

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 5:30 P.M.

May 30th, 2023

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Scott Greenwald, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Robert Wilhelm
Mike O'Donnell
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Harry Hollingsworth

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Ashley Jett, Animal Services Director
Phil Henning, County Board member
Lexi Cortez, Belleville News Democrat
Robert Allen, County Board member
Herb Simmons, Emergency Management Association Director

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. Mosley to approve the minutes of April 17th, 2023 meeting. Second by Mr. Scott.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Ashley Report

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

Ashley: I don't really have a lot. We did have a 98% save rate for the month of April. We have a lot of animals coming in and the only way that they really left was by transfer to the adoption floor or transferring out to other adoption agencies. We only had 3 animals reclaimed, which is really sad. We did 11 adoptions, we moved 14 of the animals that came through to the adoption floor, and then did 45 rescue transfers out of the building, and like I said 3 return to owners. Return to owners are not great right now. We have only had I believe 4 this month as well. So, nobody is coming...

Mr. Trentman: Return to owner is when they pick one up?

Ashley: Yes. No one is coming in and identifying or reclaiming any of these animals that are being brought in. So the only way that they are leaving is if we move them to the adoption side or if they are getting transferred to other rescue organizations and 45 transfers is not great either. That's just between the Humane Society, Gateway & Partners for Pets that we have had pull this last month.

Mr. Trentman: So are we full up on both sides?

Ashley: Yes, we are on the full side. We are always 100% full. Once we get a kennel open we have a wait list of people who are waiting with strays to bring another one in. So we are calling them as soon as they come through.

Mr. Trentman: Shelly said that the Belleville Area Humane Society takes cats to the Petsmart.

Ashley: Yeah.

Mr. Trentman: Can we even tag along with them somehow?

Ashley: So we have tried to do that with them before. When Shoshana and Katie were with BAHS, I met with them and a Petsmart representative to try to do something like that. To be part of Petsmart you have to be a 501c3 and be part of the Petsmart Charities Foundation, and we are not a 501c3. So what our goal was, was to just have them pull animals from animal control that would go to Petsmart and that is how we would configure into that program. I assume that the cats that they are pulling from us, they either send to Petsmart or they adopt out, but the initial agreement was that if they had spots at Petsmart that they would come to animal control and pull cats. And that was kind of how our initial agreement started.

Mr. Trentman: Have we gotten anywhere with the astroturf or no?

Ashley: I was just talking to him about it. I just haven't had any, neither of us haven't had a second. We have just been busy.

Mr. Scott: I told her I could be available. She just needs to call me a day ahead of time or whatever.

Ashley: We have just been super short staffed, and a lot of illnesses and I've just had to kind of jump in and take over for whatever we have going on.

Mr. Trentman: I get it. Well when you guys get together, give me a ring and I'll meet you down there. And anyone else who wants to come we will figure it out.

Ashley: Ok. I don't really have anything much more. We have a new employee that started today and then I'll be filling our last spot for the adoption center. I have someone who is going through the process of hiring now. So I should have a full staff here soon. That's about it.

Mr. Trentman: Do we have any events planned for this summer?

Ashley: I have been trying to work with Ace Hardware. They have a huge employee appreciation BBQ, but they do them on holiday weekends. So they had one this past weekend and they have one scheduled for fourth of July weekend. I just don't have the staff who can commit to being there for 4 hours with animals. I'm trying to work with them since they would be doing all of the promoting. They would give us the space and the building and all that stuff but they were trying to tie it into their national event so that they would actually have a large group of people come.

Mr. Trentman: Is the AC working fine?

Ashley: Yes, it's perfect. It's really cold.

Mr. Trentman: I'm sure the dogs and cats appreciate it.

Ashley: They love it. That's pretty much all I have.

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

2nd by Mr. Wilhelm.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: We have no ordinances or resolutions. Any other business to come before this board from any of your guys?

Mr. Wilhelm: You know its in the board packet about buying that land from the Dioceses. The Diocese have stipulations on the purchase of the land, and they have no euthanasia on that stipulation. I assume that they are speaking of humans, and not about animals.

Ashley: Yeah, I don't know. I haven't seen anything, as far as the packet or anything. I don't know what it entails, but

Mr. Wilhelm: I don't know where it is exactly in the packet anymore.

Ashley: I guess there will always maybe be a way around that if they keep a portion of the building we are in now. Where the incinerator and walk in cooler is. We cannot move the incinerator, so if we keep the garage we will just have to transport animals from one location to the next. But, I don't really want to do that, but we might have to.

Unknown: Its on the front page, and I would assume that its speaking to human life but I don't know.

Mr. Wilhelm: That's what I assumed but I just thought that I would bring up the obvious question.

Mr Trentman: Does anyone else have anything?

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Greenwald.

2nd by Mr. Mosley.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion carried.



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 5/1/2023 to 5/31/2023

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	41	8	38	57	144
CONFISCATE	4	0	0	0	4
EAST ST LOUIS	4	0	0	0	4
EUTH REQ	5	0	2	0	7
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CAHOKIA	1	0	1	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
OWNER SUR	7	0	17	16	40
BELLEVILLE	0	0	7	6	13
CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	6	7
CENTREVILLE	0	0	0	4	4
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	1	0	2
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	2	0	2
SCOTT AFB	3	0	6	0	9
STRAY	25	8	19	41	93
BELLEVILLE	8	0	8	32	48
CAHOKIA	3	0	0	0	3
CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	0	0	4	0	4
DUPO	0	0	1	5	6
EAST ST LOUIS	2	1	0	0	3
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
MARISSA	1	0	1	0	2

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
MASCOUTAH	1	6	0	0	7
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	2	3
O FALLON	1	0	0	2	3
SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	2	1	2	0	5
WASHINGTON PARK	4	0	0	0	4



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 5/1/2023 to 5/31/2023

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	34	15	44	40	133
ADOPTION	4	8	0	10	22
BELLEVILLE	1	1	0	5	7
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	6	0	0	7
O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
SMITHTON	0	0	0	5	5
EUTH	9	1	2	0	12
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
CAHOKIA	2	0	1	0	3
EAST ST LOUIS	0	1	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
SWANSEA	3	0	0	0	3
RELOCATE	7	6	0	11	24
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	8	10
CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	2	2
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
MASCOUTAH	1	6	0	0	7
O FALLON	0	0	0	1	1
SCOTT AFB	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
RTO	2	0	2	0	4
BELLEVILLE	0	0	2	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
TRAN IN ST	12	0	40	19	71

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
BELLEVILLE	6	0	18	14	38
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	0	0	4	0	4
CENTREVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
COLLINSVILLE	0	0	4	0	4
DUPO	0	0	1	5	6
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	2	0	2
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	2	0	2
SCOTT AFB	0	0	6	0	6
SWANSEA	1	0	2	0	3

Animals Left In Shelter
on 05/31/23

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
36	1	3	24	64