

Health welfare and recreation committee 1.24.23 Present: Hollandsworth, Duncan, Morris, Riddle

Cordell:

Summary of knowledge on Animal Control:

2 manuals provided on animal control history with letters. 2-3 years ago a Mayors' meeting was convened with 13 counties. One topic was animal control. A survey was conducted and responses are in the provided manual. Maury County director Jack Cooper served as animal control director in multiple counties. He has a bunch of knowledge on animal control. He can give info on shelters and other items re animal control if needed.

- 2012 memo in manuals, discussing 4 acres that were deeded to the county, worked with budget and finance
- state law says you do not HAVE to have an animal control facility. Function is for rabies control or vicious dogs; not for an animal shelter.

Shelter ideas:

- blueprints available for coffee county shelter, reviewed. 3000 Sq ft center with covered dog run outside. May be to be trimmed down for costs. No showers for officers (question was asked). Has 30 interior kennel areas.
- Tullahoma 2800 Sq ft in main building with over 60 interior kennel areas.
Masonry block walls.
- walls would be around 6ft tall around kennels
- recommending rebar and concrete reinforcement for walls due to porous nature of masonry block. May add cost up front but add longevity and reduce maintenance over time.
- Craig with Animal control recommends additional entrance for new dogs to cut down on disease transmission, as well as quarantine area for biting dogs (for safety of volunteers)
- at 15+ employees there is a requirement for separate male and female bathrooms
- lots of back and forth about building/ layout ideas

- the only county money required would be 500k, which must be used within 18 months of the August 2022 vote which earmarked it for this purpose (ground must be broken by then). An anonymous donor is supplying the rest (1 million?)
- Mayor says 1130 am 1.25.23 he will be meeting with Mr Rice to discuss the land donation in more detail.
- Next steps while land site is chosen would be to revise concept plan. Current blueprint would fit on all the sites available at present. Blueprints left for review.
- motion for Craig, Josh, and Scott to work together on blueprint, work on bathroom/ shower - passed
- email update to be provided after mayor visit tomorrow.
- Hope is to get ground broken by August 2023 so gravel and concrete can be laid before winter.
- state at the beginning of every meeting: providing an animal shelter is not the responsibility of the taxpayer, so it needs to be minimal expense

Fundraising

Jackie- No update as yet on collaboration, will be checking with mayor on 501c3 setup. Has a list of fund raising activities that were done in Tullahoma for their shelter. Possible to get it put on Kroger card promo?

Summitville Fire

- has 3 stations in their area
- money over last several years has been helpful in upgrading safety systems. Phase out of generators on trucks in process which will save money moving forward.
- no new volunteer staff anymore at the fire dept, they're expecting money
- 'new' rig just purchased, used, from Florida, which brings them "into the 2000s"
- would like extra 41k as had been allotted in prior years
- historically when they get this money, they have to get 3 bids for everything but required, no matter what, to go with the lowest bid
- Tim asks, would there be a way, with Bonnaroo, to get county on tourism grants like Gatlinburg in order to keep fire dept supplied?

- Fire dept (Michael Hopkins) is asking for help getting volunteers who will show up. Possibility of cutting smoke detector allotment and putting it toward volunteer firefighters, paying them per call?
- Tim motions to study way to reappropriate future smoke detector funds to help pay for show-up calls. – passed

Water Depts

- Tim asking for questions to give to water depts for hydrant coverage/ repair/ replacement among other things. Representatives to start coming to meetings in March and would like questions ahead of time so they can prepare.
- fire hydrant at Kathy ridge and Walden ridge; Manchester is buying a new one due to car accident took it out.

Animal shelter:

Total for 2022:

Dogs picked up 532

25 euthanized

45 cats/ kittens

How many were positive for rabies? Rose Ann to ask animal control for numbers.