



**Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Room C
Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

ITEM 1 – Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair at 7:03 pm.

ITEM 2 – Roll Call

Members:

Present – Sue Brodasky (Chair), Danielle Gray (Vice Chair), Samantha Cree, Katie Timber, Kelly Doyle, Robert Cinabro

Absent – Commissioner Roger Tuinier, Commissioner Tracy Hall (alt.), Aaron Winters, Dr. Turnera Croom DVM

KCASE Staff:

Steve Lawrence, Jennifer McGinnis, Jodie McNally

County Staff:

Dave Rachowicz (Parks), Lisa Henthorn (Admin.), Andrew Wright (Admin.), Commissioner Zachary Bauer

ITEM 3 – Approval of Agenda

Chair received request to move Item 7B (Construction Update) to 7A (Director Report); D. Gray seconded.

Motion made by K. Timber to add agenda item regarding “strays”; seconded by K. Doyle. Motion carried; all ayes.

Motion made by Chair to approve amended agenda. Motion carried; all ayes.

ITEM 4 – Approval of Minutes

Motion made by D. Gray to approve minutes from meeting on September 10th, 2019; seconded by K. Timber. Motion carried; all ayes.

ITEM 5 – Public Comment Time

No public comments.

ITEM 6 – Commissioner’s Time

Newly-appointed District 2 Commissioner, Zachary Bauer, gave a brief introduction to the board. He is surveying different board meetings and gave a thank you to volunteers and staff.

ITEM 7 – For Consideration:

A. Construction Update – D. Rachowicz

The building is 90% complete. The final architectural walk-through was performed last Monday (9/30) and the contractor will have the majority of their work done by Friday

(10/11). Next week, all dog and cat kennels will be installed. At this point in time, there's "a lot of little things" and finishing touches to be addressed prior to opening. D. Rachowicz expects to have a better idea of the opening date within the next 7-10 days and will disseminate the information as soon as it's available.

B. Director's Report – S. Lawrence

1. SPCA Transfer 8/23/19

Via projector, S. Lawrence provided a quick run-through of shelter/veterinarian records of "Roe", "Bruiser" and "Smokey" – all transferred to the SPCA on 8/23/19. "Roe" – SPCA did not believe that a rabies vaccine was administered; proof of the original vaccination was shown.

"Bruiser" – SPCA did not believe that the dog was treated by KCASE for a high temperature; vet records from two different local veterinarians were produced.

"Smokey" – SPCA indicated that the dog arrived at their facility in acute distress; shelter records were examined. As necropsy could not be performed, the dog's cause of death will never be known.

In the future, SPCA will abide by updated parameters in order to avoid future misunderstandings. K. Timber agreed to produce SPCA medical records for the dogs in question.

2. WKFR Article

S. Lawrence addressed a recent WKFR article that cited Kalamazoo County's 'horrible euthanasia rates'. The radio station used the Department of Agriculture's yearly report for reference, but, as each agency has different policies/functions (open door, municipal, etc.), the numbers can't be evaluated equally. Furthermore, the numbers themselves are not reported in equivalent ways – some list owner euthanasia numbers, some do not, etc.

S. Lawrence passed out the recent shelter stats (Appendix A) and the numbers were examined. At this point in the year, the shelter still remains at a 91% adoptable save rate. Per S. Lawrence, a reason for the inflated cat numbers is that surrounding counties are no longer accepting cats; K. Timber requests to receive the number of out-of-county owner surrendered cats. S. Lawrence provided an explanation of the Adoptable, Treatable and Unadoptable categories. TNR (trap neuter release) was discussed. K. Doyle is interested in advocating to the Department of Agriculture to set a standard for the yearly reports.

C. Stakeholder Initiatives: Education Program

Chair provided a brief introduction of the initiative. Due to time constraints, Chair wishes to table agenda item to the next meeting.

D. Strays – K. Timber

K. Timber had a recent incident at the SPCA regarding stray animals and requested clarification on the KCASE stray hold policy – specifically after-hours. S. Lawrence explained that a member of the public may hold onto a stray until business hours or, if unable/unwilling, he/she may release the stray animal. K. Timber questioned the policy. S. Lawrence explained that on-call officers are only authorized to respond to emergency situations due to budgetary constraints.

The legalities of 'forcing' a citizen to hold onto a stray against their will was questioned by S. Cree and the issue was deferred to A. Wright from Corporate Counsel. Without having time to research the issue, he agrees with the shelter's current policy. K. Timber inquired if the SPCA could hold onto strays until the shelter opens and could be transferred; S. Lawrence agrees as long as stray location is obtained.

ITEM 7 – Other

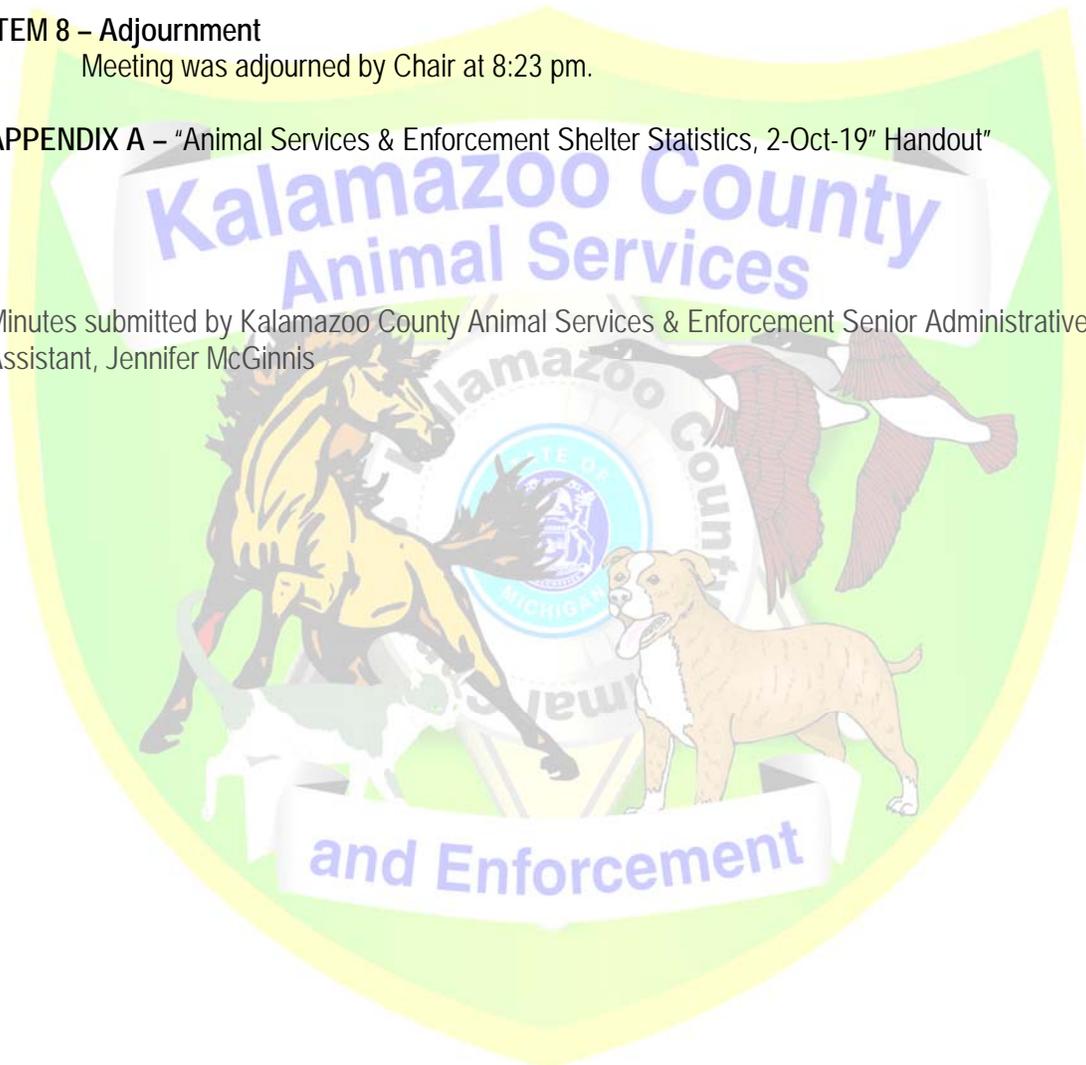
R. Cinabro thanked S. Lawrence. He found the meeting to be very educational and appreciated the spirit of interaction.

ITEM 8 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair at 8:23 pm.

APPENDIX A – “Animal Services & Enforcement Shelter Statistics, 2-Oct-19” Handout”

Minutes submitted by Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement Senior Administrative Assistant, Jennifer McGinnis





ANIMAL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT SHELTER STATISTICS

MONTH:
2-Oct-19

		2018	%		2019	%
DOGS						
ADOPTED		226	29%		264	36%
REDEEMED		363	47%		316	43%
TRANSFERRED		88	11%		54	7%
EUTHANIZED	81 3 14	98	13%	87 2 12	101	14%
TOTALS		775			735	
CATS						
ADOPTED		176	23%		159	20%
REDEEMED		46	6%		32	4%
TRANSFERRED		297	39%		260	33%
EUTHANIZED	197 38 12	247	32%	206 74 51	331	42%
TOTALS		766			782	
OTHER						
ADOPTED		26	68%		27	87%
REDEEMED		4	11%		1	3%
TRANSFERRED		5	13%		0	0%
EUTHANIZED	3 0 0	3	8%	3 0 0	3	10%
TOTALS		38			31	
TOTAL STRAYS		1579			1548	
% SAVED		78%			72%	
% Adoptable Saved		96%			91%	

UNADOPTABLE

TREATABLE

ADOPTABLE