

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, March 17, 2016
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Linda Little, Vice Chair
Kevin Bird
Gary Minich
Jerry Potts
Grant Noland

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Deb Garrett, Env Mgmt
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matt Brown-excused

Laura Lents, County Board Office

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

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the 2/18/16 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

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

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-03-03-16, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by Craft Brothers Construction, LLC

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is for approximately 3.57 acres from R-4 Single Family Residential to RE-5 Single Family Estate zoning. The property is commonly located at 3451 Nevada Road in Blue Mound Township. A Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing was held on March 2, 2016 where they voted 5/0 in favor of the rezoning. They want to split the property and put up a shed. Rezoning is necessary because part is RE-5 and part is R-4 and in order to combine them, they have to be the same zoning. She went on to explain that he will be coming back in to get a minor sub to split another part off, combine with other property and then probably apply for a special use permit for his business. It is a 3 step process. Ms. Little asked if there was any opposition at the hearing. Ms. Hoffman said no.

Ms. Little made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-03-16, A Petition for a Special Use Permit Submitted by Scott Fuller

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is for the operation of an auto and small truck repair in RE-5 Single Family Estate. The property is commonly located at 3533 Nevada Road in Blue Mound

Township. On March 2, a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held where it was approved 5-0 with the stipulations as noted in the resolution. This is a renewal. Ms. Little asked if it was a unanimous vote by the ZBA. Ms. Hoffman confirmed. Ms. Little asked if there was any opposition. Ms. Hoffman said no.

Mr. Minich made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-02-03-16, A Petition for a Special Use Permit Submitted by Tom Massey

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is for the operation of a small fire arm shop on a small portion of the property. It is commonly located at 12153 Riley Road in South Macon Township. The public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held on March 2, 2016 where the ZBA voted 5-0 in favor with the stipulations as noted in the resolution. This is a renewal. It was unanimous and there was no opposition at the ZBA hearing.

Ms. Little made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 6-0.

SUBDIVISIONS –

2 Lot Minor Subdivision named Logue Addition

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is located in Whitmore Township. The owners are Benny and Pamela Logue and it is located at 6321 Illiniwick Road and is zoned R-4 Single Family Residential. Lot 1 is 2.253 acres and Lot 2 is 1.011 acres totaling 3.264 acres.

Ms. Little made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Environmental Management –

Ms. Garrett reported that each year they market the information that the proceeds from the collection of Christmas Lights will be donated to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. This year, with the prices being at rock bottom prices, one of the companies in town would not take them and the other one would not give any money for them, so they were held all winter until recently they were able to find someone to pick them up and give a little money. Even though 2,300 pounds were collected, which is more than last year, only \$199 was received. Last year, it was \$400. She explained that next year they would not advertise donating to the Red Cross.

Upcoming events include an Electronics Collection and Household Paint Disposal dates. She handed out flyers that will be posted and distributed with this information. She went on to say that when their website went live in 2014, there was a place that allows residents to sign up for notifications of events. Now there are 856 people on that list. Out of that 856 people, 450 want to be mailed a paper document. She distributed a trifold that is used for this purpose and said that a lot of the 450 are senior people who don't use the internet well.

Health Department- no report

Animal Control

Ms. Horton distributed a monthly report and reminded everyone about the St. Patrick's Special at the shelter where all cats are \$35.

Mental Health-no report

Veterans Assistance –no report

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Planning & Zoning –

Ms. Hoffman explained that the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program is now open again as of March 15 with a submittal to the state of June 1, 2016. She said they had applied for this last year for five repetitive loss properties in the County and did not get the grant. This year, it has been suggested that we just focus on the 3 Kruse Road properties. Due to the state not having a budget, we cannot apply for the money assistance through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources like last year. They were going to pick up the County's match. This year the county has to come up with the cost share match. With two of the Kruse Road properties being repetitive loss, they are covered 90% cost share, so the County only has to come up with 10%. The estimated total bill the County has to come up with is \$47,471.90. If approved, we will get \$275,180 federal money. The total cost is \$322,652. To do the one on Lost Bridge Road, it would cost the County \$62,000. With everyone's budget being tight and the State not having a budget, we are going to try to go for just the Kruse Road properties.

Ms. Little asked where the money would come from. Ms. Hoffman did not know. Mr. Dudley said that if the grant is awarded and we don't have the money, we can always turn it back in. Ms. Hoffman said probably, if that is what the committee wanted. Ms. Little said we'd never get another one if we do that. She asked what the money does. Ms. Hoffman explained that it allows the County to go out to the 3 properties on Kruse Road that flood all the time, tear them down and turn it into green space. This will increase the storage space for the flood zone and save on insurance costs. It includes the buyout, site acquisition, appraisal, inspections, closing costs, closing out of the well, building demolition, etc... Mr. Noland summarized saying that the benefits would be the increased green space and offsetting the insurance and asked about what the insurance reduction would be. Ms. Hoffman was not sure because it is reported to the state. The State has had so many claims on those properties that they are considered Rep Loss which means that there has been 2 to 3 events on the property that have been more than market value according to the State's formula. Mr. Noland asked how that plays into the county level. Ms. Hoffman said she is the Flood Plain Manager. She said they wrote the Mitigation Grant to buy out some of these houses. That was in about 2009. This is a yearly grant. We applied for all the rep loss property last year and got denied as a whole project, so they are advising we break it down into smaller projects and try to get them done that way. Mr. Dudley said part of the problem goes way back to when they were built. They should never have been issued permits to build them. It's bad on us now.

Ms. Hoffman went on to say that it has gone crazy in the office this week with the weather breaking. Two house permits were written in March which is pretty good for that early in the year. She said one is on Argenta Road and one is at Gelena Garden Subdivision.

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, April 21, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 6-0. Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Laura Lents / Jeannie Durham