

Human Resources and Planning Committee

August 9, 2018

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members in attendance included Chairman George Dixon, Digger Oster, Dave Nissen, Mike Cox, Travis Hiel, Letha Clark, and Alice Henry. Others in attendance included Patrick Stout, Kelsey Havens, Karen Blakely, Eric Blakely, Gayle Carper, several of the families fostering the Petland animals, County Chairman Scott Schwerer, and Stacey Alexander was present as Committee Secretary.

Chairman George Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review & Approval of July 12, 2018 Minutes

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Oster to approve the July 12, 2018 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer Kelsey Havens gave the report. The total number of Dogs in the shelter at the end of July was 20 and Cats was 48.

The Humane Society looked at a building that could be an option for a new Animal Shelter.

A discussion was held as to whether or not the County should get involved in picking up stray cats. Member Cox moved with a second by Member Nissen that the policy will remain the same. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The animals from the Petland case are still in foster homes, there are 13 families fostering the animals. All of the families would like to adopt the animals they are fostering. The State's Attorney will need to prepare the adoption paperwork and include a timeframe as to when the equipment needs to be returned as the agreement to foster the animals said that the equipment must be returned. Gale Carper recommended that a plea regarding the return of equipment be put in the agreement to foster animals.

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Lavin that that foster families will be allowed to adopt the animals at no cost and that State's Attorney Kwacala will handle getting the equipment returned. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Policies & Procedures

A discussion was held regarding the term limits for the County Board Chairman and Vice Chairman, and the possibility to extend their term by two years. A recommendation was made to send this to the August full Board meeting with State's Attorney Kwacala present. Member Nissen moved with a second by Member Hiel to send this to the August full Board meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote with two nays.

Planning for the Future

No Report.

Report on McDonough County Groundwater Protection Education Committee

No Report

Report on GIS Meeting

No Report. There will be a meeting in September.

Claims

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

Other

County Chairman Schwerer announced that McDonough District Hospital's CEO, Brian Dietz, MHA. FACHE will be at the August full Board meeting.

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Clark that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.