

Human Resources and Planning Committee
August 13, 2015

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Main Courtroom. 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, Dr. & Eric Blakeley and committee secretary Beth Crossett. Community members: Linda Ward, Dawn Gray, Jeri Swigart, Jennifer Vyhnanek, Devon Cooper, Gillian Stupples, Terri Hare and Bonnie Skripps.

Due to the large number of attendees the meeting moved from the Law Library to the second floor Courtroom. Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Review & Approval of July 9, 2015 Minutes

Member Trotter moved with second by Member Hiel that the minutes of July 9, 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 three completed applications, three approved applications and four paid applications were received this month. The report included: animal numbers, after hours call out, addition of a windowed door from the front office to the back room, new storage shelves, donations from Farm King, donations from the Kris Moore Memorial "Gimme Shelter" Golf Tournament and the floor painting.

Chairman Dixon stated that the committee had received the letter from Mr. Neblock concerning the incident that resulted in the death of his dog. The dog that attacked his dog was a shelter adopted dog that was given to a party other than the person that adopted from the shelter. It was noted that the dog did not do well with other dogs (especially smaller ones) and children and was placed properly with the adopting person. Unfortunately the information was not passed on.

Members from the organization People 4 Paws addressed the committee concerning temperament testing. They would urge the committee to adopt behavior testing to eliminate potentially dangerous animals from being adopted. They would encourage euthanizing all potentially dangerous animals identified through the behavior testing. Following discussion the committee will review testing with the State's Attorney and our Insurance carrier.

Chairman Dixon suggested committee members meet prior to next month's meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Shelter for a tour of the facilities. We will then have the meeting in the Law Library at 7:00 p.m.

Terri Hare, Humane Society Treasurer, stated that they had raised \$ 1,535.00 at the Kris Moore Golf Tournament. The family has asked that all/some of the proceeds go to the Shelter to assist with the new floor in the kennels. Following discussion, a check for \$ 1,000.00 was presented to the Shelter from the Humane Society. President Scripps reported that the microchip clinic for cats on August 1st at All Pets was successful. They are working on doing one in Bushnell. She also noted that Free Range Yoga had held a fundraiser and has sponsored 15 animals.

It was noted that the Humane Society and People 4 Paws are two separate organizations working on behalf of animal welfare.

Policies & Procedures/Planning for the Future

Member Henry informed the committee of the work Network Administrator Coulter-Bowen has been doing on the disaster (data) recovery plan. All electronic devices are being mapped, categorized and inventoried. She will continue to work on the project.

Report of McDonough County Groundwater Protection Education Committee

Member Henry shared the report from the McDonough County Health Department;

237 people reached/talked to about groundwater
63 kits distributed (total of 126 bottles)
30 tested
15 retested

She said that test kits will continue to come in.

Report on GIS Meeting

Member Toland stated that GIS met on July 10th. They looked at the new aerial photography. The staff has approved what has been received and they anticipate final delivery by September 30th. They are working on an initiative to document local road names. For example: Murphy Blacktop, St. Francis Blacktop, Cuba Corners, etc.

The Health Department has a link to food service scores called Dine Smart thru GIS. They have been providing assistance to the West Prairie Water Coop to map the water lines. There were “tear off” maps (generated by GIS) in the McDonough County Voice. They are available at the MACVB.

There will not be an August meeting. GIS will next meet on September 18th.

Claims

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

Other

Board Chairman Schwerer stated he received an unsigned letter from a county resident concerning N 1300th Road (by Bower) and it’s poor condition. He would answer the letter or concern but it is not signed and it is a township road not a County Highway. He is referring the letter to the Township Road Commissioner.

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 8:13 p.m.