

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 9, 2025

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, October 9, 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, 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. Members absent were Clayton Cook and Ryan Litchfield. Dustin Berg is vacant.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from September, 2025

Member Kirby 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 20 dogs and 24 cats in the shelter at the end of September.

Humane Society

Casino night is being planned for March of next year. Fundraising and volunteering is going well.

Policies and Procedures

An agreement for the City of Macomb was brought to the committee by Ken Durkin. This agreement pertains to the McDonough County animal shelter county fund. The committee agreed to send this back to the City of Macomb as a vote of support. Once the City approves this, it will come back to the Full Board.

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

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric Blakeley has been looking for a replacement for Dustin Berg. A few people have been considered. Eric will be having a meeting with the City of Macomb regarding the 1½-mile area outside city limits that may be subject to city zoning and permitting.

Adjourn

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.