The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Committee members present: Elizabeth Flowers, Lynn Cullick, Amy Cesich, and John Purcell
Others present: Anna Payton, Laura Pawson, Dr. Gary Schlapp, and Jeff Wilkins
Absent: Matt Prochaska

Committee approved the agenda for the meeting.

Since it was the first meeting with the new committee everyone went around the table and introduced themselves.

Anna presented the census log to the committee for November and thus far for December. Animal Control had an intake of 27 dogs in November with a current count of 34, including 9 puppies. Animal Control had an intake of 16 cats in November with a current count of 28 cats which includes 10 kittens and 1 cat at Go Dog Go. Anna also provided year to date totals with an intake of 196 cats and 360 dogs for a total intake of 556. Of the 196 cats, 76 were adopted, 4 were reclaimed, and 54 were transferred to a rescue group or humane society. Of the 360 dogs, 87 were adopted, 162 were reclaimed, and 44 were transferred to a rescue group or humane society.

Laura presented the County bite report to the committee for November. There were a total of 14 bites reported with 11 dog bites and 3 cat bites. Five of the fourteen bites was a case where the owner or family member was bitten. There was 1 cat at Kendall County Animal Control euthanized in the month of November due to health. One cat that was being treated for illness passed away at the vet hospital.

Anna presented the operations report to the committee. She provided an overview as to how Animal Control operates and what the organization’s role is in the community. She stated that Animal Control had 124 people come in to view the animals in the month of November. She then continued with the year in review numbers stating Animal Control currently has 28 active volunteers with over 1,500 hours logged.

Anna then discussed what she would like Animal Control to focus on in 2013. First she asked for the committee to seriously consider remove having a time limit for the animals at the shelter and instead allow Anna to manage the population based on the animal’s temperament and health as well as the space available at the shelter. Anna stated that is the animal welfare industry standard and that she felt she has worked hard and proven herself to be trustworthy to handle this task. Dr. Schlapp was supportive in removing the time limit for at least a 6-9 month trial period and reevaluate. The committee briefly discussed this and Amy asked Anna to please send her further information on the industry standard as well the daily costs for the care of the animals.
Anna stated that she would like to have Animal County Ordinances completed in the first part of 2013. In addition this would give Animal Control the ability to issue citations. The Sheriff Department, State’s Attorney, and the previous committee have all been supportive of this. Accomplishing this will not only make Animal Control more efficient, but it will free up time law enforcement (Sheriff) is spending to assist Animal Control in minor issues that could be resolved much quicker by Animal Control directly handling them. Anna also provided comparisons of 7 surrounding counties including DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, LaSalle, and Will with all Animal Controls in these counties having the power to issue citations and all but one, LaSalle, having Animal County Ordinances.

Anna also briefly said that in 2013 there will be a spay/neuter program for low income residents of Kendall County, but that would be discussed more in detail at the next committee meeting.

Anna finished the operations report by stating that she had presented the role of Kendall County Animal Control at the Mayors & Managers meeting on December 5. She also said Animal Control had their first annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on December 7 and it was very well received. Finally she stated she had two school presentations in December, one in Yorkville on how to be safe around dogs and one in Plano about proper care of an animal and animal law.

Jeff presented the accounting report. He went through the numbers and stated that Animal Control did a good job of managing the budget for the 2012 fiscal year and is in good standing financially. The committee approved the payment of the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am. The committee did tour the facility after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Payton