

Human Resources and Planning Committee

October 10, 2019

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee Members in attendance included Chair Letha Clark, Vice Chair Mike Cox, Larry Aurelio, Travis Hiel, Michael Kirby, Terra Litchfield, Dave Nissen and Deckle McLean. Others in attendance included; Animal Control Officer Kirsta Lyles, Bonnie and Skip Scripps, Gayle Carper, Patrick Stout, Karen Blakely, Eric Blakely, County Chair George Dixon, and Stacey Alexander was present as Committee Secretary.

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

Review & Approval of September 12, 2019 Minutes

Member Cox moved with a second by Member McLean to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer Kirsta Lyles gave report. Chair Clark addressed the Committee and told them that they have got new floor covering in the office and looks great. Floor to Ceiling donated all the materials for the floor. She also addressed that something that has to happen before the beginning of the year is an alarm system, this is state mandated, Allen has gotten a bid for an alarm system. Bonnie Scripps gave Human Society report.

City and County Agreement, Gayle Carper

Gayle Carper told Committee that States Attorney and City Attorney met to discuss the rights of the Animal Control officer of paragraph three of the agreement. City Attorney has agreed to prosecute all citations. She attached Chapter six of the Division six Enforcement, Section 6-131, then she had a breakdown of the chapters and what they entail. Chair Dixon explained there is a problem getting the citations taken care of. Member Nissen doesn't think this is a good idea, he explains that she doesn't have any training and he doesn't want to see her in an unsafe position. Animal Control officer Lyles explained that she does this already and agrees that it is safer. Member Nissen said he just would feel more comfortable if that was added to policies and procedures. A discussion was had also on the issues in Industry that happened in previous years, Committee helped Kirsta with how to handle the complaints and where to go from there. Chair Dixon states it is not ok that the tickets shouldn't be just thrown out and looked over, because they aren't going to take them serious if we aren't going to start prosecuting these.

Policies & Procedures

Chair Clark said she will make an adjustment to the Animal Control policy regarding the citation issue and bring it back to the Committee next meeting.

Report on GIS Meeting

Member Kirby informed the Committee that Chad Sperry was supposed to be at the meeting, he had a family health situation. He did tell Member Kirby he did want to talk with him in the next three weeks on an aerial project.

Claims

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

Executive Session

None

Other

Chair Dixon received a call from a Board Member in Hancock County, regarding the Animal Shelter and they are looking long term on what to do with their Animal Shelter. It is an old building and can't really handle much. His question was to McDonough County was, would we be willing to house some of their animals on a contract basis. Chair Clark said the employees at the Animal Shelter are willing, if there was room and if that would come to pass the Committee. Chair Clark states, it is conversation right now and hypothetical.

Member Litchfield reminded the Committee that the Board is touring the County offices tomorrow, October 11, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.

Chair Dixon told Chair Clark, that TimbukTech would be willing to contract the Animal Shelter's computers at \$162 a month, right now they are getting their new computers, so they will hold that until next month.

Chair Dixon told Committee that they had a numerous amount of interest for the Assistant position and they have it nailed down to a core group and will be meeting with them tomorrow and hope to present that to the Board on Wednesday.

Adjourn

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Kirby that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.