

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 6:00 P.M.

December 15th, 2025

Members Present: Robert Trentman

Scott Greenwald, Asst. Chairman

Mike O'Donnell

Lonnie Mosley

G.W. Scott, Jr.

Robert Wilhelm

Others Present: Robert Allen, County Board Member

Phil Henning, County Board Member

Lexi Cortez, Belleville News Democrat

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman

John Coers, County Board Member

Matt Smallheer, County Board Member

Stephanie Smallheer

Ann Barnum, HR

CJ Baracivic, County Board Member

Dawn Blackwell, Animal Services

Eddie Johnson, Animal Services

Jim Gomerick, States Attorney

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 if you have anything direct them towards this chair.

Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION: by Mr. Willhelm to approve the minutes from November 24th, 2025, meeting.
Second by Mr. O'Donnell.**

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Ashley Report

Mr. Trentman: Report from Ashley Jett, our AC Director.

Ashley: For the month of November we had a 92.3% live release rate, we took in about 67 animals and had live outcome for 55 of them, meaning that the rest of them are probably still in our shelter. We did 13 adoptions in the month of November. Actually, today was the last day of our Bissell Empty the Shelters Event, so we'll see how many we did through that program after we get our fosters finalized on all their adoptions too. We did 16 rescue transfers, all of them were to the Humane Society this month. They took in 3 adult dogs, 8 adult cats, and 5 kittens. We sent 13 animals to our adoption center - so we're keeping up with the number of animals that are getting pulled from rescue, which has never happened before. We are probably going to end up our largest transfer partner this year - just with our own adoption center, Humane Society will probably be a close second. We are busy right now with all of the humane cases and abandonments that are happening. We've been confiscating quite a few animals that are outside, without shelter or water or anything of that nature. So, it is pretty sad to see, pretty hard to keep up with all the calls that we are getting currently. Our bite cases have kind of decreased, which is always good. There wasn't as many over the Thanksgiving holiday as I expected, still about 47 bite cases that we handled last month. I don't really have anything more for our stats. Our building is coming along nicely, I was there today. It's looking like a real building. It's changing every week, drastically changing, so it's nice to see. It'll be here before we know it.

Mr. Trentman: Is the roof on?

Ashley: Yes. The roof is on; the building itself is completely waterproof. All the siding, all the brick, the masonry, the outside of it is done. The waterproofing is done. All the windows and doorframes are in. The majority of the plumbing, the electric, they are buttoning up more of the electric today, they have drywall from the top to about, I don't know I would say about 12 foot down, there is about 12 feet of exposed walls. I know the HVAC is done, they were working on the electric today. They'll be coming in to do all of the finish-up work with the walls here soon. All the door frames are in, I know they are working on the electric to all the door frames and the

key fobs. So yeah, it is coming along, coming along nicely. They have all the canopies outside already for where the dogs, outside of their kennels are at. All the majority the nichiha, the siding that's going on the outside of the building is also up. It looks nice.

Mr. Trentman: We're going to be moving some dogs here soon. 4:58

Ashley: I hope so. Hoping before June, but we'll just hope for June.

Mr. Trentman: Dawn, do you have anything? What do you got?

Dawn: Tying off of what she said, I drove past from having some animals getting spayed and neutered last week and I was like "ahh, the windows are in", you know I don't usually go that way so it's pretty exciting to see. I cannot wait till we get in there, it's going to be so great. Just seeing that, it's a true blessing for me. It really is, it really is, and to the community as a whole, you know. This past month like she said we had 13 adoptions. It's been kind of slower, I mean like this Bissell promotion as compared to last year's when I started in December. I don't know if that has anything to do with the shutdown or stuff like that, I'm sure it's probably in variable. But, you know not as many, but at the same time we're still having an even flow kind of thing, just not as fast. So, we really are wanting to make sure we get everybody in the right home, that matches them.

Mr. Trentman: Cool, awesome. Great, Great.

Ashley: We do have a fundraiser coming up in January for the- we're doing, we're partnering with Herb Simmons. He's going to host a wrestling event for us, and then all the proceeds will come to us. There is a flyer at the back of your guy's packet, if you know any local businesses or anybody who might consider sponsoring our event; we have table sponsors, we have match sponsors and then there is going to be obviously appreciation. Their logos will be everywhere, and call out names, all that kind of good stuff too. It's January 10th, so at the Fairgrounds if anybody wants to go as well. It's \$20 at the door to come in. It'll be fun.

Dawn: It's fun.

Ashley: We've gone to the last couple, and it definitely is a good time. It is very entertaining, that's for sure.

Mr. Trentman: I love those wrestling matches.

Ashley: Yeah, it is very entertaining.

Mr. Trentman: I've always wanted to smack somebody with a guitar.

Ashley: OH!

Mr. Trentman: Like back in, remember, (inaublible)

Dawn: I've always just heard of the chair.

Mr. O'Donnell: Yeah the chair but they've used a guitar.

?: He was a boxer, right? Either one of them is going to leave a mark.

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

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: Now we've got a motion or we need to talk about the veterinary contract for 2026. Ashley?

Ashley: So, the contract has stayed the same, except for the fact that we cut it in half. So instead of the contract going January through December, it's going to go January through June because we are going to have a different contract once the new facility opens. That'll be something we obviously talk about prior to finding anything new. This is the same contract as before, but the money is cut in half, so it is the same. At this time, we will still be paying him a contract fee monthly and then per service as we do now.

Mr. Trentman: Does anybody have any comments?

MOTION: by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the 2026 Veterinarian Contract. Second by Mr. Greenwald.

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: No ordinances or resolutions. Anybody got anything else?

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Willhelm. Second by Mr. Mosely.

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion carried.



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 12/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

	DOG	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	40	10	10	60
CONFISCATE	5	0	0	5
EAST ST LOUIS	4	0	0	4
O FALLOON	1	0	0	1
EUTH REQ	6	3	0	9
BELLEVILLE	4	3	0	7
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	1
O FALLOON	1	0	0	1
OWNER SUR	0	0	3	3
E CARONDELET	0	0	3	3
RETURN	2	1	0	3
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	0	1	0	1
STRAY	17	4	0	21
BELLEVILLE	12	2	0	14
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	2	1	0	3
SWANSEA	0	1	0	1
TRANSFER	10	2	7	19
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	3	0	1	4
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	1
E CARONDELET	0	0	3	3
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	1
FREEBURG	0	0	3	3
LENZBURG	1	0	0	1

	DOG	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
MASCOUTAH	1	1	0	2
MILLSTADT	0	1	0	1



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 12/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	43	5	14	24	86
ADOPTION	7	5	3	12	27
BELLEVILLE	5	2	2	2	11
E CARONDELET	0	0	0	2	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	1	2
FREEBURG	0	0	0	2	2
LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
MILLSTADT	0	0	1	3	4
NEW ATHENS	0	2	0	0	2
SWANSEA	0	0	0	2	2
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
DIED	0	0	0	1	1
FREEBURG	0	0	0	1	1
EUTH	3	0	1	0	4
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
LENZBURG	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLOON	0	0	1	0	1
WATERLOO	1	0	0	0	1
O/R EUTH	7	0	3	0	10
BELLEVILLE	4	0	3	0	7
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLOON	1	0	0	0	1
RELOCATE	10	0	2	7	19
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	3	0	0	1	4
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
E CARONDELET	0	0	0	3	3
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	0	0	0	3	3
LENZBURG	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	1	0	2
MILLSTADT	0	0	1	0	1
RTO	4	0	0	0	4
BELLEVILLE	3	0	0	0	3
O FALLOON	1	0	0	0	1
TRAN IN ST	12	0	5	4	21
BELLEVILLE	8	0	2	3	13
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	1	0	2
MILLSTADT	0	0	0	1	1
NEW ATHENS	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLOON	0	0	1	0	1
SCOTT AFB	1	0	0	0	1
SHILOH	0	0	1	0	1

Animals Left In Shelter
on 12/31/25

DOG	CAT	KITTEN	Total
48	8	2	58