

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 11, 2025

The Human Resources and Planning Committee met on Thursday, December 11, 2025 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, Vice Chair Vicky Kipling, Allen Henderson, Mike Kirby, Jerry Raby, Ryan Litchfield, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Animal Control Officer Zach Welch, Karen Blakeley, Bonnie Skripps, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Clayton Cook.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from November, 2025

Member Raby moved with a second by Member R. Litchfield to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer, Zach Welch gave the report. There was 18 dogs and 19 cats in the shelter at the end of November. The animal shelter is looking for a part-time employee.

Humane Society

The City Fire Department will be looking at the floor plan for the new shelter and putting their input in.

Policies and Procedures

None.

GIS Update

Michael Kirby informed the committee that Chad Sperry from WIU will attend either the HR & Planning Committee meeting or the Board meeting in February to give a GIS presentation.

Approval of HR & Planning Claims

Member Kipling 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

Ken told the committee that “pay your pet registration fees” got sent out on the top of the water bills.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric informed the committee about the final walkthrough of the Courthouse that will take place sometime soon. He also spoke about the Courthouse bi-centennial celebration that will take place in mid to late January.

Adjourn

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.