

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2015
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley
Linda Little
Gary Minich
Matt Brown
Kevin Bird

MEMBERS ABSENT

Merv Jacobs
Jerry Potts

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sheree Zalanka, Health Dept
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Kathy Powless, Vet Administration
Deb Garrett, Environmental Mgmt
Paula Cross, Environmental Mgmt
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Laura Lents, County Board Office
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept Administrator
Sgt Louann Hollon, Animal Control

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

MINUTES

Kevin Bird made a motion to approve the March 19, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Brown, motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Linda Little made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Gary Minich and motion carried 5-0.

ZONING – None

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Health Department –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for HVAC Project

Sheree Zalanka explained that they have been replacing 13 furnace & air conditioner units, 1 gas fired unit heater, 1 gas fired hot water heater, thermostats, etc... They have been working with Architectural Expressions. The bidding process was completed and King-Lar and Clow have been doing the work. Architectural Expressions is helping the Health Department get a rebate, so they need to increase revenue \$50,717 and the total expense of the project is going to be around \$250,000.

Linda Little made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Matt Brown. Chair Dudley asked if that was a rebate through the State. Sheree confirmed. The motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative in the FY15 Health Fund Budget

Sheree Zalanka explained that this is a new grant that goes along with some of the services that the Starting Point Senior Division was already providing. This will be an increase to revenue and expense for \$3,100 this year and the rest of the grant will be in FY16. The total award is \$4,907.

Gary Minich made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for Medical Reserve Corps-NACCHO in the FY15 Health Fund Budget

Sheree Zalanka explained that this is a grant that they have had before and is a small grant that assists with building capacity for the MRC and provides funds for equipment and mileage expenses necessary for training. It is for \$3,500.

Linda Little made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Matt Brown. Linda Little asked how many volunteers there are signed up for the Reserve Corps. Dianna Heyer said she thought it was around 60 or 70. The motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for Better Birth Outcomes Program in the FY15 Health Fund Budget

Sheree Zalanka explained that this is a grant that they've had for a few years and they have just received an increase for 30 additional cases. Their caseload is continually growing. It is a \$45,000 increase.

Gary Minich made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for CDSMP, DSMP & SHIP in the FY15 Health Fund Budget

Sheree Zalanka explained that these are all programs in the Starting Point Division. Their grant year starts in October and when the County budget was done in July, all the details of the contract were not in, so this is a clean up to those programs.

Matt Brown made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Kevin Bird and motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation Project

Sheree Zalanka explained that this is a research project that was started in 2013. \$22,000 has been received for doing this project and this resolution transfers some of the expense to FY15 that has not yet been expended.

Kevin Bird made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Matt Brown and motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for Fussy Baby Research Project in FY15 Health Fund Budget

Sheree Zalanka explained that this is also a research project in the amount of \$60,000 total. There is still \$34,274 remaining that has not been spent.

Linda Little made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Kevin Bird and motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for Mid-year cleanup in the FY15 Health Fund Budget

Sheree Zalanka explained that this is mid-year cleanup. The Coordinated Point of Entry which is another Starting Point program had the ESP login fee omitted so this is being added; The Reality program was budgeted under the wrong account lines; The Prostate Grant, during budgeting for FY15 was not taken on as originally planned so this is being removed; a new printer/copier contract was recently entered into so the new company paid off the previous contracts.

Matt Brown made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 5-0.

Planning & Zoning –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Mitigation Grant for Macon County & to Mitigate Flood Properties

Jennifer Hoffman explained that in 2013, Macon County approved a Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Flooding and other related events. Since we had an approved plan, we are now able to apply for Federal & State money to mitigate against flooding properties. Macon County is applying for a grant for \$732,755 to acquire approximately 6 houses which are located in the flood plain. Four of them are repetitive loss properties. The other 2 are properties that are contiguous with the repetitive loss properties. If the grant is received, 75% of the funds will come from FEMA and the County will be responsible for the other 25%. However, they are applying for State money through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and they will pick up the 25%. Tentative approval has already been received from the State. It will benefit us because it is being paired with Federal funds. These properties have already been red flagged at both the Federal and State levels due to the frequency of the flooding.

Chair Dudley asked if one of the houses was on Kruse Road and was the one that kind of ignited the whole thing several years ago. Jennifer said three of them are on Kruse Road and yes the one that started the whole thing in 2008, which is the last time it flooded, is one of them.

Linda Little asked if whatever happens in Springfield causes us to not get the grant money to offset the \$183,000, where the funds are going to come from. Jennifer said it would come from the General Fund. Linda clarified that it is not in the P&Z budget. Jennifer said no it is not. She said they are currently in the process of getting the grant and it may not even be that much because there are six of them and they're still trying to get everyone on board. There might not be six that want to.

Kevin Bird made a motion to forward this on to the Finance Committee with a recommendation for approval, seconded by Matt Brown and motion carried 5-0.

Veteran's Assistance –

Kathy Powless reminded everyone of the Memorial Day, May 25th, event at 10 a.m. in the Fairview Park large pavilion where the guest speaker will be the new City Manager, Tim Gleason

Environmental Management

Deb Garrett said that Paula Cross would be giving a presentation that she thought would be prudent prior to the start of the budget process because early in 2017, a new 5 year plan will be needed.

Paula Cross presented the attached Powerpoint information explaining that she wanted to give an update because some changes are being recommended at the State level on how counties are supposed to be handling their municipal waste. In January of this year, the State's task force on the advancement of materials recycling came out with their update and recommendations. If these recommendations are implemented, it may affect our programs and our current Municipal Waste Management Plan. Currently, the 1989 Law required counties to develop a comprehensive waste management plan, which we did. It encouraged municipal recycling and resource reduction and it said to promote yard waste composting. The most important thing for us was developing the Municipal Waste Management Plan. The law said that by 1991, each county with a population of 100,000 or more had to have one in place. It set up how we should set these up and what hierarchy we should looking at dealing with municipal waste. They wanted to see us, in our waste plan, talk about volume reduction, recycling / reuse, combustion with energy recovery, combustion with volume reduction and the last thing they wanted to see was us saying that we were just hauling it to the landfill. We were expected to come up with alternatives. These plans have to be updated and reviewed every 5 years. Specifically, we had to describe our municipal waste, talk about the handling facilities we have in the county, identify the local government entity that will be responsible for implementing the plan with a designated recycling coordinator and the plan must include a recycling plan. These recycling plans were requiring that by the end of 1994, you had to show that you were recycling at least 15% of the municipal waste. By the end of the 5th year, we had to show that we were recycling at least 25%. We had to show that we had an education and notification program to encourage recycling within the county and we had to make sure we had a designated recycling coordinator.

How are we doing? Really good in almost all ways.

The Environmental Management Department acts as the local governmental entity with the staff as the designated recycling coordinator. We developed our first Municipal Waste Management Plan on time and the updates have been done. The most recent one was in 2012. There are 3 more years before it has to be redone. Our Education and Notification Plan includes our brochures, our great new website, mailings, posters, presentations, and we work with local businesses. We are fulfilling everything and are doing a pretty good job on that level. Specifically, we manage that with rural recycling drop-off trailers with 9 throughout the county. We do special collections where we pick up over 100,000 pounds of electronics in one day. We do paint, mega-recycling. We go around and talk with the recycling companies and local recycling programs and get their numbers as to how much they recycle each year.

The problem is that after we come up with numbers, there are a lot of hurdles within the program since it started in 1989. Counties were having a hard time figuring out how to determine the quantity of municipal waste poundage that is generated and how much is recycled. There was such confusion that in 1997, the Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association, the IEPA & DCO came out with a 21 page report trying to define what is municipal waste and what is considered recycling. However, the 21 pages did not really clarify anything at all. It was so confusing. Under the 1989 Act, counties were required to report to the state each year what their recycling rate was so they could see that we were following that 1989 piece of legislation. The numbers were all over the board. Counties were turning in recycling rates ranging from 2% to over 50%. In talking to each other, we found that nobody was calculating them the same way. At the end, in 2011, IEPA quit asking for those numbers because they were meaningless. Now they've put a task force together to come up with recommendations on how to remedy the situation. Some of the specific hurdles were that we could not define what recycling and diversion rates were. Recycling was so narrowly defined as something material that was taken to the recycler and then reused in another product. You couldn't count reuse, you couldn't count incineration, you couldn't count a lot of other things that could happen. A lot of stores dispose their waste locally, but their recycling gets taken off site and we never got those numbers, so our municipal waste numbers would go up, but we couldn't offset it with recycling numbers. Recycling facilities do not collect and record data in categories that we can use for this. That 21 page definition allowed door panels off of cars that go to a metal recycler be counted, but the whole car could not be counted. Engines could not be counted. So, when we went to Sol Tic and ask how much was brought in and how much was recycled, they look at you like you're crazy if you want them to break it down. There was no good way to get the numbers. Recycling does not include materials that are reused or incinerated. A lot of counties downstate simply do not have good facilities for recycling or diverting certain types of categories of materials such as food scraps.

Paula showed a chart of the breakdowns of what municipal waste is made up of. Almost 30% paper and paper board, almost 14% food scraps which we have no outlet for in Macon County at this time, yard trimmings are nearly a wash because since 1990 they have not been allowed in the landfill, plastics, metals, & misc.

So what is ahead? The Task Force had a lot of recommendations, but there are ones that affect what we do and how we determine our statistics. They recommended that they come up with a

common methodology in determining disposal rates so all counties are working on the same level. One of the biggest things that might affect us is their recommendation to up the recycling diversion rates. They want 30% by 2020 and 40% by 2030. Linda Little asked 30% of what. Paula explained that it would be 30% of all municipal waste that includes everything that can get hauled to the landfill. Matt Brown asked what our percentage is currently. Paula said it could be calculated at anywhere from 10% to 50%. If you go to Sol Tic and ask how much comes in, they'll tell you hundreds to thousands of pounds in tons of metal and that really offsets the figure. Deb Garrett added that about the closest they can come up with is 35%. It is hard to count anything going into Sol Tic because this is considered "municipal" waste not commercial. Sol Tic does not divide that out and they don't separate outside of county collections. Matt asked if they are establishing goals, but still not asking for reports. Paula said that is correct at this point. When they start upping the rates, they need to clarify the way to calculate it so all counties are working in the same way.

Over the next couple of years, the Environmental Management Office will be looking at the different categories to see where we can improve our recycling plan so that we are capturing all of the categories and can reach the 40% goal by 2030. Paula said she thought it could be done, but it would be a matter of coming up with plans and working with local facilities. Food scraps will be a problem.

Animal Control

Kris Horton handed out a report showing the monthly totals, gave information on a Rabies Clinic to be held on Saturday, May 9, information on a Low-Cost Pet Wellness Clinic to be offered by CAT SNAP at Rural King on Saturday, June 27th and information on the Putt-Putt for Shelter Pets event to be sponsored by the Animal Shelter Foundation on April 18th.

Kris explained that the CAT SNAP is a no-kill shelter & spay/neuter program out of Champaign and they will be holding a low cost vaccination clinic that is not just for rabies, but includes all of the regular vaccines along with flea treatments, parasite screening, etc... and it will all be at a very reduced price. She encouraged everyone to make copies of the flyer and get the word out. The wardens have them in their vehicles and are handing them out. Rabies vaccines are required by law and are very important, but the parvo vaccines and things like that are just as important because parvo is deadly and is very expensive to treat.

The cat colony is coming along nicely. The windows were put in this week. It looks very nice.

Fosters are needed. Puppies and kittens are starting to come in. By state law, they cannot be adopted out until they are 8 weeks old. The shelter is not a good place for puppies and kittens and they need to be sent out to foster homes. There are some medical dogs that need fosters right now too. One 6 ½ month old 50 pound puppy was hit by a car and it broke the front and back leg on the same side. The Foundation sponsored the surgery and Dr. Baker did the 3 hour surgery to put in pins in both legs at a reduced price. He needs a quiet environment with someone who can pick him up to put him in a sling and help him. There have been 6 dogs in the past 2 weeks that have been hit by cars that have been picked up deceased or severely injured. This time of year is really bad for unaltered pets as they are going into heat. 80% of all

animals that are hit by cars are unaltered. Owners can call the foundation at 423-Pets and they will issue certificates to help out with spaying / neutering.

Mental Health Board –No Report

Regional Office of Education – No report

Citizen’s Remarks - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Closed Session – None Needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting - Thursday, May 21, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Minich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Little, the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham