

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 13, 2025

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, February 13, 2025 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, Vice Chair Vicky Kipling, Dustin Berg, Clayton Cook, Jerry Raby, Ryan Litchfield, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Animal Control Officer Malique Reardon, Dr. Karen Blakeley, Bonnie Skripps, John Vigezzi, Mike Kirby, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Deanna Bisby.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from January 9, 2024

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

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer, Malique Reardon gave the report. There was 19 dogs and 27 cats in the shelter at the end of January. Reardon informed the Committee that they have received calls from Plymouth requesting animals be picked up, the Committee stated that we cannot do that as we only cover McDonough County.

Humane Society

Bonnie Skripps informed the Committee that they had their annual meeting on January 23rd, she encouraged everyone to attend their fundraiser, Casino Night on March 1st. Chair Durkin inquired as to whether or not the Humane Society would be willing to take over the Animal Shelter, Skripps replied that they would entertain the idea. Skripps also stated that they need to get a bid for a new shelter.

Policies and Procedures

None.

GIS Update

None.

Approval of HR & Planning Claims

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

Other Items as Needed

Chair Durkin held a discussion regarding the Animal Control Fund, Animal Pet Population Fund, and the Animal Control Memorial Fund. They discussed the various funds and what the funds are allowed to be used for.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

County Chair Blakeley stated that it will be a busy night at the full Board meeting, and that he will be appointing Mike Kirby to the County Board to replace Dave Bartlett.

Adjourn

Member Berg moved with a second by Member Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.