



## ***ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD***

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THE INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017 AT 6:30 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM C OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5305 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

### Agenda

Call to Order  
Approval of Minutes  
Additions to the Agenda  
Limited Public Comment

1. Director's Report (shelter stats, grants, special events, etc.)
2. Discussion on Ways to Increase the Use of Social Media

Announcements  
Public Comment  
Adjournment

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE AT (517) 676-7200**

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MONDAY, SEPT 25, 2017 AT 6:30 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM C, HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING  
5305 S CEDAR LANSING

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Vice Chair Dr. Hopfensperger.

**Members Present**

Dr. Maria Hopfensperger, Kate Evans, Roxann Wilkinson, Director John Dinon, Diane Galbraith, Beth Contreras, and Commissioner Todd Tennis

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were accepted as written

**Additions to Agenda**

**Disposition of Fighting Dogs**

Ten dogs were awarded to ICAC. Five have been euthanized and five more have been temperament tested and the shelter is seeking a credible rescue to rehabilitate them. At this time none have come forward and the dogs' future will be re-assessed if none are found by Friday, Sept 29. The dogs are difficult to handle especially those that have been kenneled since April and putting significant stress on staff. It is inhumane to continue to warehouse them indefinitely.

**Limited Public Comment**

Christie Lawrence, East Lansing: Michigan law does not prohibit rehoming of fighting dogs; will send copies of case law to advisory board

**Directors Report**

Millage Update: First draft of the floor plans for the new building were sent out to stakeholders for comment and were returned to the architects for revision. Once the new plan is reviewed site analysis can begin and construction should begin in Spring 2018.

NOTE: Diane Galbraith requested that the advisory board be added to the email distribution list.

NACA implementation: Due to heavy summer workload SOP progress has been slow. Work will resume in the winter along with the revision of the County Animal Control Ordinance.

Dog Fighting Investigation: The investigation which began in March has led to search warrants being executed in seven Ingham County locations. An additional warrant was executed in Eaton County based on evidence gathered by ICAC animal control officers. A total of 42 dogs were seized in Ingham and 10 in Eaton. An auxiliary shelter has been set up to house the dogs currently being held as evidence.

Arrest warrants were issued for three suspects. Two were arraigned and a pre-trial hearing is set for Sept 22. The third was already incarcerated. Additional warrants have been submitted..com  
A bill (SB 416) has been introduced in the Michigan legislature which would amend the current law governing the disposition of dogs seized for dog fighting. It would allow animal control agencies more options in the disposition of the dogs. ICAC has submitted a resolution to the Board of Commissioners asking the county to formally endorse and advocate for SB 416. The resolution will be considered by Law and Courts on Sept 14 and the full Board on Sept 26.

The August NLP was held at the LPD Operations Center on Wise Rd and the September event was held at the Outreach Center. Over 100 pets were vaccinated at each. October and November will be at the Outreach Center and December will be at the Leslie Fire Station.

ICAC offered reduced adoption fees for much of the summer due to over crowding at the shelter. The promotions were successful and except for the dogs being held as evidence in the auxiliary shelter, the population at the shelter is at a manageable level.

Due to the increased work load of processing the evidence in the dog fighting case and the resignation of an ACO, the Sheriff's Department generously loaned a corrections officer who had previously worked as an ACO to ICAC for a few weeks. It was very much appreciated.

There were several successful fundraisers in July and Aug:

50/50 raffles at Spartan Speedway (over \$500)

Beer tent at the Ingham County Fair (\$1300)

Photo Contest (\$1500)

The 3rd annual Halloween fundraiser (Heroes and Villains) is planned for Oct 28 at the University Club

ICAC put out an appeal for help with expenses related to housing the dogs seized in the dog fighting cases. Community response was strong with significant financial donations as well as dog food, dog treats, and other supplies.

Due to county budget issues, the controller's recommended budget for 2018 eliminates one shelter clerk. The county is planning to put a measure on the ballot to increase the amount of tax revenue that can be collected for the general fund. It has been requested that the clerk position be restored if the ballot measure passes.

### **Announcements**

none

### **Public Comment**

Christie Lawrence, East Lansing, questioned why help from outside groups wasn't taken when it was offered. She offered to email a list of rescues that were willing to help

Donna Roy, Lansing, urged the shelter to look at the case of dog fighting dogs seized in Ontario, Canada. After being held for two years, a FL based rescue pulled and rehabilitated them. She asked that public perception be taken into consideration and that everyone remember that the dogs were victims.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Diane; second by Beth; meeting adjourned at 7:00pm