

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

JULY 9, 2026

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Law Library. Committee Members in attendance included Clayton Cook, Mike Kirby, Jerry Raby, Ryan Litchfield, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Karen Blakeley, Bonnie Skripps, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy County Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Chair Ken Durkin, Vice Chair Vicky Kipling, Allen Henderson, and John Vigezzi.

County Chairman Eric Blakeley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from June 11, 2026

Member Litchfield 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 23 dogs and 50 cats in the shelter at the end of June.

Humane Society

Bonnie mentioned Bingo for Bullies will be held in Bushnell this weekend. All proceeds will go towards spaying and neutering bully breeds. She also informed the committee that a floor plan has been made for the new shelter, and the next step is to find an architect.

Policies and Procedures

None.

GIS Update

None.

Approval of West Central FS, Inc. Invoice, Payment Option 3

This payment option is a one-time payment, which includes a prepay amount due at time of contract signing.

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Cook to approve West Central FS, payment option 3. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent.

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

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric let the committee know that the Abraham Lincoln statue is now finished and is sitting on the courthouse lawn. He also encouraged the members to spread the word about mowing ditches now that the corn is tall.

Adjourn

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Raby to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.