

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 6:00 P.M.

August 31st, 2026

Members Present: Robert Trentman, Chairman
Scott Greenwald, Asst. Chairman
Mike O'Donnell
Lonnie Mosley
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Robert Wilhelm
Harry Hollinsworth - EXCUSED

Others Present: _____

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: Public comment. Please keep your comments or questions to about 2 minutes and direct them towards this chair. Does anybody have anything?

Nothing, okay. We're going to move on.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: by Mr. Wilhelm to approve the minutes from the June 29th, 2026 meeting. Second by Mr. Greenwald.

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Ashley Report

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

Ashley: So reporting for two different months, we have the report for June. Our June live release rate was 83%, we had a pretty rough June. We had 98 animals come in, 9 born in the shelter, 1 owner surrender, 49 strays. We transferred 31 out to our adoption center and then 8 return to owners, 3 transfers to rescue organizations and 11 were euthanized, 17 adoptions. So, it was a pretty rough month for us for June. As far as July is concerned, we had a 94.5% live release rate, we've brought in 207 animals, 14 born in the shelter, 83 confiscations, 37 owner surrenders, 21 strays, 44 transfers to the adoption center, and we had 17 adoptions, and 58 transfers to rescue organizations with 8 returns to owners. Our July was pretty rough. We had two hoarding cases that we ended up handling, July 20th we removed 80 dogs, 4 cats, 1 rooster and 8 chickens from a property in Washington Park. Then the following Monday, July 27th we ended up with a hoarding case again in East Carondelet. We removed 4 dogs, 3 puppies, 27 cats and 3 kittens. So, we were- our capacity was doubled for majority of the month of July for us.

We also did a couple of other things. We had our open house in July, where everyone was welcome to come view the new shelter. So, for those who were able to make it, we hope you had a good time and were able to see what you needed to see. That had some clarification on questions or whatever you had to ask, and you know obviously we were appreciative of who was able to be there. Were still counting down the days until we get to move in. At the end of July, we were able to participate in the Fair St. Clair, where we had a booth at Fair St Clair. We ended up getting some long timers adopted, and we ended convincing a couple of board members and department heads and employees of the county to adopt animals from us. Some of them are in this room- and we just had a good time. We ended up 6 or 7 adoptions, but we had a lot of people who got to see that we were out and about in the public and that's what we like to see. Dawn has been going to the Fairgrounds for flea market every month, and bringing a dog with her there and we've had pretty good luck with that too.

One of our volunteers had a Dine to Donate at Bennie's, where we ended up raising almost \$400 for the shelter. So, pretty good month, we've been busy. Still don't have a defined date on when we are going to be moving into the new building yet, but it is very close. Our kennels are in, and it looks much different than it did a month ago.

Mr. Trentman: Dawn, do you have anything to add?

Dawn: Like she said, it's been a crazy couple of months with those hoarding cases and sorting through those guys and trying to find homes quickly. There's on my part, since all of this has come about. I have just had 2, I believe, that are in house looking for a home. So that's awesome. We finalized 2, a little bonded pair today, so those guys are getting in home quickly. People have been really patient, listening really well, like with a shy dog, you have to take your time. Once carried out in a crate, take them home and then not taking them out until them. People have been really listening with that stuff with those shy ones. Lot of support with that, a

lot of people even kind of rounding up for us in a lot of different situations. We had a donation to the medical fund of like \$250.

Ashley: I mean altogether, through the news media outlet and all of those types of things, it's almost \$2,500 that we've had fundraised for help with those dogs. It's helped tremendously. Donations from our Amazon wish list and things like that.

Dawn: A lot of support from our community. Everyone's really excited about us moving into the new building and people that aren't even from here. Some of those adoptions are people that are over in St. Louis, and even they've heard about the new facility and stuff.

Mr. Trentman: Eddie, how's it been going? Busy?

Eddie: It's going. Boots on the ground. So many bite cases. So many hoarding cases. It's just busy.

Mr. Trentman: Keep up the good work. Ok, ashley. Anything else?

Ashley: I don't think so.

Mr. Trentman: You're saying we're getting close. What are we talking a couple of months, a month?

Ashley: I'm hoping that- my plan is tomorrow to start going through the items that we have at the shelter and start to pack up the things I know that we are going to take and disregard things I know we aren't going to take. We're kind of shooting for the 15th of this month, but I just don't know if that will be possible. There are some bigger items that need to be finalized first and some parts that need to be ordered that were missing and things like that. So, I'm hoping that we can move in by the 15th and be operational by the 3rd week of September. They might kick me out first though.

Mr. Trentman: Did you let the dogs and cats know that they have a new home?

Ashley: Not yet. But they're going to be very excited.

Mr. Trentman: If only they knew.

Ashley: Right. The only other thing I can say is that we handled a pig running loose through the city of Belleville.

Mr. Trentman: A pig.

Ashley: That took 11 days to capture. That was an experience. Poor Eddie.

Dawn: His face all over the camera. That's hilarious.

Ashley: Just a pig, living life in Freeburg now at a farm and having a great time.

?: Hog heaven?

Mr. Trentman: My boy called me and said “Dad, I think I seen a pig running”. I said “Don’t tell me its 15 and 11th st, right” and he says “No, down by the dealership”. And I was like were on it buddy.

Ashley: That’s where we got him.

Dawn: I looked outside when I walked out of the door and saw that two lost dogs and it was actually pigs. Radio’d over and everyone came running. There’s a dumpster I could jump on right now if I need to get away. They just looked at me with their tails and walked away.

Ashley: In the opposite direction. They were gone.

Mr. Trentman: Did you name it?

Ashley: They named it, there was Charger, no Dodger was one of them and Jeepers was the other.

MOTION: by Mr. Scott to approve Ashley’s report. Second by Mr. O’Donnell.

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: Do we have any ordinances/resolutions? I don’t think we do, do we?

Ashley: No.

Mr. Trentman: Any other business? Anything else on this board that you want to talk about?

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

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion carried.



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 8/1/2026 to 8/31/2026

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	22	3	2	7	34
CONFISCATE	1	0	0	0	1
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
EUTH REQ	4	0	1	1	6
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	1	3
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
ST LIBORY	1	0	0	0	1
OWNER SUR	0	1	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
STRAY	10	1	0	2	13
BELLEVILLE	5	0	0	2	7
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
TRANSFER	7	1	1	4	13
BELLEVILLE	2	1	1	4	8
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 8/1/2026 to 8/31/2026

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	40	15	12	20	87
ADOPTION	20	6	1	14	41
BELLEVILLE	4	0	0	5	9
CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	1	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	1	2
FREEBURG	0	0	0	3	3
O FALLON	0	0	0	1	1
SHILOH	0	0	0	3	3
SWANSEA	1	0	0	1	2
WASHINGTON PARK	12	5	0	0	17
DIED	0	0	1	1	2
E CARONDELET	0	0	0	1	1
MASCOUTAH	0	0	1	0	1
EUTH	6	1	0	0	7
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
E CARONDELET	0	1	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
O/R EUTH	5	0	8	1	14
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	1	3
E CARONDELET	1	0	7	0	8
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
ST LIBORY	1	0	0	0	1

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
RELOCATE	6	1	1	4	12
BELLEVILLE	2	1	1	4	8
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
RTO	0	0	1	0	1
DUPO	0	0	1	0	1
TRAN IN ST	3	7	0	0	10
BELLEVILLE	1	7	0	0	8
E CARONDELET	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1

Animals Left In Shelter
on 08/31/26

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
47	6	30	27	110