

## ANIMAL CONTROL ADHOC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 7, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Kozlowski, Chair  
Brenda Fournier  
Kevin Osbourne

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Ludlow, Treasurer  
Michelle Reid, Animal Control Officer  
Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski  
Tammy Sumerix-Bates, Executive Manager  
Gerald Fournier, Guest  
Kim Elkie, Administrative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEM: County Treasurer Kim Ludlow sent a recommendation to the Commissioners to adopt a Resolution changing the annual due date for dog licenses to renew on the date of rabies vaccination expiration versus prior to March 1 of each year. If the Resolution is adopted, the animal control ordinance would also have to be changed. The Treasurer needs to know what is planned for 2022 so she can place her order for receipt books by July 1. Chairman Kozlowski requested Michelle Reid, Animal Control Officer, to collect and provide information to the Committee at the next meeting regarding the process necessary to update the Animal Control ordinance and verify if the changes need to be sent to and approved by the State. ACO Reid will submit the changes she is recommending by the end of the weekend (June 13). The Committee will meet on Monday, June 14, 2021 for the purpose of discussing ordinance language updates and reviewing the official process for changing the ordinance.

INFORMATION ITEM: In response to the Committee's inquiry, Michelle Reid informed those present that several years ago, while inspecting the Animal Control facility, the inspector inquired regarding the plan for an overflow situation. The staff presented several options, all were rejected with the exception of the Merchants Building. Animal Control attempted to gain permission to use the Merchants Building for overflow due to a recent influx of cats from a hoarding situation but the request was turned down because of the County Commissioners were using the Merchants Building as a meeting location due COVID requirements

for social distancing. Michelle was able to transfer most of the cats and effectively manage the situation; however, it was agreed that an overflow facility is a necessity for Animal Control. Mrs. Reid outlined again for the Committee the difference between Animal Control and a protection shelter (such as Huron Humane Society and Second Chance Animal Shelter). In a hoarding case, for example, the animals are evidence and specific protocols must be followed for their care and information logs properly maintained. As hoarding cases have been exacerbated by the COVID situation, information will be sought regarding an expansion of the building Animal Control currently occupies using COVID funds.

INFORMATION ITEM: The Commissioners received communication from Cindy Johnson with Huron Humane Society regarding cats recently sent to the Upper Peninsula from a hoarding situation. She questioned why Huron Humane Society wasn't contacted to assist. Deputy Reid informed the Committee that she has contacted HHS in the past but they were only able to accept cats that were already spayed/neutered and had received all vaccinations. Due to the number of cats surrendered, Animal Control was not in a position to spay/neuter and fully vaccinate the cats in order to keep them local. Michelle sent notification to a network and received a response from a group in Marquette, offering to accept all (22) the cats needing placement. Michelle personally transported the cats to Marquette.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fournier with support by Commissioner Osbourne. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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John Kozlowski, Chairman

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Kim Elkie, Administrative Assistant