

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: March 16, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. County Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cris Rogers – Chair, Christy Pruser and Lance Reece. Also present Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Whitted and David Newberg

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- Motion by Rogers, 2nd by Pruser to approve last month's minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Rogers, 2nd by Pruser to approve the claims. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Discussion on what clothing items can be turned in by animal control for clothing allowance. Committee felt that only clothing items that have the county logo on will be eligible for the clothing allowance as budgeted for.
- Discussion on what to put on the new animal control van. Committee determined that the van will have the logo along with the words – "DeWitt County Animal Control".
- Discussed having the state's attorney's office draft up a release that will be given to donors of items, equipment, etc. for use in the animal shelter. This release will indicate that the donated item(s) become the property of the County.
- Rogers informed the committee that some school children have donated money to the shelter and would like to use this money to have someone paint some murals in the adoption area. The committee will approve the mural prior to any painting beginning.
- Discussion on what is the definition of non domesticated animals. Received a letter from Illinois Raptor Center in support of Tamara being a wildlife rehabilitator and the need to have someone in the county. Discussion on whether this is in fact is a free service that Tamara provides. Committee will have the State's Attorney provide them with the requirements of a county animal shelter by the statutes. Is the county obligated to take and care for wild life?
- Motion by Reece, 2nd by Pruser to adjourn at 7:36 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approve last months' minutes.
Approve all claims.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 13, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

**AGENDA FOR THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Date and Time of Meeting: March 16, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. County Board Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Persons Wishing to Address the Committee (If requesting action, also list below in section three)
 - a.
3. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Approve last month's minutes
 - b. Approve claims
 - c. Discussion on clothing allowance for animal control
 - d. Committee's recommendation for handling non domesticated animals
 - e. Van lettering – animal control
 - f. Spend donated money to have murals painted at the shelter
 - g. Release for donated items indicating the items become property of the County
 - h.
 - i.
 - j.
4. Items for Discussion Only (No Action Requested)
 - a.
 - b.
5. Closed Session
 - a.
6. Motion to adjourn

Posted: March 13, 2017 at 2:15 p.m.

By: Dee Rentmeister



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Ref: In Support of Tamara McFeeters

The Land of Lincoln, the Prairie State, is home to approximately 54,000 different species of flora and fauna found in a wide variety of habitats. Illinois' parks and natural areas are beautiful and richly diverse. Strict state and federal laws protect and manage native wildlife so they can be enjoyed by us all.

In the 57,914 square miles that is Illinois, there lives a population of 12,802,000 people. Out of these millions of people only 162 of them hold wildlife rehabilitation permits from the IDNR (mammals) and USFWS (birds). This small handful of folks are the only safety net for orphaned and injured wildlife. Not only do wildlife rehabilitators save wild animals from needless pain and suffering, but just as importantly, wildlife rehabilitators keep wild animals out of the hands of the general public.

In nearly every town or city in Illinois there is an animal control or humane society – maybe even both. Wildlife rehabilitators are an important part of a community that believes in the humane treatment of *all* animals – including the wild ones. Any community or county where a wildlife rehabilitator lives should consider themselves extremely fortunate.

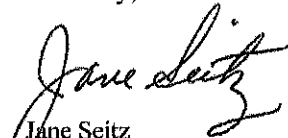
Illinois Raptor Center is thankful to be able to work alongside mammal rehabilitators like Tamara McFeeters and others in Sangamon, Fayette, Christian, and Menard Counties. We also work with animal control in those counties. All of us work together to save Illinois wildlife. Illinois rehabilitators take care of thousands of animals every year.

I have known Tamara McFeeters for several years now. I know her as a wildlife rehabilitator and as an animal control officer. Clinton and Dewitt County should be very proud to have Tamara as both. She is one of the few people that I know that is capable of wearing both hats.

Wildlife babies are no more likely to have diseases than feral kittens or puppies. They can all get distemper, parvo, and rabies, among other things. The major difference between raising wildlife and raising kittens or puppies is that wildlife *has to remain wild*. That is the most important service a rehabilitator provides for their patient.

I ask that Dewitt County take a closer look at the free service Tamara McFeeters provides to the community while fulfilling her position as an animal control officer. As anyone who has gone to Tamara for help with a wild animal will tell you – they are very, very thankful that she is there for them.

Sincerely,


Jane Seitz
Executive Director

03/10/2017

DEWITT COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT

Month: February Year: 2017

ENDING MILEAGE: 071938 BEGINNING MILEAGE: 071571 MILES TRAVELED: 367

FUEL USED: _____ MILES PER GALLON: _____

ANIMAL IMPOUNDS

LOCATION:	DOGS:	PUPS:	CATS:	KITTENS:	OTHER:
CLINTON:	<u>2</u>	_____	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
RURAL:	<u>1</u>	_____	<u>9</u>	<u>41</u>	_____
WAPELLA:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAYNESVILLE:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
HALLSVILLE:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MIDLAND CITY:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
KENNEY:	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LANE:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WELDON:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
DEWITT:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
FARMER CITY:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

57

TOTAL ANIMALS: _____

**ANIMALS RECLAIMED/ADOPTED/EUTHANIZED/
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER AGENCIES**

DOGS: PUPS: CATS: KITTENS: OTHER:

Reclaimed:	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Adopted:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Euthanized/ Died/Killed:	_____	_____	_____	<u>1 (F) 5 (Died)</u>	_____
Transferred to Second Chance:	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	_____
Transferred to other Licensed Facilities:	_____	_____	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	ASSIST
	_____	_____	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	NAPS
	_____	_____	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	ARF
	_____	_____	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Animal House
Held From Last Month:	_____	_____	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Almost Home
	_____	_____	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	Crowe Dale Estate
	_____	_____	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	W. Suburban Humane Society
Held To Next Month:	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	Feline Friends

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ANIMAL RECLAIMED BY OWNERS

1. Dog EVE Malcolm Clinton, NJ \$40.⁰⁰
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

TOTAL: \$ 40.⁰⁰

ANIMALS ADOPTED/ADOPTees

	ANIMAL:	ADOPTEE:	CITY:	FEES PAID:
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____
				TOTAL: \$ <u> <i>D</i> </u>

GIVE UP ANIMAL/ FOR ADOPTION

	ANIMAL:	CITY:	FEES PAID:
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____
			TOTAL: \$ <u> <i>D</i> </u>

ANIMAL BITES

DOG: 2 CAT: _____ OTHER: _____

NUMBER OF DOGS VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: 1

NUMBER OF DOGS NOT VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: 1 UTL by CPD

NUMBER OF CATS VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: _____

NUMBER OF CATS NOT VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: _____

NUMBER OF DOGS CONFINED BY

OWNER: 1 VETERINARIAN: _____ ANIMAL SHELTER: _____

NUMBER OF DOG RABIES SUSPECTS SENT TO LAB: _____

NUMBER OF CATS CONFINED BY

OWNER: _____ VETERINARIAN: _____ AT ANIMAL SHELTER: _____

NUMBER OF CAT RABIES SUSPECTS SENT TO LAB: _____

NUMBER OF OTHER RABIES SUSPECTS SENT TO LAB: _____

NUMBER OF POSITIVE DOG RABIES: _____ NUMBER OF NEGATIVE DOG RABIES: 1

NUMBER OF POSITIVE CAT RABIES: _____ NUMBER OF NEGATIVE CAT RABIES: _____

NUMBER OF OTHER POSITIVE RABIES: _____ NUMBER OF OTHER NEGATIVE RABIES: _____

