

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Clinton County Board Room

April 10, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

Ann Schroeder, Chairman

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Ann Schroeder.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Committee Members Present: Ann Schroeder, Mike Hilmes & Joe Jansen

Also Present: Board Chairman Brad Knolhoff, Board Member Nelson Heinzmann, Administrator Kenny “Doc” Brown, Warden Michaela Becherer, and Employee Mary Schultz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

Animal Control Administrator Report – Kenny “Doc” Brown

- a. Information gathered at the Breese & Carlyle veterinarian offices shows that less than 50% of the people are in compliance with paying the county for their rabies tags. Doc proposes selling the rabies tags directly to the veterinarian offices. They will collect for, issue tags at time of vaccination, and send copies of the rabies tag records to the County, thereby saving the County on postage and man-hours. It was also proposed to handle rabies tag collection in the County Treasurer’s Office.

Motion was made by Mike Hilmes to handle rabies tag collection in the Clinton County Treasurer’s Office. Joe Jansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. There are currently 10 dogs and three cats at animal control, with seven or eight coming in this past month. Michaela reported that 4 dogs will be leaving tomorrow. Mary explained the process she uses to contact various Humane Societies and Rescues in an attempt to find suitable placement for the animals. Some cat cages have been relocated from the cat room to the exam room. Doc proposed hiring a second full-time employee at Animal Control; one to answer calls and handle things in the office and the other to clean kennels and care for animals.
- c. Doc noted the need for security cameras. With warmer weather approaching, pest control devices will also be needed.
- d. Policies and the fees schedule for surrenders, adoptions, boarding and euthanasias need to be reviewed and ordinances amended. Doc Brown plans to have a rabies clinic at the Animal Control building in the first part of June. He also asked the committee to consider a spay and neuter program through the County.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Doerr inquired about making donations to Animal Control and inquired as to whether Clinton County Animal Control would be willing to work with a volunteer group to help contact rescues, etc in an attempt to find homes for the animals. Everyone agreed that all help is greatly appreciated.

7. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Jansen. Seconded by Mike Hilmes. Motion carried.