

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 6:00 P.M.

June 24th, 2024

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Ashley Jett, Animal Services Director
Jim Gomric, States Attorney
Robert Allen, County Board member
Herb Simmons, Director of EMA
Phil Henning, County Board member
Lexi Cortez, Belleville News Democrat
Ann Barnum, Human Resources Director

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

Roll call and a quorum declared present.

Public Comment:

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

Mr. Trentman: Does anybody have anything? Not hearing anything. I need a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2024 meeting. Second by Mr. Greenwald.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Ashley Report

Mr. Trentman: Reports from Ashley Jett, our AC Director.

Ashley: Hello. Things are starting to move again, so that's nice. We were able to take in a couple of more animals than we were last month. We are at about a 93% save rate for everything that's come through. Our adoptions are picking up, we did 27 of them last month, I have a picture of their little smiling faces for everybody. There was a whole litter of little chihuahua things running around there. But we've had quite the influx of puppies and kittens here of lately so yeah, we've been doing those little- I just keep forgetting to bring them every month so, but 27 adoptions in the month of May, we're probably going to be really close to that for June as well, almost every animal in our adoption center right now minus a few cats have pending applications, so hopefully we'll be getting them out of here this week. As far as transfers to other rescue organizations, they are still really low, we did 24 last month, which is still just drastically lower than what we should be doing. Again, that has to play with capacity and them being able to help as well. A couple of new things, we have our vaccine clinic this Wednesday, we are completely booked, we extended our hours an extra hour, so we could get more people to come through and we double booked every appointment, so- and then you guys should have your one for July- we're doing another one on July 31st from 9-12, so I'll start posting that tomorrow and taking appointments tomorrow. We are doing the flea market every single month, so that is awesome. We've been taking animals there and it's just been great. I mean usually everything has multiple applications or at least a pending application before we leave. We're going to do- we have a fundraiser this Thursday at one of the boutiques that I visit a lot and their doing a fundraiser for the adoption center, so they're accepting donations for the animals and then they are going to donate a portion of their proceeds to the adoption center too. And then on July 27th, we're going to host a kitten yoga, so we're going to take kittens, kind of like goat yoga, but we're going to take kittens out to Smithton to The Rooted Lotus, they have a little yoga studio out there and we're going to see how it goes, and then they're also going to do the same. They are going to collect donations and then donate some of their, however you

want to look at it- to the shelter as well. So, a couple of new things that we're trying just to get-something fun, something fun to do, so that should be about all I've got.

Bob Trentman: How does the flea market do? Do you think you get an adoption like once a week or month?

Ashley: Yeah, well so we take one animal there on flea market weekends, that's just the third Saturday of every month, so Quenna will go up there and take an animal for about 4 or 5 hours. Last time she brought our 6 puppies that we have, so that went over really well because everybody loved them. Yeah, and then they take them and generally whatever animal we have there typically gets adopted by the time that we- by Monday.

Mr. Hollingsworth: Are the cats going to be putting on any kind of show like pushing little wheel barrels or?

Ashley: We're going to try and train them, but I just don't know that I have enough time for that.

Mr Hollingsworth: I mean they look so good in their pictures. I just thought.

Ashley: Arent those really good pictures? We have a really great photographer again, she's great. Another thing to mention - We've been able to adopt 5 dogs this month from the animal control side of the building so that's been really nice too. We've had some really good dogs that are sitting over there, that otherwise just really wouldn't do well in the adoption center, they're on animal control side, but we've got everybody posted in our adoption center that's ready for adoption and we've been getting some good people, so it's been nice.

Mr. Trentman: Somebody asked me where we get most of our calls from, stray dogs, pick-ups and stuff.

Ashley: We spend a lot of our time in the East Side Health District area. A lot of our time. I would say, venture to say about 65-70% of our calls come from.

Mr. Trentman: Okay, Lonnie you got anything, or anybody got anything else. Alright, I need a motion to accept Ashley's report.

MOTION: by G.W. to approve Ashley's report. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: We have no ordinances or resolutions. Any other busy to come before this board from any of you guys? Does anyone else have anything? Alright, motion to adjourn.

MOTION to adjourn by Lonnie. Second by Mr. Greenwald.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion carried.



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 6/1/2024 to 6/30/2024

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	28	2	11	29	70
CONFISCATE	9	0	0	0	9
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CENTREVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	2	0	0	0	2
EUTH REQ	5	0	1	0	6
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	1	0	2
OWNER SUR	0	0	0	5	5
MILLSTADT	0	0	0	5	5
STRAY	14	2	10	24	50
BELLEVILLE	7	1	8	3	19
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	3	4
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	2	1	0	1	4
FAYETTEVILLE	0	0	0	6	6
FREEBURG	0	0	0	1	1
MARISSA	0	0	0	6	6
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1
O FALLON	2	0	0	2	4
SAUGET	0	0	0	1	1
TRENTON	0	0	0	1	1



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 6/1/2024 to 6/30/2024

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	32	8	12	23	75
ADOPTION	9	8	1	5	23
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1
ALORTON	1	0	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	1	0	1	0	2
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	5	0	2	8
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	0	3	0	0	3
MARISSA	0	0	0	2	2
O FALLON	1	0	0	1	2
DIED	1	0	1	0	2
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	0	0	1	0	1
EUTH	8	0	1	1	10
BELLEVILLE	4	0	1	0	5
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
RELOCATE	5	0	1	2	8
BELLEVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	2	2
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
RTO	2	0	1	0	3
BELLEVILLE	1	0	1	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
TRAN IN ST	7	0	7	15	29
BELLEVILLE	2	0	5	8	15
CAHOKIA	1	0	1	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	2	3
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	1	2
MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	0	2	2
SAUGET	0	0	0	1	1
SWANSEA	1	0	1	0	2
TRENTON	0	0	0	1	1

Animals Left In Shelter
on 06/30/24

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
38	2	9	26	75