

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 6:00 P.M.

June 29th, 2026

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

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. Scott to approve the minutes from the May 26th, 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: Alright, so reports for the month of May, we brought in a total of 60 animals through- I'm sorry, 66 animals into the facility, 60 of them left the facility. So, we are looking at an 87% live release rate. 97% live release rate for the month of May. We had 13 adoptions, we moved 20 of those animals over to the adoption center, and we had 27 of them leave for rescue transfer.

The breakdown for the rescue transfer was 17 to Belleville Area Humane Society, 5 dogs, 9 kittens, and 3 cats. Seven to Gateway Pet Guardians, 3 adult dogs and 4 kittens. Three to Helping Strays of Monroe County, 1 puppy and 2 dogs. We've had a pretty uneventful May/June, our adoptions are definitely picking up, and our month of June adoptions are going to be great. We've had a lot going on with the new building, we did have our GLO Bingo in May, and that was pretty successful. I know I kind of spoke about that before, but we raised about \$6,000 towards our medical fund. We didn't have a lot of time to plan, but if we do another one, which we already have planned for fall of next year, it will be more successful. I just know it will be. We will have more time to plan, and we will space our fundraisers out a little bit further.

As far as the new building goes, we got our first delivery of kennels this morning, at about 11 o'clock. They were installing our washer and dryer, our x-ray machine is in. We have had a couple of complications with that; it should be resolved within the next week or so. Final touches - did a walk through, pinpointed all the things that needed to be fixed and updated, and we are just working through the list. The kennels are definitely going to be our setback of when we can move in. So were hoping mid August, hoping for that. But we'll see, they're supposed to give me an update of production on the kennels here soon. It looks great. Everything is falling into place. We are really lucky to be able to have this opportunity to have a new building. And we are thoroughly enjoying the thought of moving in. We cannot wait. We had another flood fear this weekend. It rained a lot, it was at the top of the creek again. We were just lucky the rain stopped, hopefully we can get through til our moving date without having to evacuate again.

We do have a vaccine clinic scheduled for Wednesday this week, if we have anybody who is needing vaccinations, I did not bring the flyer, but it is online. We have 10-12 appointments left for that still. We should be go to go after that. We did officially set a date for our ribbon cutting ceremony today, so I have a flyer today for all of our board members, but you will be getting an email, formal invitation that way we can do this. I did just forget that I needed to add an RSVP date, so we're just asking that you RSVP that Friday prior. We're scheduling it for July 22nd at 10:30 am. I'll hand these to everybody, but you will get something a little different in your email. Just wanted everybody to have the time to put it on their calendars. Short of that, here's our adoptions for the month of May, all their little smiley faces at the end of your packet. That's all I've got.

Mr. Trentman: Dawn, you got anything to add?

Dawn: She said June is definitely looking to be a good month. We have had a lot of traffic and we've had some kittens that are now available, several kittens that have more variety on the website.

Mr. Trentman: How many kittens are normally do we have on hand would you say, Dawn

Dawn: I would say usually we have 2 handfuls that are available at any given moment. Kids will come in and we'll match them together with some friends. Similar size and age. Put them together in a room, socialize and hang out when they're ready to go. I feel like we have a lot of cat people in this week. We had a whole litter of puppies with a mom dog, that we found a foster for, she had them there and all that, all the puppies but 1, and I had someone meet him today so. Looks like we're going to have more.

Ashley: Yeah, it's busy.

Mr. Trentman: How about you Eddie? What's going on?

Eddie: Bite cases. The weather gets warmer, the more people get bit. That's pretty much my job right now. We have been pretty full so we haven't had room for strays, but bite cases.

Ashley: I counted this morning, we're at 68 for the month. We're getting 5-12 every weekend. We're keeping it on the printer/fax machine whatever email we have, 5-12 from Friday to Sunday generally. Then sporadically throughout the week, mostly on weekends.

Mr. Trentman: Do dogs get more aggressive the hotter it gets?

Eddie: No, I think they get more careless. Enjoying the weather and not paying attention.

Ashley: Kids are home for the summer.

Mr. Trentman: Running loose maybe like instead of tying them up, letting them run loose.

Eddie: Kids letting them out like she said, it's definitely been a lot.

Ashley: People are having barbeques, and having people over at their house and getting attacked. Just careless pet owners.

Mr. Trentman: Well, we can't wait for the new facility, that's for sure. Maybe that will help out a lot.

MOTION: by Mr. Wilhelm to approve Ashley's report. Second by Mr. ODonnell.

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: Chairman, would you like to talk about the lot there.

Chairman: Do you remember about 6-7 years ago we built a dog park from the pre-existing animal shelter that was on IDOT property. We put a fence up and a divider down the middle so that Humane Society would have access to one side and we would have the other. We ran water over to it from our existing facility. Well now that we are exiting, we are required to do something whether that be taking the fence down and returning it to what it was, but I think that if we can get the humane society to keep up on the maintenance of it, we would be able to

give them our rights and give them the fence. We could take the fence down and use it somewhere else, but that doesn't really and isn't a great use of dollars so if the committee would maybe agree to vote to have Ashley contact the humane society and offer the park to them, then we can come up with the agreement like we did with the state to see if they would allow that. I think that they would since the humane society actually uses half of the yard anyhow.

Mr Trentman: Scott, would you like to make the motion?

Mr Greenwald: I would like to make the motion to have Ashley contact the humane society about assuming the responsibility of that dog park across the street from our old facility.

Mr. Mosley: I second that motion.

MOTION regarding dog park by Mr. Greenwald. Second by Mr. Mosley.

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion carried.

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

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion carried.