

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
December 20, 2018 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Debra Kraft, Vice Chair
Matt Brown
Linda Little
Jim Gresham

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sheree Zalanka, Health Dept
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z
Sgt Matt Reynolds, Animal Control
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Helena Buckner
Rachel Joy

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 11/15/18 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 4-0 with Ms. Little being present.

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 4-0 with Ms. Little being present.

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-02-11-18, a Petition Filed by Douglas Henderson for Rezoning Approximately 5.11 Acres from (R-4) Single Family Residential Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning

Ms. Gunter explained that this property is commonly located at 4129 N. Prairie View Road in Oakley Township. On October 22, 2018, the Oakley Planning Commission and Oakley Township Board voted and recommended denial of the rezoning petition. This petition went through the township board because they are the only township in Macon County which has their own planning commission. This petition was on the agenda for the November Zoning Board of Appeals hearing. However, the ZBA tabled the petition due to the petitioner not being present. Also, there were no objectors that attended this meeting either. Since it was still the same petition on the agenda new letters did not have to be mailed out to adjoining landowners. However, I left the rezoning sign in the yard until the next month so if people had questions they could call. She said she had been contacted by people saying they had not received letters, but none of them came back to the county as undeliverable except one for Lester & Karen Taylor @ 4039 Prairieview Road and they have since moved from that location. That was 2 months ago. On December 5th a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Ms. Little asked the difference in the zonings. Ms. Gunter explained RE5 allows keeping of livestock on the property.

Mr. Brown made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board, seconded by Mr. Gresham.

Chair Dudley asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak in favor of the issue. No one present wanted to speak. Chair Dudley asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak against the issue. He advised that there cannot be anything new presented that was not already presented at the ZBA meeting.

Richard Scales, 4079 N. Prairieview Road.

Mr. Scales said he did not get a letter. He said his neighbor Terry Cottrell did not get a letter. He said when he bought the house 24 years ago, it was zoned for no animals on anybody's properties except dogs or cats. The people he bought the house from wanted livestock – horses and they were denied 24 years ago. All the rest of the neighbors that have moved in have wanted no livestock. Pointing to the map, Mr. Scales said the Henderson's property is landlocked, surrounded with only one way out and that is the driveway. All the neighbors around Mr. Henderson were at the Oakley Board meeting and stated they did not want any and they were denied because of the fact that Mr. Henderson stated he wanted to have chickens. He already had chickens. Nobody complained about them. Then he said he might have rabbits. Nobody complained about it. Then he said he wanted to have livestock in case his children wanted to go to 4H. His children are small. You're talking several years before the children get large enough. One of the reasons he was denied is because he kept changing his story as to why they wanted to have it rezoned. Mr. Scales said he could not see any reason why it should be rezoned because right down through Mr. Cottrell's property and right down through Mr. Henderson's property, there is a spillway and it drains down and into a creek. It stays muddy all the time. He said he thought it would be unsafe for animal to be back there anyway. There is the smell and confusion of what could happen because if Mr. Henderson gets the zoning changed and then decides to move, we don't know what the next people could decide to do when they move in. He said that everybody he talked to around there are against this and they'd like to see it not be changed.

Ms. Little asked if there is any other property there that is not zoned R4 surrounding this property. Ms. Gunter said they are R4 and some agricultural (pointing them out on the map)

Ms. Kraft asked to be shown on the map where the property is again. Ms. Gunter did so. Ms. Kraft asked where the house was located. Ms. Gunter pointed it out and explained that they wouldn't be able to put it (up here) because if you're housing animals, it has to be 75' from the property line. They've got 353' across. Mr. Brown asked if it is R4 just below that. Ms. Gunter confirmed.

Roll call vote showed the motion carried 3-2 with Mr. Dudley, Ms. Kraft, Mr Brown voting yea and Ms. Little and Mr. Gresham voting nay. Ms. Little explained that she voted against it

because the local zoning commission was unanimous against it and she, being new on the County Board, had not been able to attend the hearing.

Chair Dudley announced that the motion carried and for reference, it will go to the full county board on January 10, 2019 where it will actually be decided. He told Mr. Scales he could reappear there if he'd like. Ms. Gunter added that it will take a super majority of the Board because of State Statute requirements since the Oakley Board of Appeals voted no.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-01-12-18, a Petition Filed by Michael And Linda Mathis for Rezoning Approximately 5.01 acres from (A-1) Agricultural Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning.

Ms. Gunter explained that This property is commonly located at off of Wyckles Road in Harristown Township. On December 5th a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Ms. Little asked about the surrounding properties. Ms. Gunter pointed out on the map, Wyckles Road & Cantrell. She showed the access point. A variance has been taken through ZBA to get access because that is only 56' wide and its got to be 60' wide. Ms. Little asked if the center section that looks unreachable is what he is trying to get rezoned. Ms. Little asked if it was currently being farmed. Ms. Gunter said no. Ms. Little asked what the other zonings around there are. Ms. Gunter pointed at the map saying, R1, R1, M1, A1, A1, Municipal because it is Village of Harristown. He owns (pointing at map) that one, so he could actually get access to it that way, but he wanted this.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Planning & Zoning – No Report

Animal Control

Sgt. Reynolds distributed the November statistic report. Currently, the shelter inventory stands at 119 with 31 being dogs and 88 being cats. Since 11/16/18, Home for the Holidays Foster Program has 130 animals being fostered. So far, 34 of those animals have been adopted. It continues until January 5th.

There is a warden vehicle that needs to be replaced. Budget approval has been given for replacement. The vehicle is over 10 years old with 180,000 miles on it. The bid seeking process is currently underway. Ms. Little asked what kind of vehicle is being replaced. Sgt Reynolds explained that it is a 2007 Chevy pickup. She asked if anything was wrong with it. Sgt Reynolds said other than age and miles, no. Ms. Little said that does not seem like a lot of miles for a pickup truck.

Veteran's Assistance - No Report

Health Department –

Ms. Heyer offered to answer questions and let the committee know that the Health Department is still offering flu shots and doing a lot of work regarding the FDA Food Code and making sure people know what that means. She said they had offered training at the Civic Center giving 2 options for food establishment owners to attend. There was one session in the morning and one in the afternoon. There was about a 10% participation out of over 700 establishments. The packet of information was also sent out with the license renewals 6 weeks prior to the due date to let them know that these changes are coming. She said they are wanting to be as helpful as possible. They know this is a big change for everyone including the Health Department.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 18 and FY 19 Health Fund Budget for CDC Tips

Ms. Zalanka explained that all of these resolutions have been approved by the Board of Health.

This resolution is for a media campaign to provide tobacco cessation education and to promote the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. There is already a tobacco grant and they have received an amendment with this funding of \$51,720 for FY18 and \$40,000 for FY19.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 18 and FY 19 Health Fund Budget for Let's Talk: Teen Health

Ms. Zalanka explained that this is an agreement with the Community Foundation. They have given a small grant for the spring of 2018 and fall of 2018 semesters at MacArthur and Eisenhower High Schools. Health Educators will hold education programming sessions one on one with students. FY18 is \$2,611 and FY19 is \$1,812. It is hoped this funding will be received again.

Mr. Gresham questioned the timing for Spring and Fall of 2018 since that is past. Ms. Zalanka explained that she had gotten behind in updating the budget and the fall payment had just been received. The Community Foundation just got a new director and funding was uncertain. Everything is just running a little behind.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 18 and FY 19 Health Fund Budget for Car Seat Check Program

Ms. Zalanka explained that they had previously had Safe Kids Grant funding that was used for a car seat program. It had been stopped and now has been resume. There is almost \$17,000 set aside in a restricted fund balance from the previous Safe Kids Grants. Car seat checks have started again where certified child passenger safety technicians check carsseats and educate parents and caregivers on choosing the correct seat and how to properly install them. An income eligible household may qualify for a new car seat through a distribution program with the suggested donation of \$20. Right now the only income for this is a donation for a seat, but there is a grant that is to be applied for soon.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 5-0

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 18 Health Fund Budget for Starting Point

Ms. Zalanka explained that this is the Senior Services Division at the Health Department. They had received notice of some small grants in September. These are all small grants that they tend to give toward the end of the year every year. They are Caregiver Enhanced Funding and SIS Enhanced Funding and are for office equipment, production & distribution of materials, consumer awareness and salary supplements. Caregiver GAP and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren GAP give temporary assistance to an adult caregiver provider giving care to older adults or or to grandparents raising grandchildren to help in carrying out day to day responsibilities.

MIPPA & SHIP Programs which are for outreach activities for Medicare Savings Program and to advertise and hold Medicare enrollment events.

Revenues and expenditures all match.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY 18 Health Fund Budget for Year End Addition & Cleanup

Additions are for the Teen Pregnancy Program. A donation was received to help pay for an awareness event that was held at the schools. There was a contract increase that affected the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor grant. Additional funding was received for the lead program to do case management in addition to lead testing. The High Risk Infant Followup Healthworks Illinois is a new grant that was a part of the Family Case Management Grant and in July, they split it into two grants. Some additional revenue was received and the expenses only increased slightly. Funds for MIHOPE and Fussy Baby were received several years ago for research projects and has been set aside in a restricted fund balance. It is continually spent down as needed.

The Bucket Transfers are various changes between departments without increasing the overall appropriations in the budget.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 5-0.

Environmental Management

Ms. Rasmus reported that they are again collecting Christmas lights this year. She distributed a flyer with tips they are sharing with the public regarding recycling during this holiday season.

A pop-up electronics collection was held on 12/11/18. That was the first time one has been done in December. It was very attended. The reason for the pop-ups is that the collections are conducted outside in parking lots, so they just find a stretch of good weather and announce it. This happened to be on a Tuesday and 155 people registered to attend. 187 TVs and monitors came in. This calendar year has been the highest attendance ever in terms of electronics, even with the introduction of fees of \$10 each. There have been 1530 attendees this year with 2,155 TVs and monitors coming in. Additional pop-ups will be held January through March. In April, the regular schedule will resume.

Ms. Rasmus shared information on how businesses can benefit economically from the proposed recycling center with some changes they could do in programming. Our services are primarily geared toward household generated recycleables. That is for two reasons; one is that there are different funding mechanisms including the IEPA that requires that we only service household generated and then there's regulatory issues. With the new recycling center, with the extra space, and being able to keep things separate, we could look at helping businesses, especially small businesses with some of these items. We could not do it for free, however, we could do it for less than they currently pay or even offering services where there are none. So, specifically, electronics – and businesses have a pretty easy time getting rid of computers, but the big copiers and things like that are very difficult for them to get rid of. Ms. Rasmus said she had gotten two calls just yesterday. She said she had to tell them about a place in Springfield that they could haul it to or pay their trucking fee for them to come and get it. Either way, it is about 25 cents a pound. That is a niche we could help with. Also, Ms. Rasmus said she has talked to a couple of commercial painters and to the painters union and they really need a place to take commercial paint. Currently, they have none so they're just storing it. That is something we could not do for free, but it is something we could do to help out. Bulk items such as office furniture or something that would not fit in the normal trash receptacle, but small enough quantity that they don't want to rent a roll off, is something that with the proper permits, we could take for a nominal fee and put in our roll off and then dispose of it. Grain bags are popping up all over fields. These are those big white plastic caterpillar looking things on the fields. Farmers have inquired about what to do with these. With the recycling Center, we could be a hub for accepting these, charge a nominal fee that would be a lot less than landfilling and then get them recycled. She said she does have an outlet for that.

She said that landscape waste and organics have been talked a lot about, so she would not get into it, but it is available for commercial as well.

Items that could be sold would include, as already talked about, include mulches and compost, but also could look at, being selective, refurbished computers from businesses. Because of the regulations, residential computers cannot be accepted for refurbishing, but we could work with businesses and then they could be donated or sold.

Reclaimed wood, like timbers and barnwood, are something we could look at as far as not only collecting, but finding a good home for it because some people are looking for that type of thing.

Ms. Rasmus explained that the rest of the packet contains the proposal that many have looked at before – Plan A or the fully funded proposal. She said she is trying to get a study session together for Tuesday, January 15th where alternate plans, a Plan B and more to look at whether we want to spend this much on development or do we only want to do a recycling center. Some of those questions like how much equipment we want to buy, etc... She said she is trying to get that scheduled.

Regional Office of Education - no report

Mental Health – no report

Historical Museum - No report

U of I Extension No report

CITIZEN'S REMARKS – None

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting –

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Kraft, the motion carried 5-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office