

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 27, 2018 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Dudley, Chair  
Debra Kraft  
Rachel Joy  
Laura Zimmerman  
Jerry Potts  
Matt Brown (5:32p.m.)  
Helena Buckner  
Kevin Meachum  
**MEMBERS ABSENT**  
Grant Noland

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Kevin Greenfield, County Board member  
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z  
Sgt. Matt Reynolds, Animal Control  
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept  
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt  
Nick Burge, Env Mgmt  
Patty Cox, County Board member  
Tracy Sumpter, P&Z  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

**MINUTES**

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the 8/23/18 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 7-0.

**CLAIMS**

Ms. Kraft made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Meachum and the motion carried 7-0.

**ZONING –**

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-03-05-18, A Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted by Lisa Smith***

Ms. Gunter explained that a summary had been emailed to members to help clean up some of the timeline confusion on this:

5/2/2018: S-03-05-18 filed by Lisa Smith requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a coffee house and beauty salon in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning. The property is commonly known as 8791 Bethel Road, Pleasant View Township, Blue Mound, IL 62513. PIN 15-15-28-100-010. This petition was heard at the Zoning Board of Appeals committee and based on the finding of facts, the ZBA voted 3-0 for approval to pass the petition on to EEHW Committee with the stipulations listed in the resolution. The only thing the ZBA wanted to change was #2 in regard to the advertising sign. They wanted it to be a minimum of 8' x 8'.

5/24/2018: At the EEHW committee meeting, they voted 5-0 to table the petition because the board members wanted more questions answered about the parking and septic situation on the property.

6/27/2018: A special ZBA hearing was held to try to resolve issues pertaining to the property lines, septic and well issues, and parking on the property. At this time, no further action was taken. The State's Attorney's Office advised them to apply for a variance to allow parking for a commercial business on an adjacent lot. After this meeting, the County also sent a letter requiring a land survey be completed to ensure exactly where the property lines were located. As a result of that survey, there was a new legal description for the property that was created. The property lines changed as follows:

East side of the building from approximate 20 ft. to 31.21 ft.  
South side of the building from approximate 5 ft. to 12.69 ft.  
West side of the building from approximate 34 ft. to 36.7 ft

9/5/2018: Variance and amended Special Use Permit was presented to Zoning Board of Appeals and they approved both petitions with 5-0 vote with the same previous stipulations.

### **CITIZENS REMARKS**

Chair Dudley announced that since there are some issues here, he would be allowing people to speak for or against now because it doesn't do much good to hear the remarks after things are voted on. He called for anyone in favor to come up and speak. There was no one. He called for anyone against it to come up and speak. There was no one. He called for questions from the committee members.

Ms. Kraft said she has been involved with this from the beginning. She said she was at the special use hearing in July and she asked the owners how much property they had. They said 15'. The property boundaries have changed 3 times since this started. She said she has pictures. The SE corner stake from the surveyor is on a gravesite. There is absolutely no way Ms. Kraft said she could approve a special use permit on the east side of the building.

Chair Dudley said he would entertain a motion to bring this off the table since it had been tabled previously. Mr. Potts so moved, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 8-0.

Chair Dudley continued saying he has thought about this long and hard and has been in close contact with Ms. Kraft. This is in her district and it has been something she felt she needed to be involved in. He said usually surveys might be a foot or two off, but when they get to be 12', 13', 15', 20', it makes him nervous. It makes him even more nervous that it is next door to a cemetery. He said that before he could vote yes, he would have to see a second survey. It's changed 3 times. He said he would have to get a second opinion on a survey.

Mr. Meachum asked if there was a plat. Ms. Gunter handed him a copy and pointed to the aerial map on display, saying that the original property lines are as drawn on from a deed when someone splits off property. They came from the Supervisor of Assessment's Office. When it first came about, the lines drawn on the map were the original property lines. Now that they've done a resurvey, they are submitting this and it is 10' off on one side, 4' on the other. It's just a big difference on the surveys. Mr. Meachum said that the document he now had in his hands is a legal binding document in the eyes of any land surveyor and now his question is if anybody

had been out there, seen the pins, and verified the locations. Ms. Gunter said yes and the pictures were submitted for evidence at the ZBA hearing showing that one of the property lines was right on the grave. Mr. Meachum asked if they had purchased land from the cemetery. He said he would like to think that the cemetery board would have known what they had done and what was agreed upon in the mutual agreements between this land owner and the cemetery. He said he has the same questions as Ms. Kraft and Chair Dudley and he takes cemeteries as sacred ground. He said he thought that maybe the land surveyor needs to come in with the property owner that paid for this and answer some questions. He said he felt that it would be in the committee's best interest to put this right back on the table again. He made a motion to table it until the owner and land surveyor come in to explain what has transpired. Mr. Potts seconded.

Mr. Baggett clarified that asking witnesses to come in and answer questions is the committee's prerogative, but everyone needs to understand that no new evidence can be heard by the committee or by the County Board in a zoning matter. This is a situation where the ZBA had the exclusive authority to accept evidence. If this is desired, he said he thought the more advisable course of action would be to send it back to the ZBA and any board or committee members who wish to have questions answered or addressed need to go to the ZBA meeting. They would be given the ability to speak by the ZBA during that meeting where evidence can be considered. But, under the law, the ZBA is the exclusive tribunal to hear evidence in these matters. He cautioned the committee members not to have anybody come to this committee to give evidence of the kind that is being requested. That should be done at the ZBA and if anyone wants to hear it or ask questions, it is suggested that they go to that ZBA meeting and ask them there.

Mr. Potts withdrew his second. Mr. Meachum withdrew his motion and made a new motion to send it back to ZBA, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 7-1 with Ms. Kraft voting no saying she would like to clear this up tonight if at all possible.

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-09-18, A Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted by Soltage, LLC***

Ms. Gunter explained that this is for the construction of a 2 megawatt ground mounted solar energy farm on approximately 22 acres of leased ground in A-1 Agricultural zoning. The property is commonly located at the intersection of Wesley Road and St. Louis Bridge Road in South Wheatland Township. On 9/5/18, a ZBA hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, the ZBA voted 5-0 for approval of the special use with the stipulations as presented in the resolution.

**CITIZENS REMARKS**

Chair Dudley called for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the solar farm to come up.

Bob Meck, Park Ridge, Illinois – Mr. Meck explained that he is the Civil Engineer working with Soltage who is the developer for the solar energy development. He said they are in support of the development and the developer. As Civil Engineer, Mr. Meck said he had done a lot of the engineering due diligence for the development and evaluated quite a number of environmental and physical features on the land. The IDNR has a requirement to evaluate the

endangered species and that was done and filed with the State of Illinois. A Letter of Termination was issued from the state indicating no potential harm to any threatened species. A State Historic Preservation investigation on this site was done to see if there is any historical or cultural resources on the site. There have been none found so far. He said they are in support of the project and believe it will provide clean energy for Illinois. It is a sustainable, renewable energy source that they believe in and believe that they have taken the proper measures to build the site, if improved, in a manner that would be acceptable to the residents and the county.

Paul Zensky, State of New Jersey, Sr. Project Manager with Soltage, LLC Mr. Zensky explained that he works directly with the company and has background of solar for the past 15 years. He said they have built over 100+ projects similar to this, a couple hundred megawatts of solar on farmlands, rooftops, and houses and is in support of the project as well.

Reed Sutman, 319 S.Woodale Avenue, Decatur, IL 62522 – Mr. Sutman explained that this is not the reason he is here, but he is in favor of clean energy in general. It is good for the economy, good for the environment and so any solar farm that is being built or installed on houses, he is in favor of it.

Chair Dudley called for anyone that wanted to speak against the solar farm project. There was nobody present to speak against.

Mr. Meachum said that he sees the farm will cover 22 of the 77.48 acres and asked where, on the map, it would be located. Ms. Gunter pointed it out on the map. Mr. Meachum said ok. He just wanted to be sure it would not be up against houses or something. Ms. Gunter said there is about 1,000 feet between houses and where the edge would be. ZBA also added a provision, #15, for extra vegetative cover surrounding it.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman. Mr. Zensky explained that it would actually be less than 10, about 9 ½ acres, in size. The original size was proposed to be within that 20+ acre area, but the actual development will be less than 10 acres. The motion carried 8-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-01-07-18, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by Decatur Public Building Commission***

Ms. Gunter explained that this is for approximately 107.11 acres from A-1 agricultural to M-1 light industrial. The property is commonly located at 1129 N. Wyckles Road in Harristown Township. On July 11, 2018, a public ZBA hearing was held and the committee voted 3-2 to recommend denial of the rezoning.

**CITIZENS REMARKS**–

Chair Dudley called for anyone present that wanted to speak against the rezoning.

Harold Gilbert, 240 Magnolia Dr., Forsyth, IL – Mr. Gilbert said he had spent 34 years on the Forsyth Village board and during that period of time, spent 2 or 3 sessions on the Macon County long range Plan Commission. So, he said he was a little familiar with the situation before the committee. He said that the committee’s responsibility is not necessarily to decide if

this is a good facility or if this is a facility that is needed, but the question is whether this is the right location for it. He said he would contend that this is not the right location. He said they are not against recycling or composting, but in fact encourages it and he recycles everything he can in their home and hopes that everyone else present does too. However, their church, located across the road is not just a church that operates one day a week. There are people in and out of the church for various things all through the week. There are children that come quite often during the day and just a couple of years ago, a lot of money was spent to put in a playground on the west side of the building which would be most vulnerable to any kind of atmospheric problem that might be created by the grinding of material. He said that they were told at the zoning hearing that this could generate 50 to 70 trucks / cars a day at this facility. That is a concern. A big issue, also, is zoning this ground light industrial. Once you zone this piece light industrial, there will be nothing built on that side of the road that won't be either light industrial or heavier usage. There will be no opportunity. Mr. Gilbert said he knows they couldn't predict anything, but the City, when the church was built 15 years ago, encouraged them by saying that the area across the road would be an ideal place for restaurants, motels, etc. Nothing of that nature will be ever considered if this is changed to light industrial. Even if you don't build the compost site for 5 years, when it is rezoned, the whole landscape is changed. Another issue is that if a private individual were to consider this type of operation, the County Board would not think about it for one minute, but would say there is better property than this. One of the things that the Long Range Plan Commission dealt with time after time was taking farm ground out of production. They were concerned about it and projects were turned down and not allowed to go through because it was thought that there were better uses for the property. Another thing of concern is that normally, when something like this is done, you have the property owner get the rezoning and then you buy the property. So, the County got the cart before the horse here. He said he hopes the committee will consider the effect this will have on their church.

Gale Hutchens, 935 E. Tohill Road, Decatur, IL 62521 – Mr. Hutchens said he is Chairman of the property of the church and has had a lot people come to him about this. The odor is one thing that will be worried about a lot. The wind is always out of the NW and it is almost always blowing. Another thing, is what it is going to do to the price of the property. Will it lower the price of the property? Also, Mr. Hutchens said when he got his farmland, he had to go two times and didn't think he was going to make it that time because they said he was taking farmland out of production. This ground is just as level or leveler than his was.

Jeanette Dodds, 3146 West Street Road, Decatur, IL. Ms. Dodds said she was not there to speak for or against, but just a consideration, so guessed it would go in the against. She said she did not know enough about the zoning laws to understand the limitations that can be put on them, but lighting is a consideration for the farm community because if you put big lights out there it has a very far reaching impact. Just like with the Enbridge facility that went in on Park Road. She said there wasn't much objection on her part to the facility that went in, but when the construction lights were put in, they live over two miles from the facility and couldn't keep windows and curtains open at night because it kept them awake. It impacts other things like outdoor things that are done outside at night in the farm community. Sitting out just enjoying the evening or other things that are done . . . She said they would like that consideration for the farm community.

Mike Roche, 2216 Yorkshire Drive, Decatur, IL 62526 – Mr. Roche said he is a deacon for the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Tabernacle made an enormous investment in the church. That is a \$7 million property. Right across the street, kind of catty corner, is another multi-million dollar property. That property is the Convention Center. He said he did not know what restrictions there are specifically for the recycling center. He said he did not think anybody at Tabernacle is against recycling, but putting it across from million dollar buildings just does not make any sense. It is something that is going to depreciate the value, not only of the church property, but the property catty corner from them and who is going to want to build out there with the recycling center right next door to them. The church has a large investment and that is a place God intended for them to be. It was a long process for them to go out there and develop what they thought was a church that would grow and produce what they want to produce and that is a house for people to come in and pray, love one another, and for the gospel to be spoken. With Tabernacle being a southern Baptist Church, they do a lot of that. Again, little kids across the street and as much as they try, with the traffic increased there, the potential odor, potential air problem, we are endangering young people by putting them out there. What happens if a child happens to get out of the enclosure. What if they see something over there and get hit by a car or truck. It is a serious problem and while recycling is great, it is not the place and it does not need to be in that particular area. If you are going to do farmland, go down the street about a half mile and turn left and go west and there is all kinds of farmland down there. He said he appreciates the fact that Howard Buffett came up with the money to buy this. That is fine. He can do whatever he wants with his money, but Mr. Roche said he does not think this outcome is what Howard would want nor is it what the members of the Tabernacle want.

Chair Dudley called for anyone present that wanted to speak for the project.

Reed Sutman, 319 S. Woodale Avenue, Decatur, IL 62522 – Mr. Sutman said he has concerns just like the members of the church have concerns. He said he understands that the church is right there and it may lower their values, may reduce some of the membership that comes there. He said his sister has had school concerts there and thinks it is great that they offer that to them. He said he does not think having the recycling center there will prevent having concerts at that church. He said he does not think it will keep their congregation from going there on Sundays and he did not think it would keep people from going there any other day of the week. There might be other, better locations, but he does think this is a good location because it gives access to Decatur citizens to be able to come recycle things they could not generally recycle. He said he understands the facility is intended for hard to recycle materials like electronics, paint, hazardous materials, etc. He said he is a zero waste advocate where products that you make, rather than going into a landfill should turn back into new products. We already have single stream recycling, which is fantastic. It takes care of a lot of our products, but there are a lot of things this does not take care of. Having a facility for hard to recycle materials is one of the first steps in moving toward a zero or low waste community. If we table this and don't get it at this location, how many more months or years until we have a new location. He said he shares the concerns many of the members of the church have, but thinks that preparing for the well-being of our environment and getting those hazardous materials out of the landfill and back into the stream of being reused and turned into new products is most important here. As far as it being ugly from the Church's perspective, Mr. Sutman said he did not see why the county couldn't

plan to plant shrubs or trees to block views so things are prettier. That might help with the costs and noise. It could stop light from going onto the farmland. Water runoff should not be an issue. Everything that is being recycled is going inside and the landscaping facility has natural materials that should be ok anyway. Toxic things like paint go inside the building and are not being dumped or poured into the nearby ponds. Overall, it is important that we start recycling these hard to recycle materials so that Decatur citizens stop throwing them in our landfill. Regardless of what the law says, people are going to throw them into the landfill if they do not have better options.

Sandra Lindberg, 1495 W. Sunset, Decatur, IL – Ms. Lindberg said she wanted to speak particularly about the idea of compost. When she lived in Bloomington, she would regularly visit a facility that made large amounts of compost and it was sweet smelling. Compost, if done properly, smells good. It smells like good rich earth and the process of getting it there should not be a trouble to the people next door. She said she has seen two good presentations about this facility and both of them emphasize that a beautiful area of wildflowers and pollinator plants and all sorts of native plants would be part of what would stand between the next property and their building. So, they are thinking about these things and she said she agrees that we need to recycle.

Robert Bryce, 104 N. Oakdale Blvd, Decatur, IL on the west end – Mr. Bryce said he was there to represent Richland Community College. He said he is the Director of Skilled Trades there. At Richland, they have single stream recycling and are demonstrating a variety of renewable energy technologies and sustainable features like wind, solar and even prairie vegetation. Some possible learning opportunities have been identified for students at the proposed site. Some of those include plant identification. Currently Richmond has a plant ID course on the books where the students currently learn trees and shrubs from a textbook. This proposed recycling site would provide hands on training within a forested setting. The Environmental Biology Course does a Community Structure Lab using Richland's Prairie Restoration site. He said they could use the existing trees and shrubs at the proposed recycling site to determine community structure for a forest setting and they would be interested in planting prairie codgrass for a process that uses plants to remove toxic substances from the soil. He said he could envision many ways that Richland and the County could partner on this to continue to increase the learning opportunities for all of the students.

Barbara Evans, 5584 Trevor Road, Decatur, IL 62526 – Ms. Evans said she wanted to speak in favor of the project because she has waited in line to get rid of something. She said we are all guilty of buying things that we don't know how to get rid of. The fact that we've had recycling events held by Macon County Environmental Management shows us that we really need a facility so that we don't have to wait in line to get rid of our televisions or other electronics that certainly should not be discarded into a landfill. She said she is so in favor of recycling in every way possible and she feels this is something we should think very carefully about because the need has been shown by this community. We really could use this facility.

John McKinney, 3972 N. Arthur Court, Decatur, IL – Mr. McKinney said he is a member of Tabernacle and wanted to remind folks that would be voting that we are not here to vote on whether we build or don't build a recycle center. We are here to decide if we are going to take

farmground out of productivity and if we are going to build it at that site. If you are going to rezone it, there are a lot of other sites that are a lot better. It has turned into a bit of a fiasco where everyone is getting sympathy to vote for a recycling center. He said they recycle stuff now. There are recycle bins at your house. If you have electronics, there are days you can take them. There are days to take paint. We do recycle. It is not critical that we build this thing in 6 months. What is critical, is our land usage. He said he was just asking the committee members to keep that in mind and not to vote on building or not building it. He said they are not against building a recycle center, but there are better locations than across from their church.

Chair Dudley addressed Mr. McKinney saying that this is the time for people that are in favor of the rezoning to speak, so he questioned Mr. McKinney if he was in favor or not in favor. Mr. McKinney said he is not in favor.

Mr. Dudley said he was trying to let everyone speak that wants to, but asked that speakers not be redundant. If there is something different than what has already been said, he like for them to speak, but asked everyone to please try not to be redundant.

David Delbridge, 595 Mittler Drive, Mt. Zion, IL 62549 – Mr. Delbridge said he is concerned about, not only their church, which is Tabernacle, but he is concerned about the City of Decatur because they try and try and try to bring businesses and things into the city to make the city look like its worth investing in and putting their buildings and time and money in, but when you come over the overhead on 72, our church sits like a beacon on a hill and it has easy access. The Convention Center, the people can just drive right in there and have all types of conventions and different meetings. It would be detrimental to come over there and see a bunch of trash and stuff and building with whatever comes out of them. He said he knows the odor is bad. He has been to the one on N. Water Street and knows those types of facilities draw all kinds of rats and different animals. He said he is concerned about Decatur because he grew up on the east side of Decatur and he'd like to see Decatur grow. He'd like to see good. He said he knows there is a lot of other ground around the city, especially on the south side off of Rock Springs and some other places that would be more than fitting to build a center like that rather than to put it out here. He said he wants to see Decatur grow. He wants to see Decatur become something. He does not want to see stuff sticking out there so when you drive up there you think, wow, this looks like East St. Louis.

Chair Dudley addressed Mr. Delbridge saying that again, this is the time for people to speak for the project. He said that he had had his chance to speak against. He clarified that Mr. Delbridge was speaking against and said he would not take any more comments from people that are against it. They had their time and he wanted to let the supporters have their time.

Julie Tilton-Magana, 8205 Bentonville Road, Decatur, IL 62521 – Ms. Tilton-Magana said she did not want to hurt anyone's feelings at all and she would not want to make anyone upset, but she wanted to speak on two things. One, on behalf of the people from the Decatur Building Commission. These people take good care of our properties. This will be their 7<sup>th</sup> property that they take care of. They do a good job. Yes, whoever commented about the trees and stuff, Jerry will take care of that and make sure its done. She addressed Mr. Lord to verify. She went on to say that they will take good care of it. There will be people there. The other thing is, Ms.

Tilton-Magana said she understands how they feel about the church and it is nothing against the church, but you said a lot about farm ground. She said she has a farm too, a tiny one, but she said it was farm ground before the church came too. Not trying to make anyone mad, but what is good for the pot is good for the cantor too. This is something different that we haven't done before. She said she watches the Discovery Channel and has seen what it is doing to our oceans. We're just visitors here and we've got to do the best we possibly can. She said she is so sorry that it is their location, but God loves us all and God will be there with them. She knows that.

Mary Clair Sutman, 524 W. Macon Street, Decatur, IL – Ms. Sutman said that this is a big change. We haven't had this before. We need it. We've got people who have spoken about how it is going to be made with the shrubbery so it won't smell bad. This is a huge, important issue. It is not a little issue about where you put shrubbery to cover something up. This is something that is going to improve the community in a huge way. We need this. We can all sit around and talk about let's do recycling, let's do this, let's be better to the earth. Talk isn't getting it done. Action will.

Chair Dudley reported that he had received a letter of support from Macon County Conservation District and one from the Decatur Public Building Commission.

Larry Hutchison, 370 Manchester Court, Decatur, IL – Mr. Hutcheson said he wanted to speak about progress and Decatur. This is a state of the art recycling, composting (if it gets that far) center. It is all inside. This is progress going forward. It's sort of been said here that this is just a dump. It is not a dump. It is going to be a beautiful building, a beautiful setting, probably anybody in that area won't even know its there. It's inside. No noise. If there's a composting, it's going to be way back farther from the road behind the woods. It's so far from those kids. Come on, Let's get real about moving Decatur forward.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Brown voting nay and Ms. Kraft refraining from voting.

**SUBDIVISIONS** – none

## **REPORTS**

### **Environmental Management** –

Ms. Rasmus explained that on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> there will be an IEPA sponsored Household Hazardous Waste collection. There has not been this type of event in Macon County for over 10 years. The reason being is that these are sponsored by the IEPA. They are very few and far between, so she encouraged everyone to let people know about this because it is an opportunity that is kind of rare. Hopefully, this is something that as the project goes forward, can be taken care of on a more regular basis.

Mr. Meachum asked Ms. Rasmus to make sure that WAND gets this on their community calendar so we get a big turnout for this. He said he would like to see us do well on this since it hasn't been done for 10 years.

**Planning & Zoning –**

Ms. Gunter reported that as a result of the mitigation grant for the three houses on Kruse Road, all are gone, torn down and done. She said they are now working on closing out the grant.

**Health Department –**

Ms. Heyer had no report

**Regional Office of Education -** no report

**Mental Health –** no report

**Historical Museum -** No report

**U of I Extension** No report

**Animal Control**

Sgt Reynolds distributed his monthly report on statistics for the month of August. Currently there are 184 animals.

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Bement Regarding an Animal Housing Program***

Sgt Reynolds explained that the Village of Bement had contacted him looking for a place to house their village cats and dogs that their Animal Control people deal with. Since then, the Village Attorney, Village President, Animal Control and Macon County States Attorney have come up with a proposal that everyone is in agreement on.

There are certain things the Village and County agree to do under this agreement.

The County agrees to care for, house, dispose of animals that are delivered to the facility by the Village. The County agrees to feed, water and provide basic veterinary care. The County will house such animals inside the facility. The County will provide reclamation access to the village or animal owners at the facility. The County shall provide a report to the Village upon their request for activity. The County shall be entitled to retain all fees specific to owner reclamation of Village animals. Payments to the County shall be made at the location determined by the County.

The Village agrees to deliver the animals to the facility. Bement is approximately 25 east of Decatur. They will deliver and we will not go get them. The Village authorizes the County to allow the owner to reclaim their animal from our facility within 7 days of impoundment. The County will assess and receive from the owner all applicable fees due from the County's care of the animal. In such cases, no fee will be assessed to the Village with the exception of any initial intake fee, if that applies. If an animal requires specialized veterinarian care that the shelter cannot provide, approval will be sought through the Village President to obtain care for the animal. That includes emergency decisions. The Village will be responsible for investigating and enforcing all animal control infractions that lead to the animal being housed at our facility.

The Village will be responsible for imposing or collecting any fines or fees associated with such infractions. We are not providing law enforcement for the Village. We are merely providing the animal care and housing.

The fee structure, any animals that are delivered by the Village to the County within normal business hours will have no intake fee. If an animal were to be delivered to the facility after hours, the initial intake fee will be \$40. If it were delivered to the facility on a holiday, the intake fee is \$60. If the animal is reclaimed by its owner during the first 7 days of housing, no housing fee will be assessed to the Village. That will fall upon the owner. If the animal is not reclaimed by its owner during the first 7 days of housing at the facility and the animal is not eligible to be reclaimed, the Village will pay a flat fee of \$69. If the animal remains at the facility above and beyond the 7 day period, the \$69 will be charged plus an additional \$7 per day per animal will be charged to the Village.

In the event that disposal is required, the Village will pay the County \$20 for each dead animal delivered to the facility during normal business hours. If something is delivered after hours, it is \$40 per carcass. Or if, on a holiday, it is \$60 per carcass.

If an animal has to be euthanized, the Village will be responsible for paying \$119 per animal.

Chair Dudley asked if the fees will cover everything. He said he loves intergovernmental agreements, but doesn't really want to spend the County money to take care of their animals. Sgt. Reynolds said he feels that the fees will cover the incurred expenses and he does not foresee a bunch of animals being brought over. They do not have their own facility. The County of Monticello has limited resources for that. Ms. Cox, Board member, was in attendance at the meeting and had a question about the facility in that county. Sgt Reynolds said they do have one, but it is privately operated.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown, and the motion carried 8-0.

**Veteran's Assistance** - no report

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**Closed Session** – None needed

**NEXT MEETING** Next regular meeting –October 25, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Potts, the motion carried 8-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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