

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

AUGUST 13, 2026

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, August 13, 2026 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, Clayton Cook, Mike Kirby, Jerry Raby, Ryan Litchfield, Dana Walker and John Vigezzi. Others in attendance included Karen Blakeley, Zach Welch, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy County Clerk Kyah Beck. Members Vice Chair Vicky Kipling and Allen Henderson were absent.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from July 9, 2026

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Kirby to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Control Report

Received and filed. There was 24 dogs and 33 cats in the shelter at the end of July.

Humane Society

Ken Durkin informed the committee that the new shelter will have an open house for general contractors here soon.

Policies and Procedures

None.

GIS Update

Michael Kirby has been in contact with several people in regards to a fly over survey. This is confirmed and will be happening soon. There has since been updates to the GIS website. Those new updates will be presented on next month.

Approval of HR & Planning Claims

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

Other Items as Needed

A community member came to Clayton Cook and offered to pay for a new plaque that hands on the southwest side of the courthouse. A cost estimate will be done soon.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Weekly meetings are still being held in regards to the ambulance system. Progress is being made. Eric encouraged the members to attend the budget meetings to learn more about where the budgeted money goes.

Adjourn

Member Kirby moved with a second by Member Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.