

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

JANUARY 8, 2026

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Law Library. Committee Members in attendance included Chair Ken Durkin, Clayton Cook, Mike Kirby, Jerry Raby, Ryan Litchfield, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Animal Control Officer Zach Welch, Karen Blakeley, Bonnie Skripps, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. John Vigezzi from City of Macomb did not attend. Members absent were Vice Chair Vicky Kipling and Allen Henderson.

Chair Durkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from December, 2025

Member Cook moved with a second by Member Litchfield to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer, Zach Welch gave the report. There was 22 dogs and 27 cats in the shelter at the end of December.

Humane Society

Bonnie spoke about working on the new shelter. There are several options as to where they would like for it to go.

Policies and Procedures

None.

Approve Intergovernmental Animal Control Fund

This agreement was discussed in previous committee meetings. Changes to financial contributions as well as language was made to better suit how the animal shelter and the City of Macomb work in conjunction. This agreement passed unanimously with the City of Macomb. This will move to the full board for approval.

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Kirby to approve the intergovernmental animal control fund agreement. Motion carried on a voice vote.

GIS Update

None.

Approval of HR & Planning Claims

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Cook to approve the HR & Planning claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other Items as Needed

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric told the committee that McDonough's 200th birthday is on January 25th. There will be some sort of celebration if weather allows.

Adjourn

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Raby to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.