

Jasper County Animal Control Board Meeting
Public Meeting October 11th, 2016

Board Member Robert Cain called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., at the Rensselaer Branch of the Jasper County Library.

Board Members present were; Robert Cain, Del Cleek, Nancy Shull, Animal Control Director Mark Sinclair, and shelter Manager Tricia Curry.

The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed. Del made a motion to approve, Nancy seconded, motion passed.

Mark gave the Director's report, and stated that the shelter took in 22 dogs 13 cats. The shelter sent out 17 of those dogs, 11 were reclaimed by owner and adopted out 6. The shelter sent out 9 cats. Year to date adoption number totals are 97. 45 dogs and 52 cats. This was compared to the last years total of 10.

Mark discussed how the Pet Point software system has sent us our links to update the shelter's computers to be able to run operations more smoothly, and timely within in the shelter. The shelter had 94 hours in volunteer work for the month. Most of the volunteer hours were accumulated during the fencing project day. The fence is up and currently usable. There are a few more adjustments to be made, but the dogs are able to enjoy the larger areas for exercise and play. Thanks to everyone for their involvement with the planning, volunteering, and building of the secured areas, it is greatly appreciated.

OLD BUISNESS

Mark stated that progress with PetPoint Software is going well, with the training and webinars. He mentioned that there is a lot to be learned and that all the training and adding information into the system should be finished and in place by December.

He also showed the board a postcard that was made for adoptees to return to the shelter, to prove that rabies vaccines and spay/neuter procedures were done as stated in the adoption forms signed by adoptees. This will cut down greatly on employee time that it takes to follow up with vets to verify information:

NEW BUISNESS

Mark mentioned Budget matters for the shelter. He stated that there needs to be some adjustments made to accommodate employee payroll for the number of current employees at the shelter. The budget was shown and discussed. Del mentioned that a letter should be drawn up showing concerns and given to the Commission for advisement.

Robert mentioned Security Cameras for the shelter and the necessity for them. He went over possible positioning of the cameras on the outer buildings. Robert said that more information needs to be researched and the matter was tabled for the next meeting.

Del mentioned that an open seat still resides on the board since Loretta Sipkema has resigned. Talk of requirements of residing districts was discussed in regards to the vacancy.

Mark stated that he received a grant from the Women's circle, and that the money will go towards a laptop for the ACO vehicles. He will be in attendance of a dinner on the 27th of October, to receive the funds. He also showed the board two new rescue organizations paperwork that would like to rescue animals from the shelter. The rescue applications were looked over by board members. Del verified that references had been checked and was assured they were. Del made a motion to accept the rescues, Nancy seconded and motion passed.

With all business matters completed and no citizens in attendance, Robert moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M., Del seconded.

The next Board Meeting will be on November 14th, at 6:00P.M.

Submitted by Tricia Curry