

## **HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **MAY 14, 2026**

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, May 14, 2026 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 Ken Durkin, Vice Chair Vicky Kipling, Clayton Cook, Mike Kirby, Jerry Raby, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Karen Blakeley, Bonnie Skripps, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy County Clerk Kyah Beck. Members Allen Henderson, Ryan Litchfield, and John Vigezzi were absent.

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

#### **Review and Approve Minutes from April 9, 2026**

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

#### **Animal Control Report**

Received and filed. There was 32 dogs and 28 cats in the shelter at the end of April.

#### **Humane Society**

Bonnie Skripps informed the committee that they are still working towards finding a shelter.

#### **Policies and Procedures**

None.

#### **GIS Update**

None.

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

Member Cook 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**

Vicky Kipling brought up the employee appreciation lunch that we have held in the past years. Last year it was held in August, and they would like to have it around then again. This will be spoke about with Jeremy Benson.

#### **Executive Session**

None.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **County Board Chair Comments**

Eric Blakeley and Clayton Cook will be attending the multi-county 4H budget meeting in Monmouth. There is a new director and is interested to hear about how everything goes on behind the scenes.

#### **Adjourn**

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.