

# HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

August 8, 2024

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Law Library. Committee Members in attendance included Chair Letha Clark, Vice Chair Vicky Kipling, Dustin Berg, George Dixon, Michael Kirby, and Dana Walker. Members Dave Nissen and Jerry Raby were absent. Others in attendance included Animal Control Officer Malique Reardon, Patrick Stout, Bonnie Skripps, John Vigezzi, County Chair Scott Schwerer, and County Board Secretary Sara Kluthe.

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

## **Review and Approve Minutes from July 11, 2024**

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

## **Animal Control Report**

Animal Control Officer, Malique Reardon gave the report. Reardon informed the Committee that they have hired a part-time employee, and that there was 19 dogs and 24 cats in the shelter at the end of July. John Vigezzi discussed the spaying and neutering program they are doing with the cats and he believes that maybe it is starting to make a difference.

## **Humane Society**

Bonnie Skripps informed the Committee that so far, they have \$645,387.00 in the account for the new animal shelter. They have looked at some other areas that have built new shelters, and those facilities have spent around seven million dollars building them. The fundraiser Play it Forward will be held at the Wine Sellers on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-9:00. There will be various musicians playing and they will donate all tips.

## **Policies and Procedures**

None.

## **GIS Update**

No report.

## **Approval of HR & Planning Claims**

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

## **Other Items as Needed**

None.

## **The Annual Employee Luncheon for County Employees will be on Thursday, August 15th**

Chair Clark reminded the Committee about the employee luncheon on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, she hopes to see Board Members there to help serve the food. The Elms will have their lunch delivered to them, and all other County employees will have their lunch at the County Building on S. Collins Avenue beginning at 11:00.

## **Executive Session**

None.

## **Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

County Chair Schwerer informed the Committee that the chimney on the Courthouse is in worse shape than they had originally thought and that more of it will need to be removed.

**Adjourn**

Member Kirby moved with a second by Member Dixon to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.