

Animal Control Board of Directors  
Rock Island County  
September 30, 2008

The Board of Directors for the Joint Animal Control Facility met on September 30, 2008 at 11:00 AM in the conference room of the Animal Shelter. Directors present included Stan Leach, James E. Bohnsack, Steve Meersman, Virgil Dueysen, Chuck Austin, Dorothy Armstrong and Theresa Martin. Others present were Captain Steve Dean, Kim Herold, and Sam DeYoung.

Motion: Mr. Meersman moved, Mr. Dueysen seconded to approve the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Carried.

Relationship with PAWS

The Board began by discussing a relationship with QC PAWS. A letter from PAWS President Jack Viviani indicated the group was reviewing its role, mission and support provided to our community. They invited Chairman Bohnsack to a future meeting of the group and requested financial documents for the last 18 months. Mr. Meersman stated that he tried to attend a PAWS meeting last week. He arrived prior to the posted start time but some of the principals of the group were involved in a closed door meeting and would not allow him in. He waited for about an hour and a half. He wanted to explain the position of the County and the shelter and assure the group of continued operations. The decision made regarding Mr. Glessner was a financial one only.

Ms. Herold stated that she is a member of QC PAWS. She assured the Board that PAWS is business as usual. Chairman Bohnsack stated that the shelter will continue. This is a great place, it just needs to start covering their expenses. The elimination of the Director position saved the budget \$65,000. Additional cuts are being looked at. The staff is very good and they are also looking at ways to cut the expenses. Items being reviewed include getting food for free but paying for the shipping of up to \$18 per 50 pound bag. The distributor only sells in bulk from Michigan, so shipping becomes an issue. Mr. Meersman felt that we should be able to find an empty trucking company with runs in that area that may be able to help us out.

Chairman Bohnsack assured the group that the County will continue on. The Charter for PAWS indicated that all funds they raise must go to the Rock Island County shelter. Ms. Herold agreed. Mr. Austin stated that the letter from Mr. Viviani allows for a lot of reading between the lines. He added that people in this organization feel that they should have been involved in the Glessner decision. Chairman Bohnsack advised that he had spoken with Mr. Glessner on multiple occasions. Once the decision was made, he immediately called the Board of Directors. Employees of the Shelter are County employees. Chairman Leach did not feel that the QC PAWS members should be involved in the staffing decisions of the shelter.

Ms. Herold clarified that Mr. Glessner had a seat on the Board of PAWS because he represented the shelter as the director. Once that position was eliminated, he wished to

continue his membership and stay active so he was voted on as a regular member. Mr. Leach felt that it was great Mr. Glessner wanted to continue his involvement. Ms. Armstrong added that the shelter would not be where it is now without Mr. Glessner. Mr. Leach suggested a letter of recommendation for Mr. Glessner. Chairman Bohnsack advised that it was offered during the discussions about a severance package, with our Human Resources Director involved as well. He was encouraged to take the severance language to his own attorney but he told Chairman Bohnsack that he was going to take a job in Chicago and was very professional about his leaving. He did not exhibit any animosity at that time and was given two months wages for a severance package.

Ms. Herold advised that change in officers for PAWS is coming and that she would like to get the PAWS board and this Board together to meet. This shelter is being used as a model of how communities should work together.

#### Reports

Included in the packet was the financial report and statistical report. Revenue is reported at 47% while expenses are at 71%.

Motion: Ms. Armstrong moved, Mr. Dueysen seconded to approve the report.  
Carried.

#### Operations

Ms. DeYoung advised that they will begin closing from 11a to noon to allow for the staff to take a lunch. Officers fill out paperwork in the building. Chip clinics are planned for the future and all Animal Control Officers from every community help with those. Next Tuesday the building will shut completely for a deep cleaning.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.

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