

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time:	Wednesday, September 17, 2025 *4:30PM
Location:	Saginaw County Governmental Center 111 S. Michigan Avenue Saginaw, MI 48602
Council Members Present:	Kelli Scorsone, Carol Pickelmann, Laureen Lutenski, Sharon Maher, Jonna Godley, Demetrios Scott, Tom McIntyre
Council Members Absent:	Tracey Slodowski, Cynthia Winiecke, Emilie Lyday, Dr. Bailey Mielke
Others in Attendance:	Alycia Norton, Jen Speckhard, Jack Tany, Rachel Horton, Pam Goddeyne, Dolores Kellett, Christine Sawyer, Robin Gover, Linda Harper, Jaime Ceja

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Scorsone called the meeting to order at 4:30PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member McIntyre made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 20, 2025. Member Pickelmann supported. Motion passed (7-0).

III. DIRECTORS REPORT, RACHEL HORTON, DIRECTOR, ANIMAL CONTROL

1. Events – Upcoming - Heritage Homecoming parade and Carrollton Homecoming parade. Bissell Empty the Shelters. Dogs Playing for Life Training, this is a nationally recognized program, and trainers will be onsite for 4 days training on playgroups and clarity around euthanasia
2. Volunteers – September 24th meeting at 5PM to go over better impact, reach out to Alex if you need help one on one.
3. Court Cases – Received custody of 6 dogs through court proceedings. These dogs were transferred out of County deliberately to protect them.
4. MDARD – The transfer of dogs to rescue partners has cleared some space to paint in the dog run hallway which is the last item on the MDARD report that needs attention.
5. ACO's – Interim ACO's Emilio and Katie are almost complete with training they went to Ingham County for a week to train. Shifts are being adjusted to offer more coverage. 7:30AM-4:30PM and 12:00PM-9:00PM. Most calls seem to come around 5:00 when everyone is off work. M-F will not have an on-call office as ACO's will be on shift until 9PM. After 9:00PM a call should be made to central dispatch to have PD respond. This is a 90-day trial to see how it goes.
6. Staffing – Working to get people who align with the vision of SCACC. Re-org will bring new positions and a change to public hours. New hours will be M-T-TH 7:30AM-4:30PM and Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM and Saturday 8:00AM-1:00PM. Wednesday – Closed to the public. Working on sending employees to training.

IV. AGENDA

1. Educational Outreach Program – Not much movement. Idea is to go into elementary schools and educate kids about pet ownership. Letter has gone out to schools to gauge interest, need legal to look at letter.
2. Kennel Inspections – Member Maher asked if kennel inspections can be done randomly vs. planned visits. Director Horton stated that currently inspections take

place planned because some of the kennels are in rural areas, 30 minutes away and if an ACO gets there and the inspection cannot be completed it would have wasted valuable ACO time. Director Horton will speak to ACO's and get their feedback before making a decision.

V. NEW ITEMS:

1. Fundraising – Vice Chair Scorsone asked if anyone wanted to handle fundraising efforts. There was no response.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jack Tany requested a list from Director Horton of issues in the building from the new build..
2. Jen Speckhard asked how much adoptions are during the empty the shelters program? Director Horton stated \$25.00.
3. Jen Speckhard asked what PD will do when no one is at the shelter? Director Horton advised that all PD know the procedure to use the PD drop off area.
4. Jen Speckhard – Regarding kennel inspections, how much advance notice is a kennel given? Director Horton stated 90 days.

VII. NEXT MEETING

1. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 4:30PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Maher supported. The meeting adjourned at 4:58PM.