

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 26, 2018 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Dudley, Chair  
Debra Kraft  
Rachel Joy  
Kevin Meachum  
Jerry Potts

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Matt Brown  
Helena Buckner  
Grant Noland  
Laura Zimmerman

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Matt Snyder, ROE  
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z  
Sgt. Matt Reynolds, Animal Control  
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept  
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt  
Nick Burge, Env Mgmt  
Doug Harlan, U of I Extension  
Kathie Powless, Veterans  
Greg Collins, Veterans  
Carol Reed, Auditor  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve the June 28, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 5-0.

**CLAIMS**

Ms. Kraft made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Potts and the motion carried 5-0.

**ZONING –**

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-02-07-18, A Petition Requesting the Renewal of a Special Use Permit Submitted by Matt Craft***

Ms. Gunter explained that this is a renewal request for the operation of a construction business in RE-5, single family estate zoning. The property is commonly located at 3415 Nevada Road in Blue Mound Township. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a hearing and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 for approval of the special use permit with the stipulations as stated in the resolution.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board, seconded by Mr. Meachum, and the motion carried 5-0.

**SUBDIVISIONS –** None

**REPORTS**

**Planning & Zoning –** No Report

**Health Department –**

Ms. Heyer reported that they are gearing up for school to start again in a few weeks. She said they are giving a lot of immunizations and talking to parents about getting the school physicals for their kids. She said they are also going to be doing a few things with some community partners to help do some clinics on getting kids to school on time.

Mr. Meachum said that several months ago the committee had talked about problems in getting nurses hired and asked how that was going. Ms. Heyer said it is going pretty good. They have just hired for two positions. They had to be either a registered dietician or a nurse. Another clerical position has also been filled. Right now, it's going pretty good.

### **Environmental Management** –

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Transfers within the Environmental Management FY18 Budget***

Ms. Rasmus explained that the request is to transfer funds between lines and the bottom line will not be affected.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to forward the proposed budget on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 5-0.

Chair Dudley asked Ms. Rasmus to remind the committee members about the upcoming compost site tour.

Ms. Rasmus stated that on August 1<sup>st</sup>, in the morning, there will be a tour of the compost sites. Chair Dudley commented that down the road, there will be a vote on that for the 109 acres of land that has been purchased off of Wyckles Road. He said he really would like for all board members to make the tour. If you don't go tour the plant and know what you're voting on, Mr. Dudley said he would really hate to see them vote no. It would be wrong to vote no without seeing and understanding it. If you go, it is pretty impressive. It is really impressive. Ms. Rasmus added that Urbana is the model site and that is the reason for the tour.

### **Regional Office of Education** - ***FY19 Budget Presentation***

Mr. Snyder explained that their budget is divided between Macon & Piatt counties by taking the EAV of each county into consideration. Last year, Macon County's portion was 79.1% based on that EAV. This year it is 78.3%. That reduced Macon's overall from \$155,000 down to \$153,400. The budget bottom line of \$195,972 did not change.

Most of the supply lines have been removed from the budget over the past couple of years. A 40 year veteran staff member just retired at the end of June. Two more retirees are coming up, so the salary line will probably reflect that next year. Some of the money is being used for the building lease on Huston Drive.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to forward the proposed budget on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 5-0.

Chair Dudley asked about the 1% sales tax. Mr. Snyder said they have not had one issue with that. The money flows every month. Around \$800,000 a month is received. All of the schools, except Sangamon Valley, have built and they are getting ready to do some construction as well. There is some talk about the state allowing that 1% sales tax being used, not only on buildings, but on safety measures. So, it can be measures within the building or hiring an officer or someone to be in the building. That was proposed and didn't get too far, but is expected to gain traction. Chair Dudley asked about how much total money has been spent on the county schools. Mr. Snyder said it started in 2010 and they bring in between \$8 and \$9 million a year and it all goes directly to the schools, so somewhere around \$63 million. Mr. Meachum asked to be kept posted on the expansion of the use of the money. Mr. Snyder said that something else that was looked at last year and will probably get passed this year. It used to be that the Department of Revenue used to get 1% of that. There was legislation passed last year that the Department of Revenue gets 2% and the Department of Revenue is also getting a lot of other monies that come through. There was talk of regional offices getting 1% of that money – so, 98% goes to the school and 2% goes to the Department of Revenue. The ROE does all the work with it from collecting the checks, doling it out, etc and get nothing for it. If ROE could get 1% of that, it would be about \$80,000 to \$90,000 that would be reflected as a reduction on Macon County's budget. That would be great for the ROE.

**Mental Health** – No report

**Historical Museum**

***FY19 Budget Presentation***

Mr. Pierce was not present

**U of I Extension**

***FY19 Budget Presentation***

Mr. Harlan explained that they are asking for the same tax levy they had last year. It is about 0.026 of the authorized 0.05 levy. It equates to \$445,136.

The salary increases are contractual obligations.

A new educator is being hired this year. Program supplies & travel increases reflect what the new educator will use. Mr. Harlan said he was going to try hire a Consumer Economics Educator which is comparable to what used to be called Home Ec. It will help people with budgeting those types of things such as better budgeting for the family, buying food, etc... An increase in need for this has been seen in all of the counties. Right now there are only two of those educators in the State of Illinois, so, we would be the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Approval was received today to hire. Mr. Harlan is working on the position description and advertising so he can do the hiring.

Chair Dudley asked about state funding. Mr. Harlan said they did get the state funding in the amount of \$8.3 million out of the \$10 million the state owed them. The Governor announced about a month ago that he was giving them an extra \$5 million. So far, the portion of the \$8.3

million has been received, but it is still unclear as to what happens with the \$5 million. That would be \$13 million approximately. Mr. Harlan said he thinks they are still behind by about \$7 million.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to forward the proposed budget on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 5-0.

### **Animal Control**

Sgt. Reynolds distributed his monthly report and offered to answer questions. Chair Dudley asked about dog and cat adoptions. Sgt Reynolds reported that they are in pretty good shape. The current population is about 75 cats and 60 dogs.

### **Veteran's Assistance** -

#### **FY19 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Collins explained that their levy will remain the same and there are only minor changes to the budget. They lost a computer this year at a cost of \$300 and they also lost their server this year. They decided to go with drop box business for a number of reasons with security being the biggest one.

Mr. Meachum asked about the Veterans Burial line being only \$1,000. Ms. Powless explained that per their by-laws, they have to have \$1,000, but the state picks those up most of the time. That is just there to fall back on if necessary. Ms. Powless said that they've not had to use it in 22 ½ years.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to forward the proposed budget on to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 5-0.

**Citizen's Remarks** – none

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**Closed Session** – None needed

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting –August 23, 2018

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Meachum, the motion carried 5-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office*