

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

JUNE 11, 2026

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, June 11, 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, Allen Henderson, Jerry Raby, Ryan Litchfield, Dana Walker and John Vigezzi. Others in attendance included Karen Blakeley, Zach Welch, Bonnie Skripps, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy County Clerk Kyah Beck. Members Vice Chair Vicky Kipling and Mike Kirby were absent.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from May 14, 2026

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

Animal Control Report

Received and filed. There was 18 dogs and 33 cats in the shelter at the end of May.

Humane Society

Bonnie Skripps informed the committee that she will close on the new shelter, June 19th. A floor plan will have to be made before any updates are done. John Vigezzi said that this property is in the works of being annexed into the City of Macomb to make water hookup easier.

Policies and Procedures

Ken Durkin is looking for support in raising animal sterilization prices. Even due to the incline of prices in the economy, these prices have not been changed since 2001. He would like to raise these prices 15%. This would still be well under majority of typical prices for animal sterilization.

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.

Discuss and Approve Appreciation Lunch Budget, Date, and Location

The committee would like to hold an employee appreciation lunch on the courthouse lawn. The date in mind is August 20th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A set budget of \$2,500 will be set to fund this. All members agreed.

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the appreciation lunch details. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other Items as Needed

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric Blakeley informed the committee of a solid waste management meeting that will be open to the public. With Heritage days coming up, he encouraged everyone to get out and support the community.

Adjourn

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.