

Human Resources and Planning Committee
July 14, 2016

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members in attendance included Vice Chairman Lee Trotter, Rich Brown, Tony Coniglio, Alice Henry, Travis Hiel, Trevor Toland, Jerry Tyson and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Committee member George Dixon was absent. Others in attendance included Patrick Stout, Ric Smart, Dr. and Eric Blakeley, Bonnie Skripps, Animal Control Officer Vicky Van Trump and committee secretary Beth Crossett.

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

Review & Approval of June 9, 2016 Minutes

Member Coniglio moved with second by Member Brown that the minutes of June 9, 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 five completed applications, five approved applications and three paid application were received this month. The report included: Prairie States Conference educational seminars, presentation for Cub Scouts at day camp, animal numbers and after hours call out. She explained that dogs and cats are now fixed before they leave the Shelter. This solution is working well and eliminates breach of contract problems and dog registration issues with Shelter animals.

Vice Chairman Trotter recognized county resident Ric Smart. Mr. Smart received a letter from Animal Control Officer Van Trump concerning registration of “his” dog. Mr. Smart stated that he is a dog trainer and he has other people’s dogs for 4-8 weeks to correct the dog’s behavior. He does not own the animals but does have them in his possession during the training. The definition of owner in the McDonough County Animal Control Ordinance was reviewed. State’s Attorney Hoyle has been asked for his opinion concerning the situation. Following discussion, Board Chairman Schwerer asked the committee to not act on anything including any action with Mr. Smart until a legal opinion is received.

Humane Society President, Bonnie Scripps reported the fundraising event, Wine, Whiskers & Whimsy raised \$ 6,000.00. The Pet Food Pantry has had high demand and is accepting donations.

Policies & Procedures/Planning for the Future

No report.

Report of McDonough County Groundwater Protection Education Committee

Alice reported they meet next week.

Report on GIS Meeting

Member Toland stated they have not met.

Claims

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

Other

Member Henry moved with second by Member Hiel that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.