

**County Commissioner's Record No. 33**

State of Illinois        )  
                                  SS August 28th, 2020  
County of Union        )

**I. Roll Call**

Commissioners in attendance are Kent Pitts, Bobby Toler Jr., Dale Foster, Max Miller & David Gould.

**II. Call Meeting to Order**

The Union County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting in the Union County Courthouse Community Room at 08:30am. County Chairman Max Miller called the meeting to order.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting Minutes- 08/14/20 Mr. Gould made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from 07/24/20 and Mr. Pitts seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts                YES  
Bobby Toler Jr.        YES  
Dale Foster             YES  
Max Miller             YES  
David Gould            YES

Motion Passed

Executive Meeting Minutes- 02/28/20 & 07/24/20 Mr. Pitts made the motion to approve the executive minutes from those dates and keep them sealed and Mr. Foster seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts                YES  
Bobby Toler Jr.        YES  
Dale Foster             YES  
Max Miller             YES  
David Gould            YES

Motion Passed

**IV. Public Comments**

Steven Haldeman, Alderman for the City of Jonesboro,  
Purpose: Constituents' concerns about public safety and Animal Control  
Log books

Does animal control keep logs?

Phone log

Responder logs

Report contents of logs to Union County

FOIA Requests and Legal Liabilities

Establish County PROCEDURES mandating Animal Control keep LOG BOOKS

**Tickets, warning, and summons to Union County States' Attorney?**  
**Recording of Animal Control responses and incidents**  
**Reporting Incidents and tickets to the County by the States' Attorney**  
**Legal questions about who, and what Government Agencies are responsible in a legal lawsuit**

**Amending County Ordinances to be more inclusive of community issues**  
**Establish Quarterly meeting with all City and Communities be asked to attend**  
**Establish routine for updating Animal Control Ordinances**  
**Who gets called if Animal Control cannot respond?**

**Wild Animal responses by Animal Control**  
**Will Union County respond to wild animal complaints?**  
**If not, who gets contacted for help?**

**Does Animal Control need further training or permits from the State Dept. of Natural Resources?**

**CONCERNS: *(and other thoughts)***

**Accountability-**

- Who actually supervises Animal Control?**
- Taxpayer money and how it's spent**
- Volunteer approval by County Board**
- Records (LOG BOOK) must be kept for ALL calls and INCIDENTS and**

**Monthly reports with the County Board, and or, the State's Attorney**

**Animal Control Ordinances need to be reviewed and UPDATED**

**-Establish a tracking system for repeat offenders**  
**-Reporting of vicious animals and attacks and threats on humans and pets**  
**-Include DOGS and Cats and other Pets in the Animal Control Ordinance of protected**

**Livestock.**

**Neglected and abused animals**

- Who may the public contact if Animal Control doesn't resolve an issue?**  
**County DISPATCHER trained to provide positive answers and give**

**instructions**

**PHONE CALLS:**

**-All call should be recorded in a log book in case of a FOIA Request or lawsuit**  
**-Phone calls left on the answering machine should receive the decency of a return call**

**INCIDENT REPORTING:**

**-Every incident that is responded to needs a "WHO, What, When, Where, and Why**

**Entry in an Official Log Book. Also, include the resolution on the incident for possible**

**FOIA request or lawsuit.**

- County Board checks the Log Book at least quarterly**

**ENFORCEMENT:**

**-Do Animal Control Officers need to be Deputized or provided Higher Legal Status by Ordinance update?**

**-Does Animal Control need to be transferred to the Sherriff's Department for a more serious perception of Animal Control by the Public in general?**

**-Do Animal Control Officers need more training and Legal training from the State's Attorney?**

**Mr. Miller stated that he thanked Mr. Haldeman for bring this to the attention of the board and that the board will look into these matters and address them. Mr. Miller also stated that some of the concerns were not true but that Animal Control does have some issues to work on.**

**Amy Wheeler, resident of Jonesboro, stated that she has had issues with a neighbor at 107 Williford Road in Jonesboro and their dogs attacking and some close calls with those dogs in the past at least 20 times that have been reported to Animal Control. She stated that Animal Control has been aware of the issue and nothing has been done with the owners or the dogs. She had a list of signatures from surrounding neighbors that have all complained about this particular residence. She went on to tell a story of two weeks prior about one of the dogs getting loose and chasing her 7 year old daughter and almost biting her. Animal control was contacted and came out. Animal Control told Mrs. Wheeler that there was nothing they could do since the child wasn't actually bit. She went on to discuss how the animals are inbred, feral, neglected and aggressive.**

**Carrie Alsip, resident of Jonesboro, also stated that she was here about the dog problem at 107 Williford Road as well. She shared many stories about the dog but a few years prior she lost a dog of hers because one of the dog from that residence got out and killed her own dog in her yard. She is also questioning why nothing has been done to prevent this from happening again to other residences in this area.**

**Daniel Klingemann, Union County States Attorney, stated that he is looking into the situation but it has to be reported to him at least three times before they can do anything with the owners and dogs. He stated that his office has not received any of these reports from Animal Control.**

**David Wilkins, Jonesboro Chief of Police, stated that there are issues with reports not being presented to the States Attorney so that legal action can be done.**

## **V. Committee Reports**

**Mr. Toler attended a Shawnee Development meeting and stated that there are Healthcare Grants and Shawnee Community College will be partnering with Shawnee Development.**

**Mr. Gould stated that the HOOT Board is working on getting restructured and organized. They are trying to make it more efficient.**

**Mr. Miller advised the board that the Wellness Group on Lick Creek Road should have the building permit and the land transfer done soon and into the proper offices.**

**VI. Building Permits**

**1. 02-06-00-697 5224 New Saratoga Road, Anna for Brian & Vonda Hill**

**Mr. Foster made the motion to approve the two building permits and Mr. Pitts seconded the motion.**

<b>Kent Pitts</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Bobby Toler Jr.</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Dale Foster</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Max Miller</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>David Gould</b>	<b>YES</b>

**Motion Passed**

**VII. Old Business**

**None**

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Approve Payment of Bills**

**Mr. Gould made the motion to approve the payment of the bills and Mr. Foster seconded the motion.**

<b>Kent Pitts</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Bobby Toler Jr.</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Dale Foster</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Max Miller</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>David Gould</b>	<b>YES</b>

**Motion Passed**

**B. Approval of Raffle License – Friends of Justice Boie**

**Mr. Pitts made the motion to approve the raffle license and Mr. Gould seconded the motion.**

<b>Kent Pitts</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Bobby Toler Jr.</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Dale Foster</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Max Miller</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>David Gould</b>	<b>YES</b>

**Motion Passed**

**C. Approval of Tourism Grant Application – Shawnee Hills Wine Trail Lodging Association**

**The HOOT board recommended \$4000.00 for this application. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the \$4000.00 for the Lodging Association and Mr. Foster seconded the motion.**

<b>Kent Pitts</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Bobby Toler Jr.</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Dale Foster</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Max Miller</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>David Gould</b>	<b>YES</b>

**Motion Passed**

**D. Approval of Fixed Asset Policy**

Angie Johnson, County Administrator briefed the board on items D through G of the agenda. The Auditors have requested that these policies be adopted by the board. Most of the policies have been in place but now will be in effect officially. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the Fixed Asset Policy and Mr. Pitts seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts YES

Bobby Toler Jr. YES

Dale Foster YES

Max Miller YES

David Gould YES

Motion Passed

**E. Approval of Purchasing Policy**

Mr. Gould made the motion to approve the Purchasing Policy and Mr. Pitts seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts YES

Bobby Toler Jr. YES

Dale Foster YES

Max Miller YES

David Gould YES

Motion Passed

**F. Approval of Cost Allocation Policy**

Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the Cost Allocation Policy and Mr. Foster seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts YES

Bobby Toler Jr. YES

Dale Foster YES

Max Miller YES

David Gould YES

Motion Passed

**G. Approval of Basis of Accounting Policy**

Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the Basis of Accounting Policy and Mr. Toler seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts YES

Bobby Toler Jr. YES

Dale Foster YES

Max Miller YES

David Gould YES

Motion Passed

**X. Executive Session**

None

**XI. Other Business**

Angela Knupp, Human Resources, stated that they will be trying the new time clocks at the Ambulance Service very soon.

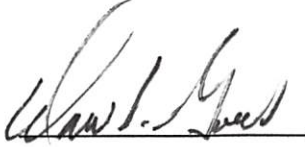
**XII. Adjournment**

**Mr. Foster made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Gould seconded the motion.**

<b>Kent Pitts</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Bobby Toler Jr.</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Dale Foster</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Max Miller</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>David Gould</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Motion Passed</b>	<b>9:27am</b>



**Bobby Toler Jr**



**David Gould**



**Kent Pitts**



**Max Miller**



**Dale Foster**



**Lance Meisenheimer**