

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
Special Meeting
December 2, 2019**

Board Members present: Fred Deaton, Billie Dollins, Leslie Driskell, Leo Haggerty, John Hibbard, Sam Marcus, Jaime Rice, Ray Smith, Rodney Williams

Board Members absent: Matt Friere (communicated via text), Keeuna King

Officers present: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff present: Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrell

Volunteers present: Shirley Elkin, Bill Klier, Sharon Parrish

The meeting convened at 5:35 p.m.

The business session was continued from the November 25, 2019, regular board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- September and October reports attached as part of record.
- Total assets exceed more than \$1 million
- The FCHS has received the Alice Blanton bequest.
- On a motion of John Hibbard, seconded by Fred Deaton, both the September and October reports were accepted.

Thrift Store (Terri Sorrell)

- Sales of \$10,770.23 were recorded in October
 - Regular donations totaled \$352.86
 - New shelter fund donations totaled \$266.46
 - TNR donations totaled \$1,740.00
- Christmas sales are going well.
- Donations are coming in at a more moderate pace.

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- Report attached as part of record.

Membership (Betsy Kennedy)

- Report attached as part of record.
- More than 1,000 pieces will be included in the "mini-mailer" in mid-December.
- Leo Haggerty has volunteered to print the membership flyer.
- Christmas cards are to be ready by December 13, 2019.

Volunteers (Jean Unglaub)

- Report attached as part of record.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats included as part of record.
- Dr. Sara Pizano with Team Shelter is working on a \$10,000 grant for 2020 for community cats; that would provide about \$65 per cat; invoicing would be done monthly.
- A donor is giving up to \$12,000 to support the free spay/neuter of cats in 2020 (a \$30 cat package). People will still be welcome to contribute.

- Preparations are underway for Toyota Spay Days – Fridays in February – when surgeries would be available at a deep discount. Money is needed for upgraded surgical equipment.
- FCHS had placed 924 cats for adoption through the end of November.
- The shelter will resume providing free spay/neuter for pitbull and pitbull mixes in 2020.
- A TNR volunteer is working on a campaign to add FCHS to the state employee charitable contribution list as a write-in option.
- Kerry attended the Association for Animal Welfare meeting in Houston on a scholarship and learned about socially responsible sheltering programs, which are becoming more prevalent around the country. The FCHS has set a goal for 2020 to adopt the program framework.
- The November 2 clinic at Thorn Hill Education Center went very well; more than 200 vaccinations were administered. With grant support and income from the vaccinations and flea and tick control, FCHS made about \$700 after paying rent for the space and the vet and vet tech.
- Feeder Supply is providing a Angel Tree for FCHS.
- J.J. Customs Music & More is holding two events to support FCHS in December, offering a free guitar restringing and cleaning in exchange for shelter supplies.
- Peddler's Mall is holding a supply drive for the shelter through December.
- The Frankfort Christmas parade will feature an FCHS banner on the AEI (formerly Art's Electric) truck; Barbara Murray is serving as co-grand marshal of the parade.
- The vet services contract with Dr. Smith will not be renewed; Dr. Ferrell, of Southland Vets in Lexington, will do the shelter surgeries going forward.
- The number of surgeries is manageable; some money could be saved with drugs at shelter pricing instead of ordering through Dr. Smith.
- Discussions are underway with vets in the community about services, such as dental, that cannot be performed at the shelter.
- The biggest problem with shelter surgeries is where to put the animals while they are in recovery.
- *President Marcus commended Kerry for the workable plan she developed after Dr. Smith said the vet services contract would not be renewed.*
- The pumps and sandbags prevented flooding during recent heavy rains.
- Several shelter animals were featured in the Nutcracker photos – a promotion with the Kentucky Dance Academy in support of the Humane Society and community arts. Christmas cards featuring the animals will be sold during KDA's performances of the Nutcracker in December.
- Health insurance for small businesses available through the Chamber of Commerce is being investigated as a possible plan to offer, for self-pay, to employees who do not already have coverage under another plan.

Trails for Tails has been scheduled for September 5, 2020.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- Sam and Kerry have been working on a less expensive proposal for the new shelter. The consultants are confident they could present a plan that would reduce the cost to \$4 million.
- This could mean that new building would initially not include some features, but these could potentially be added later with additional fundraising.
- The consultants can recommend changes to limit the loss of space, but no specifics have been provided yet.
- The consultants' fee for doing the new plan would be \$20,000. The board accepted the consultants' new cost proposal on a motion by John Hibbard, seconded by Fred Deaton.

The board went into executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Following the executive session, which concluded at 7:08 p.m., the board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving a revised project proposal at a cost of \$4 million and communicating that information to the county judge-executive and the city manager.

The content of the resolution, as sent to local government officials, follows:

Be it resolved that the Franklin County Humane Society Board of Directors unanimously supports the proposal for a revised animal shelter project totaling \$4 million with funding of \$1 million each, cash and in kind, to be provided by the City of Frankfort and Franklin County and the remaining \$2 million to be provided by the Franklin County Humane Society.

This resolution was approved at a special meeting of the Franklin County Humane Society Board of Directors on Monday, December 2, 2019.

In a roll call vote, all board members as shown below voted yes:

- Fred Deaton
- Billie Dollins
- Leslie Driskell
- Matt Freire
- John Hibbard
- Sam Marcus
- Jamie Rice
- Ray Smith
- Rodney Williams

No board members voted in opposition. Leo Haggarty, as county representative, recused himself. Keeuna King, ex-officio city representative, was absent.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.