

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 6:00 P.M.

October 28th, 2024

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Matt Smallheer, County Board member
C.J. Barecivic, County Board member
Ken Easterly, County Board member
Ken Sharkey, County Board member
John Coers, County Board member
Lexi Cortez, Belleville News Democrat
Herb Simmons, EMA Director
Robert Allen, County Board member
Phil Henning, County Board member
Annie Markevich, Zoning Director
Ashley Jett, Animal Services Director
Eddie Johnson, Animal Services

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. Smallheer: I just want to say that I am wildly impressed by the head of this committee acknowledging everybody in this room.

Mr. Trentman: I wrote them all down. Alright, not hearing anything.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: by Mr. Wilhelm to approve the minutes of September 30th, 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: We do not have anything real pressing. Intakes are about the same as they were, we are pretty consistent for the year. Outcomes are pretty consistent for the year as well. Our adoptions are right about the same. We are doing 18-25 per month, so we are getting them out of there as fast as we can. Our transfers out of the building are still not as great as I would like them to be, but we at least did 16 this month so its better than the normal 4 that we have been having the last couple of months. We are full. We do not have very much space at all. Anytime we have a kennel open, we have another dog waiting to come in. And again consistently with more bite cases, more abandonments, mo police assists, more everything so its not getting any easier, that's for sure.

Mr. Trentman: Who pulled the animals this month?

Ashley: The majority of them were cats and they went across the street to the Humane Society.

Mr. Trentman: Not too much on dogs then right.

Ashley: Well, Gateway actually took a dog today. They traded with us. They had a dog that they needed to bring in to us so they took a dog from our kennels to make space. Then we have 4 that BAHS will be taking tomorrow.

Mr. Trentman: 4 dogs.

Ashley: Yes, 4 dogs and a cat tomorrow. We had a few go home today, so that opened a few spaces so we can finally go out and catch up on some of our calls, but we have not been able to do much. As far as anything else that has happened, we had a clinic just this last week. We have been hosting our low cost vaccine clinics monthly, and we have another one coming up in the month of November. This month we did 42 pets which was great. It's the biggest one we have had so far. It provides the service for people to come in and everybody is loving the fact that we are doing this. It's always positive. Thank yous as they are walking out the door, and that this is so great, please keep continuing. So that's nice. We just finished up with a Bissell event last month and we did 14 adoptions through that event. We have another one coming up in December so we will have another empty the shelters. It's a discounted adoption event that we have. The adopters pay a discounted fee and Bissell reimburses us the rest.

Mr. Trentman: I guess we are getting ready for Gifts from the Heart.

Ashley: Yes, we are getting ready for Gifts from the Heart. We have quite a few animals that we are wanting to take. So that will be nice. We have about 10 volunteers so far too. We should have enough people to be there and we will have it all set up and ready.

Mr. Trentman: When is that Mark?

Ashley: It's the 7th.

Mr. Trentman: The 7th?

Mr. O'Donnell: Next Thursday.

Mr. Trentman: At the fairgrounds. Alright Eddie. Whatcha got? Anything to add? How's it going?

Eddie: It's going good. I'll be glad when we get some more employees. We are just doing the best we can.

Mr. Trentman: What did you do today?

Eddie: What did I do today? Where do you want me to start at?

Mr. Trentman: (laughing) That's what I'm asking. What's going on down there. You're busy.

Eddie: My days are the same. I do a little bit of everything. Just whatever they need me to do.

Mr. Trentman: Right on. We are lucky to have you. And Ashley too, and everybody else down there.

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

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: We have no ordinances or resolutions. But we have the contract. Ashley would you like to go over that a little bit.

Ashley: This is our veterinarian contract for services. Nothing has changed on this. It's the same provider, Dr. Neimann from Freeburg Animal Hospital. He provides our rabies vaccinations, clear exams, surgeries, pretty much everything medical: examinations and services that we need. This is a one year contract. The fees are all still the same and his contracted monthly is still the same as well.

MOTION: by Mr. Scott to approve the 2025 Veterinarian Contract. Second by Mr. Greenwald.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Ashley: I will need to grab everyone's signature before we leave today.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. O'Donnell. Second by Mr. Mosley.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion carried.



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 10/1/2024 to 10/31/2024

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	30	7	11	42	90
CONFISCATE	9	2	4	0	15
E CARONDELET	3	2	0	0	5
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
LEBANON	3	0	0	0	3
SWANSEA	0	0	4	0	4
EUTH REQ	2	0	0	0	2
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
OWNER SUR	0	2	2	18	22
BELLEVILLE	0	0	2	10	12
EDWARDSVILLE	0	0	0	8	8
SHILOH	0	2	0	0	2
STRAY	19	3	5	24	51
BELLEVILLE	9	2	4	8	23
CAHOKIA	2	0	0	0	2
COLLINSVILLE	0	0	0	4	4
EAST ST LOUIS	3	0	0	0	3
FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
LENZBURG	0	0	0	3	3
MILLSTADT	0	0	0	1	1
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	1	2
O FALLON	0	0	0	1	1
SCOTT AFB	0	0	0	2	2
SHILOH	2	0	0	0	2
SWANSEA	2	0	0	4	6
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 10/1/2024 to 10/31/2024

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	32	7	13	38	90
ADOPTION	5	2	0	2	9
BELLEVILLE	3	0	0	1	4
CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
COLLINSVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
DIED	0	0	0	1	1
COLLINSVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
EUTH	4	0	1	2	7
BELLEVILLE	1	0	1	1	3
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
RELOCATE	6	3	0	12	21
BELLEVILLE	2	1	0	5	8
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
EDWARDSVILLE	0	0	0	4	4
FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	1	2
SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	0	2	3
RTO	9	2	2	0	13
BELLEVILLE	2	0	1	0	3
CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
E CARONDELET	0	2	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
LEBANON	3	0	0	0	3
SHILOH	2	0	0	0	2
TRAN IN ST	8	0	10	21	39
(no jurisdiction)	0	0	1	0	1
BELLEVILLE	1	0	7	14	22
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	4	4
EAST ST LOUIS	3	0	0	0	3
LENZBURG	0	0	0	3	3
NEW ATHENS	1	0	1	0	2
SMITHTON	0	0	1	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1

Animals Left In Shelter
on 10/31/24

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
44	6	7	20	77