

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 5:30 P.M.

August 28th, 2023

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Scott Greenwald, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Robert Wilhelm
G.W. Scott, Jr.

Others Present:

Ashley Jett, Animal Services Director
Mark Kern, St Clair County Board Chairman
Phil Henning, County Board member

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

Roll call and a quorum declared present.

Public Comment:

Mr. Trentman: Please keep your questions or comments to about 2 minutes and direct them towards this chair.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: by Mr. Wilhelm to approve the minutes of July 31st, 2023 meeting. Second by Mr. Mosley.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Ashley Report

Mr. Trentman: Report from our AC director, Ashley Jett.

Ashley: Not much. 100% save rate this last month. We did 15 adoptions, assisted with a couple of spay/neuters for some owned pets. We did do a couple of spay/neuters through BAHS to assist with the overflow appointments for the animals going into the adoption center, and then a couple of our long time strays that have been there. So we did get a couple of those done. So not really much else. We are full like always. Its kind of hit and miss. One day we will be super full, then someone will come and pull a whole bunch of animals and then we will be empty for a day and then we are full again.

Mr. Trentman: So the long timers who have been there, you have them fixed?

Ashley: Yes. We have a couple that we have had since like March of this year and we were finally able to get them in. They finally had space for their size. We have been doing ones that have not been there as long, but we have had size restrictions on what we can do with their schedule. So we had a couple of them neutered and we actually have them posted on the advocates website. I did share them on the St Clair County Animal Services page – kind of like our “as is” adoptions trying to get them out of there. There are two of them as of right now that we are posting. The third one that we were going to post came up positive for heartworms, so we are trying to raise money to put that little girl into our adoption center and then hopefully she will get adopted. We can start the heartworm process through GPG. Not really much else. Just a lot of humane care calls, a lot of abandonments, a lot of things. Just scary situations that we are right in the middle of. That whole Smithton situation that happened last week. That wasn’t good, but we were stuck there for a few hours until they could finally get us out of there and then I think that standoff lasted for a few more hours afterwards. Its getting a little crazy out there.

Mr. Trentman: I will have to say that just about every time I drive down 11th Street, I see our people out there walking dogs. So that’s nice to see. I drove by today, and I said I wonder if I am going to see them today, and I’ll be darn – Eric and Eric were right down the road walking dogs.

Ashley: Eric, Eric, and like I said Quenna, who is bee-bopping back and forth where ever I need her. So she’s been in the adoption center a lot. I have one of my wardens in the adoption center helping clean in the mornings and I’m helping him. Just trying to keep it going until I can get our new employees in and trained. I have another interview Thursday for hopefully another person, so if that’s the case, then I can start moving everyone to where I want them to be long term and then go from there. Its a lot. I have been working with IT with the Director Jeff, and I think we are going to get some improvements to our system. Hopefully, my girls in the office will be less busy with inputting in tag stuff and they can dedicate more time to other things that we need them to be dedicating their time to. I’m hoping we can get all of our ducks in a row. We have a meeting on the 31st, to discuss a pretty big portion of our software program that we are not even using. But the software is kind of costly. We are just trying to see how to make it work.

Mr. Trentman: Did you get the ad in the paper for volunteers.

Ashley: No. The blurb that they can add into the paper for free is one single line and if I do a full page its hundreds of dollars.

Mr. Trentman: So the local flashes... what's that cost?

Ashley: She said that they don't do a whole lot of free stuff, and what they had that was free was the one-line ad. So, I sent her the information but I just don't know that I can continuously run a full page spread that will draw people's attention with the money that it costs. We are just trying to think of other options that we can do. I have someone that can put me in contact with Scott Air Force Base again, and I also did speak with both of the schools, Lindenwood and SWIC and I have a flier in their community resource office for volunteers, if they need volunteer hours, just to see if anybody can help. Just anything at this point even if it's one time a week or one time a month.

Mr. Trentman: Can you put a little Facebook thing together?

Ashley: We did have one that was posted. I was going to have one of my employees create a big flashy volunteer post, but I think I am going to have Sheila do it now and see if we can just blurb it out there. Its on her list of things to do.

Mr. Trentman: Well, 100% save rate this month, right?

Ashley: Yes. We are intaking less than what we have outgoing for right now so we are going to have a 100% save rate.

Mr. Trentman: Ok, I need a motion to accept Ashley's report?

MOTION: by Mr. Scott to approve Ashley's report

2nd by Mr. Greenwald.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: We have no ordinances or resolutions. Any other business to come before this board or anything else from any other board member? Now is the time.

Mr. Wilhelm: Just throwing out an idea. The transportation committee meeting is after this one. I don't know if you guys are up to the idea of pushing the meeting back a half an hour. It would just be easier for me to make it.

Mr. Scott: Move it to 6:00?

Mr. Wilhelm: I mean whatever is easiest for everyone.

Mr. Scott: It's probably easier on all of us.

Mr. Trentman: Can you check into that Ashley to make sure that there are no conflicts?

Ashley: Yes.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Mosley.

2nd by Mr. Scott.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion carried.



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 8/1/2023 to 8/31/2023

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	29	2	13	29	73
BORN	0	0	0	4	4
BELLEVILLE	0	0	0	4	4
CONFISCATE	4	0	0	0	4
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	3	0	0	0	3
EUTH REQ	5	0	2	0	7
BELLEVILLE	3	0	1	0	4
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
OWNER SUR	1	0	3	1	5
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	0	0	0	1	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
FREEBURG	0	0	2	0	2
STRAY	19	2	8	24	53
BELLEVILLE	3	2	3	10	18
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	4	0	0	0	4
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	2	0	0	3	5
FREEBURG	0	0	1	1	2
LEBANON	0	0	1	0	1
MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	3	0	3	5	11
SWANSEA	2	0	0	5	7
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 8/1/2023 to 8/31/2023

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	31	2	11	27	71
ADOPTION	6	1	1	4	12
BELLEVILLE	2	1	0	4	7
DUPO	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
NEW ATHENS	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
EUTH	8	0	2	0	10
BELLEVILLE	4	0	1	0	5
EAST ST LOUIS	3	0	0	0	3
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
RELOCATE	4	1	1	5	11
BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	3	4
DUPO	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	0	1	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
SMITHTON	0	0	0	1	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
RTO	5	0	0	0	5
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
TRAN IN ST	7	0	7	18	32
BELLEVILLE	2	0	4	8	14
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CENTREVILLE	2	0	0	0	2

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	1	1	3
LEBANON	0	0	1	0	1
MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	4	5
SWANSEA	0	0	0	5	5
TRAN O ST	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1

Animals Left In Shelter
on 08/31/23

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
33	1	5	14	53