

Human Resources and Planning Committee
February 11, 2016

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, February 11, 2016 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, Trevor Toland, Lee Trotter and Jerry Tyson. Members Travis Hiel and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer were absent. Others in attendance included Michelle Langhout, Dr. and Eric Blakeley, Max Kreps, Bonnie Skripps and committee secretary Beth Crossett.

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

Chairman Dixon thanked Vice Chairman Trotter for filling in the last couple months.

Review & Approval of January 14, 2016 Minutes

Member Coniglio moved with second by Member Brown that the minutes of January 14, 2016 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 four completed applications, four approved applications and no paid application were received this month. The report included: animal numbers, after hours call out and Vicky distributed a list of items the Shelter collects and redeems for cash to use for supplies.

Humane Society President, Bonnie Scripps stated that the Humane Society has helped with many projects at the Shelter over the years-furniture, sign and new water pails to name a few. She introduced Max Kreps, project liaison for the Humane Society to share ideas they have to help the Shelter. Max distributed information on Stainless Steel Cages for the front cat room. The hope is to house more cats in the front room to encourage adoptions. He explained the two options they are investigating. Concerns of space (one wall), safety (slope of floor) and cost (totally financed by Humane Society) were discussed. The committee agreed that the project would be good and could be investigated further. Another idea/project being reviewed is to increase the size of the outside pen and include agility equipment for the dogs. This was deemed to be a good thing for the animals and could be expanded without septic interference.

It was noted that Max has been the volunteer responsible for redoing the floor in the entire Shelter. He was thanked by the committee for his hard work and continued efforts at the Shelter.

Policies & Procedures/Planning for the Future

Beth & Alice have registered for HR Training being held by CIRMA that is free to Illinois Association of County Board Member counties. It will be held in Springfield on March 30th & 31st.

Report of McDonough County Groundwater Protection Education Committee

Alice reported the committee met on January 20th. This is the 20th year they have been designated a Groundwater Guardian. This year's plan was submitted and includes: lunch & learn at the Macomb Public Library, free well test kits during water week and Conservation day.

Report on GIS Meeting

Member Toland reported they are not meeting this month.

Claims

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

Other

Member Coniglio moved with second by Member Tyson that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.