

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 20, 2016**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Dudley, Chair  
Linda Little, Vice Chair  
Matt Brown (came @ 5:32)  
Kevin Bird  
Gary Minich  
Jerry Potts

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Kris Horton, Animal Control  
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt  
Deb Garrett, Env Mgmt  
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z  
Dianna Heyer, Health Department

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Grant Noland

Jeannie Durham, 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 9/15/16 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 4-0.

**CLAIMS**

Ms. Little made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Minich and the motion carried 4-0.

**ZONING** – None

**SUBDIVISIONS** –

1 Lot Minor – Summerlott Third Addition

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is a one lot minor in Decatur Township. The owners are Mark & Debra Summerlott. The property is located off of Center Street and Division Street and is zoned R-1, single family residential. Lot one is 1.004 acres which is split off of the total 64.20 acres and will be accessed off of Division Street. All documents and certifications have been reviewed and signed by all entities involved including the City of Decatur. Staff recommends approval of the sub-division.

Mr. Minich made a motion to approve. Ms. Little asked for clarification on the location. Ms. Hoffman pointed it out on the map. Ms. Little seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS**

***Environmental Management*** -

Ms. Garrett reported that the last 2 events are coming up. Tuesday is the confidential paper shred at the Salvation Army from 10 to noon. On November 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. is the oil and antifreeze collection at the recycling center.

Ms. Rasmus reported that since 2010, asphalt shingles have been accepted and processed at a facility that is owned by Phillip Pugsley at 680 W. Eldorado in the City of Decatur. The facility has been operating under a series of Beneficial Use Determinations or BUDS that have been issued by the IEPA. There are three BUD documents that have been issued to the facility. A handout was distributed with explanation information on it. Recently, the IEPA has made a policy change that not only affects the Decatur facility, but all facilities in Illinois that accept shingles. The BUDS issued to shingle facilities now state that no amount of non-shingle materials such as paper, plastics, flashing or wood may be accepted. This policy change became effective for the Decatur facility in June, 2015. As a consequence of this stipulation, it is expected that facilities across the state that accept shingles under a BUD will be applying for permits to operate as a construction and demolition debris recycling facility. Decatur RAS has applied to the IEPA for such a permit. No action is required by the county in regards to the permit, although any interested party may submit comments to the IEPA as they consider the facility's application. Mr. Pugsley was in attendance to answer questions and Ms. Rasmus said she has the full application if anyone would like to see it.

Mr. Minich asked for clarification and asked if they had been accepting shingles with a certain amount of nails, etc... in them and now they can't do that which means that some of the shingles would go into a more general . . . . Ms. Rasmus said, yes, under a general construction and demolition debris and under this permit, if approved, he could accept up to 25% of waste or non-construction demolition debris material and have that transported to the landfill. Mr. Minich said he was trying to figure out the end result of this on the environment. If you're just getting shingles, you can see those being recycled back into a product, but if you've got a stream that includes concrete, plastics, wrappers, etc... it seems like that will all go into the landfills. Ms. Rasmus said that in the application, Mr. Pugsley explains that he does have a sort line so it is a manual sort line so people will be picking those items out. Primarily, he is looking for shingles. According to the application, he is wanting loads that are very rich in shingles, but if other items get in the load, he won't have to reject that load. Whereas, under his current BUD, he would be required to actually reject a load that has any of those items in it. If he were to get the permit approved, he could take those loads, pick out those items, get them recycled, and if they are non-recyclable items, he could have them transported to a landfill. A lot of this is just a name change in paperwork. Mr. Minich said that clarified to a certain extent. He said he could see that under the former system, the bulk of the stuff would be recycled and would not be a landfill issue. It sounds like if you're collecting a mix of stuff that you can't use, you are increasing amounts going to the landfill, but the explanation clears it up. Chair Little clarified that the intention is to just maintain the shingle aspect of the business, but the by-product is other stuff. Mr. Pugsley addressed the members saying that when the BUD was originally issued, it was understood that 25/75 was the ratio that could be received and typically that will be the wrapper, roof edge, some sheeting, etc. That gets sorted out. Wrapper goes to landfill. Roof edge goes to Mervis Industries. Sheeting goes to R&R Disposal for recycling the wood. The EPA likes to raise the bar or change the language. In June, an inspector came to the facility and said that the language told him that we could accept only clean shingles. Our definition was different from his. Mr. Pugsley said he was thinking that loads that are 99% shingles with 1% deleterious material would be sorted off through the sort line, but he is saying, no, only clean shingles. In essence, a bundle of shingles just purchased is not clean enough for recycling. This was designed to take care of this problem because they wanted to have a

general, across the state standard that each inspector could look at and use and not have to question. Mr. Minich said it sounds like you're going to be doing the same thing you were doing, but now it will be legal. Mr. Puglsey agreed saying that they raised the bar, so they have to jump up to that bar that they raised it to.

***Animal Control –***

Ms. Horton distributed the monthly report. The numbers look good. Adoptions are up.

Seth Casteel, the photographer who does the books Underwater Dogs, has a new book that just came out this week called Pounce and it is all kittens. All of the kittens in the book are from Animal Control shelters. A lot of the kittens in the book are from Macon County Animal Control. He came out earlier in the year and spent several days with our small kittens out in the fields taking photographs. Seth has been very good to the shelter over the years. He has come in and done some photography classes for free and has donated camera equipment.

***Mental Health-no report***

***Veterans Assistance –no report***

***Historical Museum – no report***

***U of I Extension – no report***

***Planning & Zoning –***

Ms. Hoffman reported that the office has been very, very busy with the windfarm permits and keeping up with all the other permits. So far this year, 23 new house permits have been written. Only 13 were written last year. These are not small houses. They are almost half million dollar houses. 99 permits have been written for the windfarm so far. 14 more came in today. There should be another 17 by the end of the year and the rest will be done next year. With an office of 2, residential permits are up and there is a back log on the nuisance and zoning complaints. Ms. Hoffman explained that this is where she felt that when something has to give, that is what was chosen. She said they are trying to catch up on those, but they are both pretty busy processing permits.

***Regional Office of Education – no report***

***Health Department-***

Ms. Heyer had no report

Mr. Potts commented that he was happy to see the department heads that were present, but would like to see the rest of them and hear updates for their departments. Ms. Little explained that the intention of Mental Health is to come about every other month and just talk a little bit about some of the things they do and to educate the committee, but they have had things come up that have just made that impossible. Chair Dudley said that Veterans Assistance is nearly always there. ROE normally reports quarterly. Chair Dudley took the comment under advisement and said they'd see how it goes in the future.

**Citizen's Remarks** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**Closed Session** – none needed

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting - Thursday, November 17, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Little, the motion carried 5-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting 5:45 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office*