



DU PAGE COUNTY

Animal Services Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, May 21, 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.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR KRAJEWSKI

Chairman Krajewski shared that the time capsule boards are going to be installed in the walls of the newly renovated shelter today.

The Raise the Woof fundraising gala in April raised more than \$269,000 for the new shelter capital campaign.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.A. [24-1518](#)

Animal Services Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Grant Eckhoff

6. PROCUREMENT REQUISITIONS

6.A. [24-1461](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract with Hill's Pet Nutrition Sales, Inc., to provide canine and feline pet food, for Animal Services, for the period of June 22, 2024 through June 21, 2025, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$29,300; per lowest responsible quote.

Laura provided an explanation of how Animal Services pet food is sourced, how retail

pricing differs from shelter pricing, and the benefits of having an extensive line of prescription diet foods available.

- Attachments:** [Hills Pet Nutrition - Procurement Review Comprehensive Checklist \(PRCC\)](#)
[Hills Pet Nutrition - Price List](#)
[Hills Pet Nutrition - Shelter Contract Discounts](#)
[Shelter Pet Food Bid Tabulation](#)
[Vendor Ethics Placeholder](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Dawn DeSart

7. INFORMATIONAL

7.A. [24-0678](#)

GPN 018-24: DuPage Animal Friends FY24 Foundation Coordinator Grant for part-time Foundation Coordinator position - \$5,000. (Animal Services)

- Attachments:** [Grant Proposal Notification # 018-24 DAFFC24](#)

RESULT:	DISCHARGE COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

7.B. [FM-P-0017-24](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to ComEd, for electric utility supply and distribution services for the connected County facilities, for Facilities Management, for the period May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,374,742. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022 (c) not suitable for competitive bids – Public Utility. (\$3,169,299 for Facilities Management, \$22,797 for Animal Services, \$794,041 for the Care Center, \$131,380 for the Division of Transportation, and \$257,225 for the Health Department)

- Attachments:** [ComEd - Connected County Facilities PRCC.pdf](#)

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

7.C. [FI-R-0082-24](#)

Additional appropriation for the Animal Services Fund, Company 1100, Accounting Unit 1300, \$152,000. (Animal Services)

Attachments: [Appropriation - Vehicle Purchase - FY2024 - \\$152,000](#)

RESULT:	DISCHARGE COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Laura started by thanking DuPage Animal Friends, event co-chairs Krajewski and DeSart, and everyone who attended and supported the Raise the Woof gala. The event raised more than \$269,000 in gross revenue. Raise the Woof proved to be a very successful kickoff to the capital campaign.

Laura met with donors this past weekend to tour the construction site. Donors are very excited about the project.

DuPage Animal Friends also had a very successful Giving DuPage Days, raising more than \$35,000 and ending the three day campaign among the top three fundraising organizations.

149 animals are in the care of Animal Services currently. Kittens are starting to trickle in. This is the time of year that animal populations tend to rise. Approximately 50 percent owner surrender/50 percent stray. Return to owner rates are currently around 33%.

We are experiencing longer lengths of stays for some animals, especially rabbits. Adoptions have slowed across the board.

The Specialty Veterinary Vehicle season is underway with Dr. Turner performing surgeries off-site at Feral Fixers facility which has been working well.

Laura informed the committee that completion of the newly renovated shelter office areas has been pushed back to October of this year.

Laura provided an update on upcoming community outreach activities:

- DCAS is partnering with Hinsdale Humane Society to host free vaccine and microchip clinics this summer. There are 7 dates now through October focusing on communities where there is the greatest need.
- Library Series - DCAS is hosting 17 dates at public libraries around the county to offer humane education programming for children, teens and adults. Topics include living with wildlife, pet care best practices, safe interactions with animals in the community.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

HSUS is about to release their latest humane legislator scorecard. Chairman Krajewski would like to get this scorecard information out to DuPage County constituents to make them aware of how legislators in their districts are voting on animal bills.

With the expanded shelter, Laura is researching low cost veterinary clinic models and looking into veterinarian support to assist DCAS with making low-cost veterinary services available for DuPage County residents in the future.

Volunteer opportunities will be re-opened and expanded once construction is completed and staff are moved into the new facility.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.