

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, September 11, 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, Mike Kirby, Jerry Raby, Ryan Litchfield, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Animal Control Officer Zach Welch, Karen Blakeley, Bonnie Skripps, John Vigezzi, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Dustin Berg and Clayton Cook.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from August, 2025

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Raby 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 26 dogs and 30 cats in the shelter at the end of August.

Humane Society

Bonnie Skripps passed out a news letter with upcoming events happening. There is a Dog Care Educational Seminar on October 5th, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. This event will teach dog care skills and will have dog care experts presenting.

Policies and Procedures

Chair Ken Durkin brought to the committee a change to the Animal Control Ordinance (Section 27: Registration Fees, Pg. 10). The suggestion is a price change pertaining to cat and dog tags. There was a lengthy discussion held. This will be passed to the Full Board

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the ordinance price change as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chair Ken Durkin also brought to the committee a change to the dates for cat and dog registration. This will be passed to the Full Board.

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Kirby to approve the registration date change as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

GIS Update

Member Mike Kirby shared with the committee of many new updates that have finally come, especially new location data.

Approval of HR & Planning Claims

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

Macomb FFA Donation

The FFA helped with the employee appreciation lunch that was held on August, 14th. The Committee decided to give a donation of \$1,000 as a thank you.

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the FFA donation of \$1,000 as submitted. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 2 absent.

Other Items as Needed

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Looking for celebration ideas for the County of McDonough turning 200 years old. These ideas can be shared at City Hall on September 16th, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.