

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
January 28, 2019**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Michael O'Donnell
Lonnie Mosley
James Haywood
Scott Greenwald

Members Absent:

Carol Clark

Others Present:

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County
Bob Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
Rick Stubblefield, Economic Director, SCC
Herb Simmons, EMA Director, St. Clair County
Scott Tieman, St. Clair County Board Member
Matt Smalheer, St. Clair County Board Member
Susan Gruberman, St. Clair County Board Member

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Trentman

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

The roll was called and a quorum declared present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Gomric to approve the minutes of December 17, 2018.
Second by Mr. Mosley.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Robert Trentman replied: We are going to open this up for public comment, please keep it to about two minutes and direct them to the chair, if you would. Also if you would state your name and where you are from, you don't have to, it's just so we can keep track.

Jamie replied: I have flyers for it says East Saint Louis residents but I thought I would throw them on the table here if anybody wants to take them. We are going to be out in the next couple, you may be coming tomorrow with us, just knocking on doors basically looking for any dogs that are left outside. I know the law is really vague about the temperatures and not having comfort but this seems like extreme temperatures to me that we are going to have the next three days, so I just didn't know if there was a plan, what the plan is, we will have people on the ground the next two days going out with crates, blankets, leashes, collars, and if we see anybody with a dog outside, talk to them and heavily encourage them to bring them inside. What are our thoughts, can we talk about this stuff a little bit, you were on my list to call today and I haven't had the chance to do that.

James Jacquot replied we are full, I know the Humane Society still has stray, right.

Jamie replied: having straw in dog houses just isn't going to do it.

James Jacquot replied: Yeah, we're full as usual so.

Jamie replied: So what about ACO assistance if there's....

James Jacquot replied: Yes, we go out on those calls.

Jamie replied: and then what? What if they're outside?

James Jacquot replied: If they need to be removed we'll just have to figure out what's going on.

Jamie replied: OK, great. And then also, with your ACOs could you guys just tell them we do have resources so, if they will bring them inside we will take a crate and blankets and potty pads and whatever we can bring so they can keep them in a bathroom or a basement or something for the next three days. Thursday it's all done. So we just need to get to Thursday without any dead dogs.

Katie replied: Jamie, did you get to pick up any blankets from us today?

Jamie replied: I haven't. We don't need them quite yet, but that might be on our list tomorrow.

Katie replied: Ok, just let me know.

Jamie replied: We have these flyers that are going out all over East St Louis and then we have more that we'll distribute tomorrow as well. We have a couple for human warming stations as well that we have reached out to that we can send people there if we find them as well. But any other thoughts, ideas, plans, we're all ears. We're just planning on working non-stop for the next three days.

Sheila replied: How about the Police departments? Has anyone contacted them to see if they'd be potential holding facilities? I know O'fallon has the four kennels.

Jamie replied: I haven't. I haven't thought about that. I have talked to the police departments about helping us out in this case and being the eyes on the streets. You know, if they see dogs out on the streets, if they could encourage folks to bring them in. Again, I know the law is vague, but I think we can all agree, this is it. This is what the law is written for.

Lonnie Mosley replied: Did you give these to East St. Louis?

Jamie replied: I did, I gave some flyers to the woman there, I don't know if there was anyone in the office, but I just gave it to the woman that was sitting there. And city and clerk's office too. And we plan on blasting social media and emails as well, so if anybody has contacts of folks that you feel like "social wise" needs this flyer, let us know.

Lonnie Mosley replied: Thank you, sounds like you guys planned.

Robert Trentman replied: Ok, anyone else?

Michelle replied: I know you said to address the chair, but this is more towards Chairman Kern. I wrote my thoughts down so I could keep them straight. Katherine Conder with Mad Co AC wanted to come and speak tonight because she wanted to share what was working in hopes of being helpful but was told she shouldn't accept the invite. Is there a reason you wouldn't want to hear her story and have input from a neighboring county about what has been working for them who are also striving to achieve "no kill"? I would have thought that would be a positive thing.

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County: I think it is positive. I think when someone from outside the county wants to come in and they don't live here, I think they should go through their chairman in Madison County and Madison county should make the request through Jim and to the chairman here to come in and speak. Just like we don't, department head from here don't go to Madison County and attend their meetings. It really is, I think it works. It makes order better here when you have people from the

county, tax payers coming to speak, people who are engaged with the process and engaged with the community.

Robert Trentman replied: Ok, thank you. Anyone else have anything?

Sandi from Fairview Heights: My question is. Especially with what Jamie brought up today, I want to know why the Belleville ACO is never at these meetings. I think today, St. Clair County is different than Belleville because if you have a dog in the city, you don't call St. Clair County for help, you call Belleville ACO for help. So I think them being at this meeting would be beneficial to hear things like Jamie has a plan, so if there's a dog in the city of Belleville, which I know for a fact there is a dog that needs help and we can't get anyone to go help this dog out. It's a Belleville problem. It's not a county problem. So is there a reason why they don't attend these meetings? Why they can't speak to those people also, they can't hear what's going on in the county or hear ideas, for example what's going to happen to the Belleville dogs in the next couple of days? We know what's going on in the county, but what's going to happen in Belleville. I know for a fact there's a dog that we've been dealing with since, not this past summer but last summer, that's been outside, no shelter, no water, dug itself a little hole in a tree stump, they won't do anything about it. So what's going to happen to this dog over the next couple of days?

James Jacquot replied: I have an answer for you. The city of Belleville has just reorganized their departments. Their Animal Control now is under the Police Department. It is no longer under the housing department. Terry Denton, the old ACO is no longer the ACO. He has gone back to his code enforcement position. As of right now, they have nobody. They will be hiring new animal control officers.

Jamie replied: So is that coming to you then?

James Jacquot replied: What?

Jamie replied: Where are the calls going?

James Jacquot replied: The calls are always going to us.

Jamie replied: Ok, so they're just not being sent to Belleville now?

James Jacquot replied: Yeah, in the same way, Fairview has an animal control officer also.

Sandi replied: This dog that I'm talking about is in Belleville. It's in the city. My very good friend is their neighbor. And she knows my affiliation with rescue. So she keeps

calling me. And the police keep getting called and nobody will do anything. I mean they go to the house, they sit. They watch the dog. The owner wasn't home, they wait for the owner to come home over 30-45 minutes and he makes up something, some story and the dog gets left outside. So I'm just worried about this dog especially in these next couple of days, and it's a small dog. I mean, he's not going to survive in a tree stump.

Robert Trentman replied: Talk to me after the meeting and we'll figure something out.

Sandi replied: Ok, thank you.

Robert Trentman replied: Anybody else?

Katie replied: I have something. I spoke with Captain Matt Eiskant. The police Captain for Belleville and I know he personally he is doing things. He was telling me a story about a dog in a crate with his head stuck out and we talked about resources. As far as people he's hiring we talked about community service officers and we had the discussion about them training with your animal control officers and then coming to the Belleville Area Humane Society and working with us on what resources we would be able to provide so I think that I wouldn't shadow that whole cast on the Belleville Police force because there are a lot of Belleville police that love animals and are out doing the best they can. I spoke to one of them today.

Sandi replied: I do know that. And I do know that he's one of the one's that's been called several times. I do know that too. I have all their names. Trust me. I do know it all. I mean but it's a legitimate concern over this animal that I know, right now, it's not being taken care of. Maybe you and I could meet afterwards.

Katie replied: Well, the other thing too, that we as a Humane Society always encourage people to then speak to that neighbor, offer resources. Kind of lend a helping hand as a neighbor.

Sandi replied: Oh, we have. And it's not pretty. If you don't mind sticking around so you I can talk maybe?

Katie replied: Sure.

Robert Trentman replied: Ok anybody else?

Michelle replied: I was going back and looking at some of the meeting minutes from last year. In February 2018, it was brought up that in July 2017 it was talked about walking the dogs on the AC side. Volunteers with rescue experience. Jim had said that we could definitely entertain walking the walkable ones. Shoshana brought it back up again in 2018 and Jim said that it's always been an insurance issue. Shoshana had asked why would it matter what side it's on? Jim had said that the time they're pulled for the

adoption side they are already vetted for temperament. So I was kind of wondering where would the bigger liability issue be as far as they're not temperament tested before they're pulled to the adoption side or they're really not temperament tested there as far as whether they are walkable or not.

James Jacquot replied: When they go into quarantine for 14 days they are handled constantly in that 14 days before they ever reach the adoption center.

Shoshana replied: Just because I was the one who brought it up the first time, one thing that I would just like to add is, I mean, there's dogs that are being pulled by rescues all the time so why are they safe for a rescue but not a volunteer to walk. I mean, when we pull those dogs they come up to us and our volunteers walk them. So I don't really understand that.

James Jacquot replied: When we do that that's more or less under the umbrella of your insurance rather than the county's insurance.

Shoshana replied: No, I understand that, but what I'm saying is, it's a safe enough dog for a rescue to pull and a safe enough dog for our volunteers to walk, I understand it's no longer your liability but that's a safe enough dog for a volunteer to be walking for you guys in my personal opinion.

James Jacquot replied: That's when we let you guys evaluate the dogs. We don't do that. In this case, we would be evaluating the animals and saying "Ok this one's fine for you to walk" and we accept the responsibility for that. That's kind of the gist here.

Michelle replied: With that being the case...

Robert Trentman replied: I don't want to cut you off, but you already spoke twice. We're trying to give everyone a chance for public comment.

Jillian replied: So if they're evaluated, if we evaluate them, can we come in and walk them? Is that what you're saying?

James Jacquot replied: Yeah, you're pretty much doing that now. You'll have to schedule it. You can't just come in whenever to walk them.

Jillian replied: Ok so how do we schedule it?

James Jacquot replied: Same way you do with the play groups that you're doing now.

Ashley replied: We do those on Wednesday at 1pm. They come in and do those.

Jillian replied: So can we come up with some days that the volunteers can come in and walk the ones that have been evaluated?

James Jacquot replied: My question is: are you accepting responsibility for these people doing that?

Jillian replied: Well when they're rescued, they're taken out, so if something happens, who has the liability then?

James Jacquot replied: The rescue does.

Jillian replied: Ok, so then volunteers can be coming in to walk the animals then as long as they take responsibility.

James Jacquot replied: You'd have to be affiliated with someone. We're not just going to let anyone walk in off the street and just start walking animals.

Jillian replied: No, but as long as a rescue does, volunteers from a rescue comes in? Ok, Great.

James Jacquot replied: As long as the rescue calls us and they're going to be responsible for them.

Robert Trentman replied: Anyone else?

Sheila replied: I just wanted to give a year end and then a January synopsis of what we're done. In 2018 we raised \$17,537 for heartworm positive dogs which benefited 53 dogs. In January we purchased 500 dog and 250 cat vaccines for \$1793.50. Four rescues have pulled six heartworm positive dogs. We paid out \$1940 for those dogs. We purchased 150 microchips. And with our partnering with the humane society to provide low cost microchips for citizens of Belleville, so some of the stray dogs coming in can be identified and find their way back home.

Shoshana replied: In addition, I'd like say since they are providing those 150 microchips, we are also going to be micro-chipping when we do community outreach now for the people who want it. So when we're going door to door talking to people, we're able to actually help people get their animals micro-chipped at that time if there's anyone who wants them so hopefully that'll help them.

Robert Trentman replied: Great. That's awesome.

Sheila replied: Hopefully, if we charge them \$5.00 it's self-generating so we'll always have the money back to buy more microchips. To get as many done as possible.

Robert Trentman replied: Anybody else that hasn't asked a question or commented?
Ok, thanks.

New Business:

James Jacquot: We got the end of the year report which works out to 89% as far as live release. December, we had a good December, we were at 93%. We're moving along with that.

Robert Trentman replied: OK Ashley, do you have anything to add?

Ashley: Sure. So far this month we've sent 74 animals to rescue and 23 adoptions and seven pending, right now so by the end of the month we'll be close to 30 adoptions. I just kind of want to give a recap of what we did last year too. 970 animals to rescue, we did 296 adoptions and since 2011, we have sent 6623 animals to rescue.

MOTION: to accept Jim and Ashley's report by Lonnie Mosley. Second by: Mr. Gomric.

Yes 6 No

Robert Trentman: Any resolutions that need to come before this board?
Does anyone else have anything else to say?

I would say when this cold weather is coming you guys, rescues, need to get a contact so you can all work together. I'm going to help out with some straw and some people have been calling me about dog houses and a fellow is making 3 or 4 of them have located some. So maybe you guys can, if there's a call about a cold dog, like Jamie, maybe she handles all the calls. Instead of everybody going in different directions, it's just an idea.

Jamie: Anything from East St. Louis, send our way, how about that?

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Gomric. Second by Mr. Greenwald. Motion carried.

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 01/01/19 to 01/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	EVICTON	0	1	0	0	1
	OWNER D	0	3	0	0	3
	POLICE	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	0	7	0	0	7
EUTH REQ	OTC OWN	0	7	0	0	7
	TOTAL	0	7	0	0	7
OWNER SUR		1	0	0	0	1
	FIELD	0	3	0	0	3
	OTC	5	15	3	0	23
	TOTAL	6	18	3	0	27
STRAY	FIELD	0	27	0	10	37
	OTC	25	31	23	6	85
	TOTAL	25	58	23	16	122
TOTAL		31	90	26	16	163

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 01/01/19 to 01/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	0	0	3	4	7
	WALKIN	2	5	4	3	14
	WEB	1	2	0	0	3
	TOTAL	3	7	7	7	24
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	1	0	0	1
	BEHAV OBSV	0	3	0	0	3
	MEDICAL	5	6	1	0	12
	TOTAL	5	10	1	0	16
RELOCATE		5	10	9	6	30
	TOTAL	5	10	9	6	30
RTO	MICROCHIP	2	9	0	0	11
	PHONE	0	17	0	0	17
	WALKIN	0	3	0	0	3
	WEB	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	30	0	0	32
TRANSFER		45	33	6	6	90
	TOTAL	45	33	6	6	90
TOTAL		60	90	23	19	192

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 01/01/19 to 01/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	3	0	0	3
	EAST ST LO	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	0	7	0	0	7
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	0	3	0	0	3
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	7	0	0	7
OWNER SUR		0	4	0	0	4
	BELLEVILLE	2	7	3	0	12
	CAHOKIA	3	0	0	0	3
	CASEYVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
	COLLINSVIL	1	0	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	6	18	3	0	27
STRAY	ALORTON	0	2	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	12	20	16	1	49
	CAHOKIA	1	6	2	1	10
	CASEYVILLE	0	2	2	0	4
	COLLINSVIL	2	0	0	0	2
	COLUMBIA	0	0	0	2	2
	DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	1	1	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	12	0	10	22
	FAIRVIEW H	2	4	0	0	6

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	FREEBURG	0	2	0	0	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	2	3
	MILLSTADT	3	0	2	0	5
	NEW ATHEN	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	2	2	1	0	5
	SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	2	0	0	2
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ADOPTION		0	2	0	1	3
	BELLEVILLE	1	3	1	1	6
	CAHOKIA	0	0	2	2	4
	COLLINSVIL	0	0	1	0	1
	COLUMBIA	1	0	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	0	0	1	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	1	2
	FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
	LEBANON	0	0	0	1	1
	MASCOUTA	1	0	0	0	1
	SHILOH	0	0	1	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	0	1	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	3	7	7	7	24
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	1	4	1	0	6
	CAHOKIA	1	2	0	0	3
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	1	0	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	1	0	0	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	5	10	1	0	16
RELOCATE		0	2	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	3	5	8	0	16
	CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
	COLUMBIA	0	0	0	1	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	4	5

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	LEBANON	0	0	0	1	1
	MILLSTADT	0	0	1	0	1
	SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	5	10	9	6	30
RTO	ALORTON	0	2	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	2	7	0	0	9
	CAHOKIA	0	4	0	0	4
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	8	0	0	8
	FAIRVIEW H	0	2	0	0	2
	FREEBURG	0	2	0	0	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	2	30	0	0	32
TRANSFER	BELLEVILLE	24	8	2	0	34
	CAHOKIA	2	6	2	0	10
	CASEYVILLE	1	1	2	0	4
	CENTREVIL	0	2	0	0	2
	COLLINSVIL	2	1	0	0	3
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	9	0	6	15
	FAIRMONT C	3	0	0	0	3
	FAIRVIEW H	4	0	0	0	4
	FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
	MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	2	0	0	0	2
	MILLSTADT	3	0	0	0	3
	NEW ATHEN	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	2	2	0	0	4
	SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1

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Animals Left In Shelter on 01/31/19: 87