

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
Conference Room: 5:30 P.M.
February 28th 2022**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Robert Wilhelm
Scott Greenwald
Harry Hollingsworth
CJ Baricevic

Absent:

Mike O'Donnell

Others Present:

Cheri Weaver, Director, Animal Services
Julie Grady, Animal Services
Herb Simmons, Director, St. Clair County EMA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 January 31st 2022.
Second by Mr. Greenwald

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

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Public Comment:

Mr. Hollingsworth: At the center down there in East Saint Louis, are they still well prepared for food? Do they still give some out?

Mr. Trentman: are you talking about Gateway?

Mr. Hollingsworth: Yes, Gateway

Mr. Trentman: I know they distribute a lot of food.

Cheri Report:

For January 2022 the save rate was 99%. We currently have 14 dog kennels and 20 cat kennels on the stray side.

I did want to ask you guys for your help. We have two positions open. One has been open for about 5.5 months. It's a kennel position on the animal control side. Here's the job description that is on the county webpage. If you know anybody.

This one, they have to pass a drug test, pre-employment verification. They have to have transportation and have to have COVID 19 vaccinations. This is working in the kennels, cleaning dogs and cats, monitoring the animals. Taking dogs out to exercise and socializing the cats.

One is the kennel position and we have an animal control warden position open.

Mr. Hollingsworth: Are there qualifications for the other one?

Cheri: The qualifications for the warden are the same, but also has to have a good driving record to be on the insurance. With the animal control warden they do have to have two years experience at another animal related facility, like an adoption facility or animal control.

Mr. Hollingsworth: What if they've dealt with dogs of their own? You have some people who have pets or can deal with wild animals and pitbulls. All I'm trying to do to look at it like a simple way, but if they're given the opportunity to do something, you might be surprised.

Cheri: The animal control warden would have to go and get certified with the Animal Control Certification and certified to euthanize.

Mr. Hollingsworth. Can you get the job and get certified?

Cheri: Yes. To be licensed in euthanasia, the background check is extensive.

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Mr. Hollingsworth: Some people are able to get what they need once they are hired and they end up being some of the better people.

Julie: I agree, but the problem is a lot of people want to come and work with the animals because they have pets or like animals. They think it's like petting kittens and playing with puppies and they find out it's too much and quit. Some of these animals are fractious, some are aggressive, some of the people we deal with are rude and they didn't sign up for that. People want to work here because they have experience with pets or large breeds and "love dogs" and then get bitten by a huge dog that jumped on their back and they quit.

Mr. Hollingsworth: When we had animal control in East Saint Louis, we had people who could just look at a dog and control it.

Julie: Some people do have the knack for it, but we've been looking for the person you're describing for the last year and half. It can be a difficult job and it's not for everyone. If you know someone like that then send them to us. We haven't found that person so everything is falling on everyone else and it's getting tough.

Cheri: Anybody can go on the county website under careers and apply.

Mr. Hollingsworth: This committee will be deciding who is hired?

Cheri: No, I decide.

Mr. Trentman: Last year didn't we get a big shipment of food in?

Cheri: That was the COVID relief. There were two individuals who bought food and shipped it to shelters through Illinois. I haven't heard anything since then.

**MOTION by Mr. Baricevic to approve Cheri's report
2nd by Mr. Hollingsworth**

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

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



Kennel Statistics

Intakes from 2/1/2022 to 2/28/2022

	CAT	DOG	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	23	87	110
CONFISCATE	0	13	13
ABANDONMNT	0	3	3
OWNER DUTY	0	3	3
POLICE	0	7	7
EUTH REQ	2	4	6
OTC OWNED	2	4	6
OWNER SUR	3	7	10
FIELD	0	1	1
OTC	3	6	9
STRAY	18	62	80
FIELD	0	12	12
OTC	18	50	68
TRANSFER	0	1	1
SPCA	0	1	1



Kennel Statistics

Outcomes from 2/1/2022 to 2/28/2022

	CAT	DOG	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	40	83	123
ADOPTION	6	7	13
NO SUBTYPE	0	1	1
REFERAL	0	1	1
WALKIN	3	1	4
WEB	3	4	7
EUTH	3	5	8
BEHAV HIST	0	1	1
BEHAV OBSV	0	1	1
MEDICAL	3	3	6
RELOCATE	6	10	16
NO SUBTYPE	6	10	16
RTO	2	33	35
MICROCHIP	2	15	17
PHONE	0	8	8
WALKIN	0	10	10
TRAN IN ST	23	28	51
NO SUBTYPE	23	28	51



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 2/1/2022 to 2/28/2022

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	78	9	20	3	110
CONFISCATE	13	0	0	0	13
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CAHOKIA	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	5	0	0	0	5
LENZBURG	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	4	0	0	0	4
EUTH REQ	4	0	2	0	6
BELLEVILLE	4	0	0	0	4
CAHOKIA	0	0	1	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
OWNER SUR	7	0	3	0	10
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
LENZBURG	4	0	0	0	4
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1
STRAY	53	9	15	3	80
BELLEVILLE	27	5	7	1	40
CAHOKIA	11	0	0	0	11
CASEYVILLE	1	3	2	0	6
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	0	0	1	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	3	1	0	0	4
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	3	0	0	0	3
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	2	0	3

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
MILLSTADT	1	0	1	0	2
O FALLON	2	0	2	2	6
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
TRANSFER	1	0	0	0	1
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1



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	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	78	5	35	5	123
ADOPTION	6	1	4	2	13
BELLEVILLE	0	0	3	1	4
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	1	0	1	2
MASCOUTAH	2	0	0	0	2
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	0	0	1	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
EUTH	5	0	3	0	8
BELLEVILLE	4	0	0	0	4
CAHOKIA	0	0	1	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	0	0	1	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
RELOCATE	8	2	4	2	16
BELLEVILLE	3	1	1	1	6
CAHOKIA	2	0	0	0	2
CASEYVILLE	0	1	1	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
MASCOUTAH	2	0	0	0	2
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	0	1	1
RTO	33	0	2	0	35
BELLEVILLE	18	0	0	0	18
CAHOKIA	3	0	0	0	3
EAST ST LOUIS	4	0	0	0	4

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	2	0	0	0	2
LENZBURG	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	2	0	3
O FALLON	2	0	0	0	2
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
TRAN IN ST	26	2	22	1	51
BELLEVILLE	6	0	14	1	21
CAHOKIA	6	1	0	0	7
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	7	1	0	0	8
FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
LENZBURG	4	0	0	0	4
MARISSA	0	0	1	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	1	0	2
O FALLON	1	0	2	0	3
SWANSEA	0	0	2	0	2

Animals Left In Shelter
on 02/28/22

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	Total
33	3	9	45