

**St. Clair County Animal Services**

**Minutes for Meeting**

**Conference Room: 6:00 P.M.**

**May 26th, 2026**

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

**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. Okay, not hearing anybody.

Mr. Trentman: Thank you, Robin. Thank you for your comment. Alright, who is next?

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION: by Mr. Wilhelm to approve the minutes from the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, for the month of April, we had 48 animals come into the facility. We transferred 17 of those animals into the adoption center and then we had 16 adoptions, as outcomes on those. We did have 5 animals returned to owner, which seems to be about our going rate for the month. We did 34 bite cases in the month of April, so that's Eddie doing 34 bite cases in the month of April. This month we've already surpassed our 34 and we had just 19 of them over this weekend, when we came back. Holiday weekends are pretty brutal when it comes down to bite cases and just a lot of irresponsible pet owners who just really don't care. We had 9 animals leave and go to rescue. 1 cat went to the APA, and the other 8 went to BAHs. That was 3 cats, 4 dogs, and 1 puppy. As far as, we did a Glo Bingo last weekend- or the 15<sup>th</sup>. It was so much fun, we ended up raising about r almost 6 thousand dollars for the shelter, so that was a pretty good intake for not really knowing what we were doing. We'll be better prepared for the next one, we've already scheduled our next one for September of 2027. So, it'll be a little over a year from now, but we are officially done with fundraising for the rest of the year because we are all tired. We look forward to our grand opening and having an adopt-a-thon and things like that again this year, so it'll be fun. We'll focus on that for the end of the year. Our Slumber Pawty, I know that was in the month of April, but our final number for that was \$23,716, so we did really well on our Slumber Pawty, and we are signed up to do it next year in April 2027. We did just last Monday did a pre-cautionary evacuation of our facility because we we're at that point of if it were going to rain a little bit more, we we're going to be underwater again. So, we got to use our new building, not the way we wanted it to, but we got to use it for the first time and the dogs got to hang out in the kennels areas where they would be. We had pop-up crates in there, and they were there for a little over 24 hours before we got them back to the shelter. Just as pre-cautionary, we did not end up flooding but it was all the way up to our back gate and the front park of our parking lot was underwater. The whole road was under water and closed own too. I did want to thank Mike O'Donnell and the Belleville West construction class for the dog houses, they were amazing.

Mr. O'Donnell: And bob getting help with PBC, and the people that donate the materials.

Mr. Trentman: Hank's Excavating, Mayer Landscaping, and Liese donated the materials. Mike and I have been working on it the last few years.

Ashley: So, we ended up raffling off one of them at the Glo Bingo, and the guy who won it was just- I kind of told him the story of where it came from and all the kids had signed it and made it all pretty, and he was "that's just the coolest thing I've ever seen". So, it was a hit. He really enjoyed it and was happy to have won it. Trying to think of what else. Our total was 89% live release rate for the month of April. So, we're still staying pretty close to our 90%. As far as the building is concerned, we are- they started installing the floors in the remaining part of the building today. Epoxy is done in the areas where it is getting expoxied. They are doing the Med Room, Surgical Room, and they are also doing the front lobby and down the main corridors and all the places they are going to get the luxury vinyl tile. All the ceiling tile and the grid is in. Our

lights are done. They are doing prox cards and doors, and all those kinds of fun things- all the electronics, it's beautiful. When we were there last week taking dogs in and out, we got to see them put up- we got these big sound panels made for the front lobby, and we actually had pictures of some of the animals that have been in the shelter printed on them. So, they are big 4x6 amazing pictures, and we got to watch them put them up. So, that was fun. Those animals are a story for us. Then we got to watch them out in our big front counter space the last time we were there, so it actually looks like a building, like it's real. It's coming, so we're just waiting on kennels, they should be delivered mid June-end of June, hopefully we'll be in there sooner than later.

Mr. Trentman: Got the old dog adopted out.

Ashley: Yeah, Tina- our long-time resident. We ended up- she found a home. So, she's been there for 383 days- at the shelter. She ended up finding a home, we actually got some long timers adopted out last month and this month and it's been pretty consistent with dogs, which is nice.

Dawn: We've been really busy. And- traffic coming specifically to see us. That got into conversation- where did you see this? Social media or a friend? So that's kind of a good thing too. Other things that are getting out there are making a difference. You start to see the traction. Sometimes people drive down the road and google will say you're here but are looking for the Humane society and see our animals instead.

Ashley: It's nice. We've had a lot of traction lately.

Mr. Trentman: Ashley gave me a tour of the new building. It is awesome. It is unbelievable actually. You walk through it- and you're like you just can't imagine. This county is going be... it's going to be nice. We will be proud of that building.

Ashley: We were running dogs to the end of the kennels, and it was like "who made this building so big?", "Oh, its us, we're the problem". It's such a long trek to get to the kennel area. It's great. In a state of emergency when you're running, soaking wet, in a down pour, you're like "who really made this building so big, but it's so great". It's amazing to see every time you're there, something else is new, done, and finished. You see all the pieces come together.

Mr. Trentman: It's just really nice. Is that all you've got?

Ashley: Yup, that's all I've got.

Mr. Trentman: The sandbags got taken away today.

Ashley: Yes. You can thank Eddie for that one. Eddie had some manual labor today.

Mr. Trentman: and Hanks picked them up. Called them up, asked them, brought them over, and picked them up today, so big thanks to Hanks. Do you have anything else Dawn?

Dawn: I feel like our numbers are going to be really good also. We've had a lot of traffic- I've been in this business for a long time, and right when schools are getting out. Some people kind of hesitate, but we have had a lot of traffic. Maybe people aren't traveling as much because of the gas prices. Choosing to stay home and being home a pet, maybe? But we like the traffic.

Mr. Trentman: I need a motion to accept Ashley's report.

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

**Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried.**

Mr. Trentman: We don't have any ordinances or resolutions. But we do have a contract. Explain a little bit more about that.

Ashley: In December of last year we approved a contract with our veterinarian for his contracted services from January 1st 2026 through June 30<sup>th</sup> with the intent that we might have our new building open. We would be changing it from per service to a flat number. We are going to extend it so it's the same contract we signed in December of last year for January through June, this one is just from July 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of the year, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Same money, same everything, its just or original contracted fee cut in half like we would have approved every other year. We'll have this to sign tonight as well.

Mr. Trentman: Does someone want to make the motion motion?

**MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Greenwald. Second by Mr. Wilhelm.**

**Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion carried.**



# Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 5/1/2026 to 5/31/2026

	<b>DOG</b>	<b>PUPPY</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>KITTEN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>EUTH REQ</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
BELLEVILLE	3	0	4	0	7
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	2	0	2
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1
<b>OWNER SUR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
BELLEVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
FAYETTEVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
<b>RETURN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
<b>STRAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>49</b>
BELLEVILLE	6	3	2	13	24
CASEYVILLE	2	0	0	6	8
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	3	0	0	0	3
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	2	0	3
FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
MILLSTADT	0	0	0	3	3
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
SHILOH	0	0	0	2	2
SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
<b>TRANSFER</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>
BELLEVILLE	1	3	0	3	7
BROOKLYN	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1

	<b>DOG</b>	<b>PUPPY</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>KITTEN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAYETTEVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
SCOTT AFB	0	0	1	0	1
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2



# Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 5/1/2026 to 5/31/2026

	<b>DOG</b>	<b>PUPPY</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>KITTEN</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>ADOPTION</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	4	0	0	0	4
FREEBURG	1	0	1	0	2
NEW BADEN	0	0	1	1	2
O FALLON	2	0	0	0	2
SCOTT AFB	0	0	1	0	1
<b>EUTH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
<b>O/R EUTH</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
BELLEVILLE	3	0	4	0	7
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	2	0	2
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1
<b>RELOCATE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>
BELLEVILLE	1	3	0	3	7
BROOKLYN	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
COLLINSVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAYETTEVILLE	0	2	0	0	2

	<b>DOG</b>	<b>PUPPY</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>KITTEN</b>	<b>Total</b>
FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
SCOTT AFB	0	0	1	0	1
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
<b>RTO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
<b>TRAN IN ST</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>
(no jurisdiction)	0	0	1	0	1
BELLEVILLE	2	0	1	7	10
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	6	7
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	1	0	2
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
NEW ATHENS	1	0	0	0	1
SAUGET	1	0	0	0	1
SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1

Animals Left In Shelter  
on 05/31/26

<b>DOG</b>	<b>PUPPY</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>KITTEN</b>	<b>Total</b>
49	10	9	17	85