

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

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Scott Greenwald
John Waldron

Absent:

James Haywood
Mike O'Donnell

Others Present:

Mark Kern, Chairman, County Board
Cheri Weaver, Director, Animal Services
Julie Grady, Animal Services
Ashley Jett, St. Clair County Adoption Center
Robert Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
Herb Simmons, St. Clair County EMA
John West, 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. Mosley to approve the minutes of September 30th, 2019.
Second by Mr. Greenwald

Vote: Yes 5 No 0 Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Sheila: I have a question. Has the county board already started working on the 2020 budget and is Animal Control going to take a hit?

Mr. Kern replied: We send a number out to animal control and they're working on it.

Sheila: With that, I would ask you, as the animal control committee, I would think you all have a vested interest in making sure animal control has everything they need to operate. We have been providing things for the county such as vaccines and other things that we have felt that they needed. One of the things that they have been having donated for a while is flea and tick medication. However, that is slowing down because Stray Angels is actually getting smaller and their scope of function is more networking than it is fundraising. We looked into it and we would like to go with the same brand Gateway Pet Guardians uses because the price is good. Based on past numbers, it would be about \$10k to supply the medication. With that being said, Giving Tuesday is coming up on Dec 3rd and we go through Illinois Gives as our platform for raising money. You can do "peer to peer" fundraising on that particular platform so we are hoping that as animal services committee members, we can ask each of you to participate in some peer to peer fundraising and raise at least \$200 each or more if you'd like to. The medication helps cut down on parasites in the cats and dogs and helps prevent the spread of diseases. It's important to have and without Stray Angels providing it then we need to make sure the cats and dogs do have it.

Cheri: What brand does Gateway use?

Sheila: I'm not sure it's starts with a "V". They have the best price out there and they have the shelter discount rates.

Mr. Trentman: What is the site for the fundraiser?

Sheila: It's through Illinois Gives. I have these (handouts) to give out to each one of you. This is how to do the fundraiser. I would be more than happy to set up your fundraiser for you. It's only for 1 week from November 25th- Dec 3rd. Like I said, our initial ask is just \$200. You're more than welcome to raise more because our goal is to raise \$10k and we're hoping to get close to that. With our "Dogs of a Different Color" fundraiser we collected about \$1500 towards that goal. So we still have about \$9k left to go. Any help we can get especially from people here who are interested in making sure animal control is run well and efficiently.

Animal Control Reports:

Cheri: Gifts from the Heart is November 7th. The save rate for last month was 95% and last month we had talked about updating our receipts for the tags to include a message about updating microchip information. We were able to get IT to put that on the bottom. It wasn't as big as I wanted, because the template has a lot blocked. But it is there at the bottom.

Mr.Trentman: What does the message say?

Cheri: Is your microchip information current?

Mr.Trentman: Ok, good. What else? Empty kennels? A lot of cats, a lot of dogs?

Cheri: We have empty dog kennels and we have lots of cats.

Mr.Trentman: I guess empty kennels is a good thing right? Lots of cats is not?

Sheila: I know it's been discussed off and on previously, but could it be considered adopting out cats from the AC side of the building.

Cheri: We did that during the Adopt-A-thon. We adopted one. One's better than none.

Sheila: Maybe as an ongoing thing? Not everyone wants kittens. It might help open up some kennels on the other side.

Cheri: There are quite a few that are just really nice cats.

Julie: We've had quite a few open dog kennels which gave us the opportunity to do a nice deep clean which I was pretty excited about. I don't know how long that will last, but those kennels are thoroughly cleaned.

Ashley: We are at about 21 adoptions for the month so far and 22 adoptions last month, 74 transfers out. We're at about 74 this month as well. We're trying to stay busy. We have Gifts from the Heart coming up. We participated in another Bissell "Clear the Shelter" event. We did one in May, which we did about 8 adoptions. We only did one adoption last time. It's a good program to help offset the cost so we can do a discounted rate for adoption, but still be reimbursed the remaining balance. Other than that, I have a couple of dogs in the adoption center we are desperately trying to get adopted and an adult cat.

Mr.Trentman: How many cats do you have on hand?

Ashley: I have about 15 cats and kittens in the adoption center.

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Mr.Trentman: You guys are in contact with what each side has right?

Ashley: Yes. Our adult cats don't get adopted fast over there. Our adult cats sit in the adoption center sometimes for 3 months at a time. We have a beautiful Siamese mix who is not getting adopted. She's great. We just have a problem with adult cats. We try to get a few at a time and the rest are kittens.

Mr. Trentman: How long has that cat been there?

Ashley: Since June.

Mr.Trentman: Inside cat?

Ashley: Yes, an inside cat. We had another mom cat who was just adopted and she was there 3 months as well.

Mr.Trentman: To touch on Gifts from the Heart, how many animals will you have down there?

Ashley: 5 dogs and 6 kittens.

Mr.Trentman: If you guys have never been there before, it's down at the fairgrounds. We have our adoption center cats and dogs down there. You can buy a ticket and help support Gift from the Heart. It's November 7th. You can taste all the food from all the local eateries in the area. It's a pretty cool thing. 5pm at the fairgrounds.

Ashley: Admission is a new, unwrapped toy or \$20.

MOTION by Mr. Gomric to approve Cheri and Ashley's report
Second by Mr. Waldron

Vote: Yes 5 No 0 Motion Carried.

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

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 10/01/19 to 10/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	3	4	0	0	7
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	1	1	0	0	2
	TOTAL	5	7	0	0	12
OWNER SUR	BELLEVILLE	4	7	0	2	13
	CAHOKIA	1	0	6	0	7
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MARISSA	0	1	0	0	1
	SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	5	13	6	2	26
STRAY		0	0	1	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	6	20	6	4	36
	CAHOKIA	3	9	0	1	13
	CASEYVILLE	1	4	4	0	9
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	7	0	0	7
	FAIRMONT C	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	4	4	1	0	9
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	LEBANON	1	1	4	0	6
	LENZBURG	0	0	4	0	4
	MARISSA	0	2	2	1	5
	MASCOUTA	0	0	4	0	4
	MILLSTADT	0	0	1	0	1
	O FALLON	0	5	0	0	5
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	4	0	0	4
	TOTAL	15	61	27	6	109
TOTAL		25	85	33	8	151

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 10/01/19 to 10/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION		0	0	0	1	1
	BELLEVILLE	5	3	4	2	14
	CAHOKIA	0	0	0	1	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	LENZBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	5	7	4	5	21
DIED	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	3	5	0	0	8
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	2	0	0	3
	SWANSEA	1	1	0	0	2
	TOTAL	5	12	0	0	17
RELOCATE	BELLEVILLE	2	1	3	2	8
	CAHOKIA	0	0	0	1	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	3	0	0	3
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	MARISSA	0	1	1	1	3
	MASCOUTA	0	0	4	0	4
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
RELOCATE	TOTAL	2	9	8	4	23
RTO	BELLEVILLE	2	14	0	2	18
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	2	22	0	2	26
TRANSFER		1	0	1	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	5	18	6	0	29
	CAHOKIA	4	6	6	0	16
	CASEYVILLE	3	5	4	0	12
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	1	1	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	1	7	0	0	8
	FAIRMONT C	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	2	4	1	0	7
	LEBANON	1	1	0	0	2
	LENZBURG	0	1	4	0	5
	MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	1	0	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	0	1	0	1
	O FALLON	0	2	0	0	2
	SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	20	50	23	0	93
TOTAL		34	101	35	11	181

Animals Left In Shelter on 10/31/19: 80

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 10/01/19 to 10/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	ABANDON	0	1	0	0	1
	OWNER D	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
EUTH REQ	OTC OWN	5	7	0	0	12
	TOTAL	5	7	0	0	12
OWNER SUR	OTC	5	13	6	2	26
	TOTAL	5	13	6	2	26
STRAY	FIELD	0	20	0	2	22
	NIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
	OTC	15	41	26	4	86
	TOTAL	15	61	27	6	109
TOTAL		25	85	33	8	151

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 10/01/19 to 10/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	WALKIN	2	4	3	4	13
	WEB	3	3	1	1	8
	TOTAL	5	7	4	5	21
DIED	IN KENNEL	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
EUTH	BEHAV OBSV	0	4	0	0	4
	MEDICAL	5	8	0	0	13
	TOTAL	5	12	0	0	17
RELOCATE		2	9	8	4	23
	TOTAL	2	9	8	4	23
RTO	MICROCHIP	1	14	0	0	15
	PHONE	0	0	0	2	2
	TAG ID	0	1	0	0	1
	WALKIN	1	6	0	0	7
	WEB	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	22	0	2	26
TRANSFER		20	50	23	0	93
	TOTAL	20	50	23	0	93
TOTAL		34	101	35	11	181