres. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Veterans Assistance –

Ms. Powless invited everyone to the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony which will be held on Monday, December 7 at 10 a.m. at the Beach House located at 2301 E. Lakeshore Drive.

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Planning & Zoning –

Ms. Hoffman reported that in August, Macon County applied for a FEMA Mitigation Grant to obtain 6 properties and turn them into green space. We have received notification that Macon County was denied the funds. We had a complete application however the funds went to Cook and DuPage Counties. Ron Davis from IEMA stated that he thinks we were denied because 2 of the properties we wanted to buyout were not repetitive loss properties. However they were located in the floodplain and contingent to other repetitive loss properties and IDNR suggested we add them in the application.

Through talking to FEMA, I did learn that this is an annual grant so I think the next time we apply for the grant we need to break it down in locations. For example, apply for Kruse Road one year and Lost Bridge Road the next. We will not give up trying to apply for funds to help these citizens.

Regional Office of Education - no report

Environmental Management -

Ms. Garrett distributed a flyer for Christmas Light Recycling and asked everyone to share it on Facebook as free advertising is the best kind.

She also included a report on the Christmas light program which is going into its 5th year. Last year, 2,072 pounds were collected.

Also included was a Mega Recycling Event summary from 2012 through 2015. The number of pounds collected has been increasing significantly. Chair Dudley commented that it has tripled since 2012. Ms. Garrett said it is a lot of work and there were 51 people working the last event. The events are a lot of work requiring lots of organization and detail.

She said she often gets asked how many inside the city limits of Decatur are served with their funds as opposed to out of county. She said they always tabulate that at all of the collections. Even though there are a small amount of people from out of county, they are not turned away because it is such a small number. These people usually come from the Clinton, Illiopolis, Cerro Gordo and other surrounding towns where they do not have opportunities for this type of service. She said they don't mind taking them.

Health Department-

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 15 Health Fund Budget for Year End Addition & Cleanup

Ms. Zalanka explained that all 5 of these resolutions were approved by their Board of Health. The first one entails changes within departments and bucket transfers from one department to another. There is one increase in appropriations to the We Choose Health Program in the amount of \$16,000. This was budgeted in FY14, but spent in FY15.

Mr. Minich made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 6 -0.

Chair Dudley asked Ms. Zalanka to go through the next 4 resolutions and the committee would vote on them as a group since they all deal with grants.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 15 Health Fund Budget for MIPPA & SHIP

Ms. Zalanka explained that the MIPPA grant is \$6,990 and is for outreach activities regarding medicare savings plans. SHIP is \$2,500 and is also going to be used for promotional and advertising costs. The revenue equals the expenses exactly.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 15 Health Fund Budget for Nursing Home Diversion

Ms. Zalanka explained that this is also in the Seniors Division and it involves the placement of individuals in nursing homes and reducing their average length of stay. The total reward is \$148,500. \$67,000 goes in FY15 and the rest is FY16.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 15 Health Fund Budget for Ebola Virus Disease

Ms. Zalanka explained the total of this is \$16,481 with \$2,800 in FY15 and the rest in FY16. These funds help the emergency planning department develop a plan in case Ebola spreads.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 15 Health Fund Budget for Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Ms. Zalanka explained that this is \$50,000 with \$19,300 in FY15 and the rest in FY16. The Health Education staff will be delivering evidence based curriculum to 7th & 8th graders in two area schools.

All of these grants are Federal funds, so we will get paid regardless of the state budget issues.

Mr. Minich made a motion to forward all 4 resolutions to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mental Health-no report

Animal Control

Ms. Horton distributed monthly reports and reported that this month started the 7th Home for the Holidays Foster Program in Macon County. Every year, the numbers go up a little. Puppies and kittens are fostered for a couple of weeks and adult dogs until January 8. If adoption is decided upon, it is half price which is about \$40 and includes all vetting and everything. She said the program is very good for people who are not sure if they can manage an animal, or if they go to school or work and are not sure they have time to find out. If it doesn't work out, the animals can be brought back. Chair Dudley asked for a promotional flyer, but Ms. Horton said the program started a bit early this year and the flyers are not yet available. There was an article about it in today's paper. Mr. Dudley requested that Ms. Horton send it to the County Board Office for forwarding out to the Board Members.

Ms. Horton said that last month she had been asked about the price of the trees at the shelter. The Foundation paid for the trees. Elwin Tree Farm gave them a \$500 discount. They paid \$2,789 for 9 trees and they are big and beautiful.

Citizen's Remarks -

Shirley Stanley, President of the Decatur Macon County Animal Control Shelter Foundation, said they had a lot going on in October. October 24 was an event with the Coffee Connection. It was the first time. They came to the Foundation and asked if we would participate in a fundraiser through them. They matched it and it netted about \$600. We really like new community partners.

That was the same day as Whiskers and Tails. It was the best one yet and really successful. The theme was Brazilian and it was wonderful.

Halloween featured Trunk or Treat and it was terrible weather, but the shelter opened the Sally Port and there were two pop up tents. There were about 100 families that came out.

November 7th was an event at the Farm and Fleet. The shelter was invited inside to do Santa photos. This is another new community partner and they were so pleased that they said anytime we want to have an adoption event, they would be happy to partner with us.

The Christmas Parade is Saturday and the van will be driven with a lot of dogs walking.

Once the new grassy area on the East side of the shelter is finished, three more trees will be put in making the total 12 trees. Elwin Tree Farm came and evaluated the area and helped make the decision as to what would be best for quick growth and furnishing the most shade. They worked well with us and love animals. So many people do and that opens so many doors.

April will mark the 10th anniversary and things will be done to tout that fact and emphasize that for over 50 years, it was one of the worst facilities in the US and now it is considered to be one of the best. Everybody is dedicated to making the quality of life for those shelter animals better

and better. Every county has to have a rabies control facility and it is a tremendous commentary for the community because they wanted this so badly. Once a facility is established, it will be as good or as mediocre as the community support is. People realize that and it is very gratifying that people get it – they realize that it was a community effort that got that building up and going and it takes community support to keep it at the high quality.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting - Thursday, December 17, 2015

Chair Dudley said that Thanksgiving is next week and with everything in the news in the last few days and people worried about what's going on in the country, we still live in the greatest country in the world. We have a lot to be thankful for. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bird, the motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham