



DU PAGE COUNTY

Animal Services Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:30 AM meeting was called to order by Brian Krajewski at 7:30 AM.

PRESENT: Cynthia Cronin Cahill, District 5 Dawn DeSart, Grant Eckhoff, Paula Garcia, Krajewski and Sheila Rutledge

2. ROLL CALL

Member Patty Gustin also joined the meeting.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave public comment:

Sandy Woltman

Beth Hosler

Jamie Leinss-Doyle - read a written statement from Kathleen Stelford

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4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR KRAJEWSKI

Chair Krajewski informed the committee that Animal Services fields many calls regarding wildlife from residents. Because Animal Services does not house or rehabilitate wildlife, these calls are most often forwarded to Willowbrook Wildlife. Because so many residents are referred to Willowbrook Wildlife, Chair Krajewski will be requesting a meeting with the leadership of Willowbrook Wildlife, himself, Dr. Hanek and Laura to discuss current policies, in an effort to better understand current policy and better educate and direct the public on wildlife issues.

Member Garcia requested a summary of the meeting between Animal Services and Willowbrook Wildlife once the meeting has taken place.

Chair Krajewski confirmed that the National Therapy Animal Day proclamation will be on the County Board meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 23rd.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.A. [24-0964](#)

Animal Services Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Attachments: [Summary Minutes Feb-2024.pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

6. BUDGET TRANSFERS

6.A. [24-0953](#)

Transfer of funds from 1100-1300-50000 (regular salaries) to 1100-1300-50040 (part time help), in the amount of \$35,000, to fund the re-classification of one full time position to a part time position for FY24. (Animal Services)

Attachments: [BT - AS - 03.19.24 Personnel](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

7. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

7.A. [AS-O-0001-24](#)

AS-O-0001-24 ORDINANCE -- An Ordinance amending various sections, including fees, of Chapter 5 of the DuPage County Code of Ordinances.

Attachments: [Chapter 5 ANIMALS](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Sheila Rutledge

8. INFORMATIONAL

8.A. [24-0954](#)

Informational - Pursuant to FI-O-0056-22 and DT-R-0306C-22, one (1) vehicle replacement purchase order for FY24 for Animal Services has been issued to Haggerty Ford, Inc., for a total amount of \$59,851.00. (Animal Services)

Attachments: [PRCC AC 7-Transit Van - INFORMATIONAL ONLY](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

SECONDER: Sheila Rutledge

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Hanek shared that construction is progressing very well. Estimated completion for the new space is July. Estimated completion of the entire facility and move-in is November.

Shelter populations are still being closely managed to keep populations low during construction. In the meantime, animal stress is being managed with extra enrichment, exercise and staff/volunteer time. For those animals that are really struggling, stress-reducing medications are given to help them cope. The intent is to provide the animal with the extra assistance needed to cope until they are settled into their new forever homes, at which time it is always the goal to slowly wean animals off of anxiety medications once they are in a stable, long term environment and no longer showing signs of stress.

Animal Services continues to work with the Sheriff's department to not only help Sheriff's animals and animals in the shelter, but to go out into the community to help animals suffering as a result of hoarding or neglect and to prosecute the individuals responsible.

Chair Krajewski added that staff will be working with Sheriff's deputies to train them on what to look for and how to identify cruelty/neglect when responding to animal welfare calls as these type of calls have increased significantly over the last few years.

10. DISCUSSION - DUPAGE WILDLIFE

Chair Krajewski invited Colleen Jacklich, a current Willowbrook Wildlife volunteer, to address the committee and share her thoughts on the issue of Willowbrook Wildlife's decision to no longer rehabilitate raccoons.

Chair Krajewski shared with the committee that up until 2002, the DuPage County Forest Preserve District was overseen by the DuPage County Board.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Krajewski reminded committee members of the DuPage Animal Friends gala on Friday, April 12th and encouraged everyone to purchase their gala tickets.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.