

Human Resources and Planning Committee
May 14, 2015

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members in attendance included Vice Chairman Lee Trotter, Rich Brown, Tony Coniglio, Alice Henry, Travis Hiel, Trevor Toland, Jerry Tyson and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Committee member George Dixon was absent. Others in attendance included Chris Martin, Lani Steelman, Bonnie Skripps, Mellie Gilbert, Dr. Karen Blakeley, Assistant Animal Control Officer Bonnie Billhymer, Animal Control Officer Vicky Van Trump, Chief Deputy Nick Petitgout and committee secretary Beth Crossett.

Vice Chairman Trotter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Trotter recognized and introduced Mr. Chris Martin, who had requested to address the committee concerning the Animal Shelter. Mr. Martin explained the situation concerning the procurement of his dog by MPD and Animal Control. He felt that he was not given the proper time to get the dog and that it was wrongfully taken. Mr. Martin was informed that all procedures were properly followed and thanked for his concerns.

Review & Approval of April 9, 2015 Minutes

Member Coniglio moved with second by Member Toland that the minutes of April 9, 2015 meeting are approved as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer Vicky Van Trump presented the monthly report. Pet population two completed applications, two approved applications and five paid applications were received this month. The report included: animal numbers, after hours call out, training attendance by Kelsey and Bonnie for pepper spray/bite stick certification and progress of painting of Kennel floor.

Vice Chairman Trotter will speak with Mr. Moore on the length of the grass cutting.

Humane Society President, Bonnie Skripps, told the committee that they are discussing holding a micro chipping clinic. With the recent change to Ordinance in Bushnell it is especially important that cats are micro chipped. They did an event at Farm King with Foster Dogs in April and had 2 of 5 adopted.

She distributed information on the 3rd Annual Wine Whiskers & Whimsy fundraiser. It will be held Saturday, June 13th from 5-7 p.m. at Taylor Hall.

Policies & Procedures

Alice will be working with County Clerk DeJaynes to develop the reporting system for Employer Sponsored Vehicles.

Planning for the Future

Meeting Notices/Agendas and approved minutes are now being posted to the web site.

Report of McDonough County Groundwater Protection Education Committee

Member Henry reported that last week was drinking water week. Many well test kits were distributed at Farm King.

Report on GIS Meeting

Member Toland reported that this month's GIS meeting is tomorrow. The flights have been completed.

Claims

Member Hiel moved with second by Member Toland to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other

Member Coniglio moved with second by Member Brown that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.