

ANIMAL CONTROL AD HOC COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Burt Francisco, Chair
John Kozlowski
Brenda Fournier

Others Present: Jennifer Mathis, Interim County Administrator
Sheriff Erik Smith
Animal Control Officer Michelle Reid
Kim MacArthur, Board Assistant
LeAnne Bloom, Second Chance Animal Shelter
Cindy Johnson, HHS President
Andrew Paad, HHS
Friends of Animal Control Members

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burt Francisco called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

Chair Francisco presented the agenda for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to adopt the agenda with the additions of 1) Public Comment and moving agenda items 3) Update on City of Alpena and 4) Discussion of Friends of Animal Control Proposed Contract under Closed Session as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ed Patton of Alpena questioned any advancements that have been made in regard to finding management for the animal shelter and any changes for the animals involved. He asked that all entities work together for the benefit of the animals.

INFORMATION ITEM: Animal Control Officer Michelle Reid presented the Monthly Animal Control Report for February (attachment #1) for review.

Committee went into closed session at 12:12 p.m. to discuss a recent City of Alpena hoarding case. Huron Humane Society representatives Cindy Johnson and Andrew Paad, and LeAnne Bloom with Second Chance Animal Shelter were invited to stay during the closed session conversation.

Cindy Johnson, Andrew Paad, LeAnne Bloom and Deputy Reid left the room during closed session on discussion of the Friends of Alpena County Animal Control proposed contract.

Opened session at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken. All Committee members present.

Chair Francisco thanked everyone for their help during last week's hoarding case.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Fournier to receive and file the proposed contract from the Friends of Alpena County Animal Control for further review and discussion. Motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Chair Francisco reported he met with city leaders, representatives from Huron Humane Society and Sheriff Smith to discuss the coordination and cooperation between the city and county of Alpena when handling domestic animal (dogs and cats) incidents. The city and county tentatively agree on the following procedures:

- a) Any domestic animal(s) that, based upon a Law Enforcement Officer assessment that is aggressive, vicious, alleged to be a danger to persons, property or other animals, involved in a bite incident, or may be used as evidence in a criminal complaint will be turned over to the Alpena County Animal Control Shelter for impoundment IAW Article 7 of the Alpena County Animal Control Ordinance.
- b) Any domestic animal(s) that presents a friendly or docile disposition and/or is a stray picked up by a citizen or Law Enforcement Officer or is surrendered by the owner for further adoption will be taken to a local, licensed, protection shelter (i.e. Huron Humane Society or 2nd Chance Animal Shelter). Upon receiving the animal, the guidance contained in references 1b and 1c above will be followed for further disposition of the animal.

Chair Francisco wanted to present this to the Committee before taking it to the Full Board. Discussion was made on legal review to implement the agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to recommend approval of moving forward with an agreement between the city and the county on handling domestic animal incidents pending legal review as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of an agreement between the City of Alpena and the County of Alpena when handling domestic animal (dogs and cats) incidents (pending legal review) as follows:

- a) **Any domestic animal(s) that, based upon a Law Enforcement Officer assessment that is aggressive, vicious, alleged to be a danger to persons, property or other animals, involved in a bite incident, or may be used as evidence in a criminal complaint will be turned over to the Alpena County Animal Control Shelter for impoundment IAW Article 7 of the Alpena County Animal Control Ordinance.**
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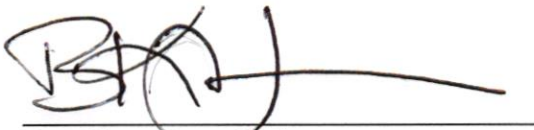
References in Effect:

- a) State of Michigan dog law of 1919, Section 287.261 thru 287.290
- b) Alpena County Animal Control Ordinance of Dec 11, 1985 to include all amendments through Dec 13, 2022.
- c) City of Alpena, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Animals

***Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in Howard Male Conference Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Burt Francisco', written over a horizontal line.

Burt Francisco, Chair

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Animal Control Donation Balance

Date of Report 02/29/2024

\$ 51,706.93

February 2024 Revenue

101-430-630.000 Impound Fees	\$	860.00
101-430-684.000 Misc Rev/Donation	\$	1,543.00
101-430-677.000 Reimbursements/Restitution	\$	-

Monthly Intake Totals

Species	Total
DOG	32
Grand Total	32

Jurisdiction	Total
WILSON TWP	2
OSSINEKE TWP	1
CITY	15
ALPENA TWP	10
GREEN TWP	1
MAPLE RIDGE TWP	2
SANBORN TWP	1
Grand Total	32

Jurisdiction	Total
COUNTY OF ALPENA	17
CITY OF ALPENA	15
Grand Total	32

Strays by Transport Type Ct	
OWNER SURRENDER	5
ACO	1
OWNER	4
STRAY	27
ACO	3
ACSO	8
APD	3
CITIZEN	13
Grand Total	32

ALL ANIMALS TRANSPORTED BY	
AGENCY	Total
APD	3
ACSO	8
OWNER	4
CITIZEN	13
ACO	4
Grand Total	32

Intakes by Type with Outcomes

Surrender Reason	Total
OWNER SURRENDER	5
ADOPTED	2
IN HOUSE	3
STRAY	27
RTO	23
IN HOUSE	4
Grand Total	32

Outcomes

From February Intakes

Disposition Type	Total
ADOPTED	2
RTO	23
IN HOUSE	7
Grand Total	32

From Previous Months Intakes

Disposition Type	total
PREVIOUS MONTH INTAKE	2
ADOPTED	2
Grand Total	2

Total Outcomes for February

Disposition Type	Total
ADOPTED	4
RTO	23
IN HOUSE	7
Grand Total	34