



DU PAGE COUNTY

Animal Services Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
www.dupagecounty.gov

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Member Eckhoff arrived at 7:33AM

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR KRAJEWSKI

Chair Krajewski remarked that he received a call from Dr. Kathleen H. Goeppinger the President of Midwestern University. Midwestern University is establishing a school of veterinary medicine and has expressed an interested in partnering with DCAS to send students to the shelter.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.A. [24-2735](#)

Animal Services Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Attachments: [Summary Minutes September-2024](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Move-in date for the new administrative spaces has been pushed back to mid to late November due to delays in shipping of electrical components which are currently stuck in South Carolina. Completion of the entire project is still projected for February.

Animal Services is caring for just under 200 animals.

Super Adoption Saturday was held on September 28th at the Lake County Fairgrounds. More than 20 shelters and rescues participated with nearly 500 animals available for on-site adoption. Nearly 300 animals total were adopted. Animal Services showcased small animals, cats and kittens, of which 22 kittens and 6 rabbits found homes. The event provided a great opportunity to educate the public on small animal care.

DuPage Animal Friends successfully raised more than \$7,000 to cover the cost of critical heart surgery for puppy Daisy Mae. Daisy Mae's surgery was successful and she is recovering well.

DAF has also secured sponsorship dollars to offer additional free microchip clinics, and recently was awarded a Rachel Ray Save-Them-All grant from Best Friends Animal Society.

Save The Date:

"Rock the Woof" fundraiser at Church Street Brewing Company in Itasca on November 2, 2024 from 5-9pm.

The DAF Gala returns on April 25, 2025. Look for event details to come via email and socials.

Dr. Susan Brown is currently serving as Deputy Administrator Veterinarian. Dr. Kristin Turdik is also assisting staff at the shelter to ensure there is consistent veterinary care and continuity of care.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.A. Discussion: Animal Services Community Room Event Space Rental

Chair Krajewski commented that ASA Prindle is researching licensing requirements and is working on drafting language and policy aimed at making it possible to rent out and serve food & beverage in the new shelter multi-purpose event space. The committee should have a draft available to review, discuss and take action on at the November meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Minutes

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File #: 24-2735

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2. ROLL CALL

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

MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Member Cronin Cahill moved, seconded by Member DeSart, to allow Member Rutledge to participate remotely.

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR KRAJEWSKI

Chair Krajewski remarked that the committee will discuss the topic of rental of the new Animal Services event space under New Business.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.A. [24-2459](#)

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

Attachments: [Summary Minutes August-2024](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Dawn DeSart

6. FINANCE RESOLUTION

6.A. [FI-R-0165-24](#)

Additional appropriation for the Animal Services Fund, Company 1100 - Accounting

Unit 1300, \$4,500,000. (Animal Services)

Attachments: [Attachment I - Budget Attachment](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Dawn DeSart

7. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Move-in date for the new administrative spaces has been pushed back to early November due to delays in shipping of electrical components. Completion of the entire project is projected for February. ASA Prindle is working on a lease agreement with Lombard Vet for the boarding of shelter dogs while the kennel area is being renovated.

Animal Services is currently caring for under 200 animals. 40 animals were adopted during the one day Clear the Shelters event. The Chicagoland Humane Coalition is hosting Super Adoption Saturday on September 28th at the Lake County Fairgrounds. More than 22 shelters and rescues will be participating. Animal Services will be showcasing small animals, cats and kittens. The Super Adoption Saturday goal is to have 500 animals adopted during the event.

Laura thanked DAF donors and board for making it possible to provide urgent and specialty medical assistance for the recent influx of animals with severe medical issues. She reminded the committee that DAF is critical to making sure that Animal Services doesn't have to question whether an animal can receive the care and treatment they need.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Discussion: Animal Services Community Room Event Space Rental

Chair Krajewski shared that ASA McCarthy has been doing research on the requirements and restrictions related to renting out the new Animal Services multi-purpose room to outside groups for special events.

Among the topics to be addressed:

- Is the committee in favor of renting the space for special events
- Is the committee in favor of allowing food & beverage into the space
- Is the committee in favor of allowing alcohol to be served in the space
- Who will be allowed to serve food and alcohol in the space
- What are the minimum insurance requirements for the above
- Proposed ordinance, fee schedule, and policy for rental of the space

Once these topics are addressed and details drafted, it will then be presented to the full County Board for review and approval.

Chair Krajewski asked for a consensus from the committee. All committee members were in favor of allowing the space to be rented. All committee members were also in favor of food, beverage, and alcohol being served in the space.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.