

Human Resources and Planning Committee
February 12, 2015

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members in attendance included Chairman George Dixon, Rich Brown, Tony Coniglio, Alice Henry, Travis Hiel, Trevor Toland, Lee Trotter, Jerry Tyson and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Others in attendance included Patrick Stout, Animal Control Officer Vicky Van Trump and committee secretary Beth Crossett.

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review & Approval of January 15, 2015 Minutes

Member Coniglio moved with second by Member Brown that the minutes of January 15, 2015 meeting are approved as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer Vicky Van Trump presented the monthly report. Pet population eleven completed applications, eleven approved applications and seven paid applications were received this month. The report included: animal numbers and after hours call out.

Assistant Animal Control Officer Kelsey Gray and Part Time Assistant Bonnie Billyhmer will be sent to bite stick and pepper spray training to be held in Kankakee, Illinois in April.

Discussion was held on deceased animals on the road side in the County. Our agreement with the City of Macomb has Animal Control remove animals when notified. Policy for the outlying County area will be looked into.

Policies & Procedures

No report.

Planning for the Future

The status of the County website was discussed. Having a fully compliant site vs. putting what information is now available has been the issue. It was felt that areas still needing information should be marked as “in progress/under construction” and not delay the full site. Member Trotter moved with second by Member Coniglio to instruct Network Administrator, Katrina Coulter Bowen, to activate the McDonough County website with all information currently available to her. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Report of McDonough County Groundwater Protection Education Committee

Member Henry reported the committee met yesterday. They are working with GIS taking maps and well logs to locate abandon wells that could be sealed. There are funds available to seal three wells.

Report on GIS Meeting

No meeting. The County cost of this year’s aerial flight is \$ 16,267.00. Discussion was held on rural water district lines being mapped on GIS.

Claims

Member Hiel moved with second by Member Henry to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other

Member Trotter asked what is being done to educate the County residents on the upcoming sales tax referendum question. Member Tyson reviewed the outline of events the Road & Bridge committee has developed to inform the public.

On March 10th at the Macomb Armory at 7:00 p.m. McDonough County First will hold a meeting that is dedicated to this issue. McDonough County First is a group headed by Scott Jones to encourage a County wide “community”. The idea is to look at government and entities to make them more economical and County centered.

Member Coniglio moved with second by Member Henry that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.