



AGENDA
Public Safety and Justice Committee
Monday, April 6, 2020
@ 2:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- February 13, 2020
- February 25, 2020

3. Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- PCAPS Monthly Report
- ETSB
- EMA
- Public Defender Report

4. Resolutions

- Appropriation into C.O.P.S. Fund for FY 2020
- FY 2019 SCAAP Award
- Appropriation of Petco Grant Funds for purchase of small animal housing

5. Miscellaneous

6. Adjournment

DRAFT
MINUTES
Special Joint Public Safety and Justice Committee and
Budget Committee
February 13, 2020
@ 5:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	James Fennell – Chairman Budget Committee; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Linda Daley, Brian Elsasser, Kate Pastucha, Rachel Reliford, Rob Reneau, Steven Rieker, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Paul Rosenbohm, Brandy Bryant, James Dillon, Andrew Rand
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Larry Evans - State's Attorney's Office; David Tuttle – ETSB; Julie Ciesla – Finance; Brian Asbell, Doug Gaa – Sheriff's Office; Becky Spencer – PCAPS; Rachael Parker – County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Fennell called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Resolution

- **ETSB Budget Appropriation**

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Salzer. Mr. Tuttle advised that the County Board approved the ETSB entering into a lease purchase agreement with Fifth Third Bank in 2013 for \$1.695 million to fund the Microwave system and Interoperable Radio Equipment for the P-25 radio system. He stated that the ETSB has secured several unanticipated grants within the several years, staff requests to pay off the remainder of the loan with available grant funds.

The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Fennell noted that support for the extension of the 9-1-1 surcharge was discussed at the Legislative Breakfast earlier today. Mr. Tuttle remarked that the sunset for the 9-1-1 surcharge is December 31, 2019. He advised that the state currently collects \$1.50 per telephone across the state, with the exception of Chicago, and the ETSB is seeking support to continue the surcharge. He advised that the ETSB has been working in coordination with the Illinois State Police and state organizations and he anticipates that a Bill will be introduced tomorrow regarding the surcharge.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rosenbohm at 5:18 p.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman

DRAFT
MINUTES
Public Safety and Justice Committee
February 25, 2020
@ 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Rosenbohm – Chairman (<i>via teleconference</i>); Rob Reneau – Vice-Chairman; Eden Blair, Linda Daley, Brian Elsasser, Steven Rieker, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Brandy Bryant, Kate Pastucha
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Larry Evans - State's Attorney's Office; Randy Brunner – Chief Financial Officer/Sheriff's Office; Gretchen Pearsall – Director of Strategic Communications; Jamie Dowell – County Administration; David Tuttle – ETSB; Becky Spencer – PCAPS; Jason Marks – EMA; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Jennifer Shadid – Courts Administration; Brian Asbell, Doug Gaa, Chris Watkins, James Middlemas – Sheriff's Office; Mark Little – Chief Information Officer

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Reneau called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

A motion to allow the participation of Chairman Rosenbohm was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Ms. Daley. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019 was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Rosenbohm voting aye via teleconference.

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- PCAPS Monthly Department Report

Ms. Spencer noted that the fundraiser “Wine and Whiskers” will be held March 6, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Trailside Event Center.

Ms. Spencer advised that discussion on contract terms for municipalities are ongoing.

- ETSB

Mr. Tuttle stood for any questions. No questions or comments from committee.

- Emergency Management Agency

Mr. Marks referred committee to the submitted report and stood for any questions. Dr. Blair asked if the EMA has a role in preparations/information regarding COVID-19. Mr. Marks advised that both EMA and the Health Department would have a role in the event of a COVID-10 outbreak, although he stated that seasonal influenza has been more of a priority locally

- Public Defender Report

Ms. Shadid referred committee to the submitted report and stood for any questions. Mr. Rieker noted statistical comparative year over year data, commented that the numbers for the most part show year over year case growth. He asked that Mr. Bach further expound on the potential reasons for the growth.

Resolutions

- **Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Exercise Contractor**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Elsasser. Mr. Marks advised that funding specifically geared toward the hiring of an exercise contractor was included as part of Coordinated Terrorism Attack Grant received from Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). He explained that the exercise contractor will be responsible for coordinating the development of three tabletop exercises, two functional exercises, and a full-scale exercise throughout the grant period, which expires September 2021. He stated that a number of emergency management capabilities which need to be addressed have been identified. He added that the exercise contractor will also evaluate exercises that are working well, identify gaps, assist in addressing those gaps with an after-action report and improvement plan.

Mr. Marks advised that four vendors submitted bids for the work, and after a thorough review of the bid proposals recommends retaining Integrated Solutions Consulting of Chicago, Illinois.

The motion to approve carried unanimously, with Mr. Rosenbohm voting aye via teleconference.

- **Sheriff's Office Radio Maintenance Agreement**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Dr. Blair. Mr. Brunner advised that the Sheriff's Office recommends renewal of an agreement with Ragan Communications for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. He stated that Ragan Communications has been providing radio service for the Sheriff's Office for over 25 years and continue to provide priority and dedicated service to Peoria County.

The motion to approve carried unanimously, with Mr. Rosenbohm voting aye via teleconference.

- **Additional Appropriation for the Sheriff's Office Drug Forfeiture Fund for FY 2020**

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Elsasser. Mr. Brunner advised that the Sheriff's Office is recommending an appropriation in the amount of \$18,000.00 from the Drug Forfeiture Fund to purchase a K-9 Unit, and a rifle-rated ballistic shield to be utilized by the Central Illinois Emergency Response Team (CIERT).

The motion to approve carried unanimously, with Mr. Rosenbohm voting aye via teleconference.

- **Additional Appropriation for the Sheriff's Office Restricted Donations Fund for FY 2020**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Blair. Mr. Brunner advised that the Sheriff's Office is recommending an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Sheriff's Office Restricted Donations Fund for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Victim Services Coordinator and a drone with FLIR (Forward Look Infrared Radar) technology for the Search and Rescue Team.

The motion to approve carried unanimously, with Mr. Rosenbohm voting aye via teleconference.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Reneau at 2:37 p.m.

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AGENDA BRIEFING

COMMITTEE: Public Safety and Justice

LINE ITEM:

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2020

AMOUNT:

ISSUE: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The attached report outlines the activity of Peoria County Animal Protection Services during the month of February 2020. It includes information from the same period in 2019 for comparison purposes.

COUNTY BOARD GOALS:



FINANCIAL STABILITY



INFRASTRUCTURE STEWARDSHIP



EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY



HEALTHY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



COLLABORATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COMMITTEE ACTION: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

PREPARED BY: Becky Spencer

DEPARTMENT: PCAPS

DATE: March 11, 2020



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Monthly Department Report - February 2020

Animal Statistics

Animal Intake	FEB 2020	FEB 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
Cat	112	83	188	173
Dog	90	106	201	231
Other	19	8	27	19
TOTAL	221	197	416	423

Animal Outcomes	FEB 2020	FEB 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
Adopted	79	69	152	129
Died	1	1	1	3
Euthanized	90	85	191	181
Other	10	7	19	12
Returned to Owner	29	49	64	90
Transfer	9	15	16	72
Total	218	226	443	487

Field Activities - Calls for Service by Type

Activity	FEB 2020	FEB 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
Assist	12	1	26	3
Dead	2	2	4	2
Emergency	11	22	32	34
Investigation	568	643	1,181	1,447
Other	6	1	9	3
Owned	1	2	3	4
Rescue	0	0	1	0
Routine Patrol	7	27	29	34
Stray	239	210	502	454
Transport	49	46	114	112
Wild	66	75	120	122
Extra Service	67	55	101	129
Total	1,029	1,084	2,123	2,342



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Field Activities - Calls for Service by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	FEB 2020	FEB 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
Bartonville	36	25	73	53
Bellevue	6	6	22	10
Brimfield	3	9	3	18
Chillicothe	20	24	37	72
City of Peoria	754	775	1,572	1,671
Unincorporated	115	109	227	223
Dunlap	10	20	18	34
Elmwood	2	0	2	1
Glasford	4	5	22	15
Hanna City	4	9	12	20
Kingston Mines	1	0	3	0
Mapleton	1	14	10	20
Norwood	13	0	15	0
Out of County	1	0	2	1
Peoria Heights	28	52	48	111
Princeville	3	10	5	24
Tazewell County	7	8	13	15
West Peoria	21	17	39	49
Total	1,029	1,084	2,123	2,342

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF PEORIA
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

NATHAN R. BACH
Public Defender



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March 30, 2020

Mr. Paul Rosenbohm
Chairman
Public Safety & Justice Committee

Honorable Paul P. Gilfillan
Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit

Dear Chairman Rosenbohm & Chief Judge Gilfillan,

Please consider this the monthly report for the Public Defender's Office of Peoria County for the month of February 2020. The Public Defender's Office continues to serve the needs of indigent individuals in Peoria County charged with crimes and facing possible jail time and/or the potential loss of parental rights, including handling all appeals arising from adjudications seeking to terminate parental rights.

February 2020 Public Defender Statistical Data

Division	Pending Case Total (Jan. 2020)	Pending Case Total (Feb. 2020)	Differential
Felony	459	466	+7
Misdemeanor	771	844	+73
DUI	336	339	+3
Traffic	3892	3920	+28
Juvenile Abuse & Neglect	542	518	-24
Juvenile Delinquency	209	216	+7
Drug Court	43	42	-1
Mental Health Court	33	39	+6
Veteran's Court	7	6	+1
Post-Conviction	52	50	-2

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and the County and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or for discussion.

Very Truly Yours,


Nathan R. Bach

AGENDA BRIEFING

COMMITTEE: Public Safety and Justice Committee
MEETING DATE: April 6, 2020

LINE	ITEM:	091-2-091-3-346-52352
	\$20,000.00	
	091-2-091-3-346-33120	\$19,000.00

FOR RESOLUTION:

Appropriation into C.O.P.S. Fund

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The County Board at the March 14, 2019 approved the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Peoria for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for FY 2018. At this time funding of \$26,726.00 was appropriated into the C.O.P.S. fund for this grant for the purchase of police bicycles and radar trailers. The radar trailers were unable to be purchased until 2020 so the Sheriff's Office is asking for these unspent FY 2019 funds to be appropriated into FY 2020 to complete the purchase of this equipment.

COUNTY BOARD GOALS:



Collaboration



Financial Stability

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

COMMITTEE ACTION:

PREPARED BY: Randy Brunner, Finance Director
DEPARTMENT: Peoria County Sheriff's Office
DATE: 03/12/2020

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD))
COUNTY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS)

Your Public Safety and Justice Committee does hereby recommend passage of the following Resolution:

RE: Appropriation into C.O.P.S. Fund for FY 2020.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the attached Agreement is made under the authority of Article 7, Section 10, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970 and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5,5 ILCS 220/1 et. seq.)

WHEREAS, the County of Peoria and the City of Peoria were awarded funds under the FY 2018 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program as per the attached Agreement that was approved at the March 14, 2019 County Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, some of the funds under the grant agreement were not able to be expended in FY 2019; and

WHEREAS, in order to expend the remaining funds from this agreement, an additional appropriation for FY 2020 is requested; and

WHEREAS, there is unreserved fund balance in the C.O.P.S. Fund to complete the purchase of this equipment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Peoria County, that Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) be appropriated to revenue line item 091-2-091-3-346-33120 and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) be appropriated into expense line item 091-2-092-3-346-52352 to complete the purchase of the equipment under the FY 2018 JAG grant in FY 2020.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA BRIEFING

COMMITTEE: Public Safety & Justice Committee
MEETING DATE: April 6, 2020

LINE ITEM:	001-1-012-3-331-33120	\$4,540.00
	001-1-012-3-331-51060	\$3,540.00
	001-1-012-3-331-53071	\$1,000.00

ISSUE:

FY 2019 – SCAAP Award (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) through the Bureau of Justice Assistance

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Peoria County Sheriff's Office applied for this award in late 2019. In January 2020 the Peoria County Sheriff's Office received the SCAAP award in the above amount through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This was not budgeted due to possible non-funding of the program. SCAAP funds must be used only for correctional purposes. SCAAP provides federal payment to states and local agencies that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period.

The award will go towards offsetting the overtime budget for corrections. Peoria County Sheriff's Office contracts with Justice Benefits, Inc (JBI). The fee for JBI is 22% of the total award which is approximately \$1,000.00. JBI does the research, gathers and analyzes the data, and completes all the necessary information to be included in the application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

COUNTY BOARD GOALS:



EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

FINANCIAL STABILITY

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

To appropriate the 2019 SCAAP Award - revenue and associated expenses as listed above.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

PREPARED BY: Randy Brunner, Finance Director
DEPARTMENT: Peoria County Sheriff's Office
DATE: March 12, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD)
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COUNTY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS)

Your Public Safety & Justice Committee does hereby recommend passage of the following Resolution:

RE: FY 2019 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Award

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Peoria County Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded funds from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the award amount is Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$4,540.00) for this year; and

WHEREAS, your Committee would recommend the acceptance of this award to the Sheriff's Office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Peoria County, that the Peoria County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized and directed to accept the SCAAP Award for FY 2019 in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$4,540.00) be appropriated to revenue line item 001-1-012-3-331-33120; and the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$3,540.00) be appropriated into expenditure line item 001-1-012-3-331-51060 and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be appropriated into line item 001-1-012-3-331-53071 .

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA BRIEFING

COMMITTEE: Public Safety and Justice

LINE ITEM:

From: 026-1-026-3-228-36850

To: 026-1-026-3-228-52352

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2020

AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

ISSUE: Appropriation of Petco Grant Funds

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Robert Rafferty Jr. chose PCAPS as the recipient of a \$5,000.00 grant in memory of Robert Rafferty Sr. to be used for small animal housing at the shelter. PCAPS would like this money to be appropriated for use toward new housing units to accommodate small animals (rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, etc).

COUNTY BOARD GOALS:



FINANCIAL STABILITY



INFRASTRUCTURE STEWARDSHIP



EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY



HEALTHY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



COLLABORATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

COMMITTEE ACTION:

PREPARED BY: Becky Spencer

DEPARTMENT: PCAPS

DATE: March 4, 2020

Request for Proposal - \$5,000 - \$10,000 Honorarium Donation

7/9/2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

In the next several months I'm planning to make a memorial cash donation of \$5,000 - \$10,000 to an animal welfare organization in the name of my late father, Robert G. Rafferty. I prefer that this money remain local for local benefit. Your organization is one of several being considered to receive this money.

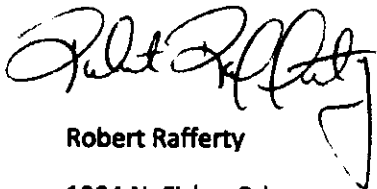
Please help me consider your organization by providing me the following information:

- I'd like to understand what your organization does for animal welfare – your primary focus, goals, mission statement, vision for enhancing, expanding or adding services, etc.
- I'd like understand generalities about your current organizational finances – what are the annual income and expenses (general dollar ranges OK), where does current funding come from, what are your biggest costs (food, veterinary, facilities, etc.)?
- I'd like to understand what, specifically, this donated money, would accomplish through your organization. I'm suggesting something like "With \$5,000 we could do xxx, with \$10,000 we could do yyy".
- I'd like to understand your suggestion of what could be done to honor my father, both as a ceremonial event (gathering of family and friends as the check is presented in his name) and as an ongoing memorial (plaque or messaging at your facility).

Please provide this information, in writing, by 7/31/2019. Once the replies are reviewed, I'll reach out with any further questions and for further discussion of next steps. I'm hoping to have this concluded within the next 30-60 days.

Your response about the questions above is important. It's how I'll screen and make choices. I'd like to receive your response in a consolidated reply, by mail, to my address below.

I encourage you to assemble and send a thoughtful response. Some local animal welfare organization will receive this money in the coming months. I encourage you to do your best to make it yours.



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Robert Rafferty
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July 16, 2019

Dear Robert,

My sincere condolences for the loss of your father. While we are thankful that you reached out to PCAPS on behalf of a possible donation, we are saddened to hear of the circumstances.

Let me start by telling you a bit about our operation. Peoria County Animal Protection Services is an open admission animal shelter taking in an average of 4,000 animals each year. As an open admission shelter, we turn no animal away. Domestic dogs, cats and, pocket pets, injured and orphaned wildlife and even exotic lizards and farm animals all find their way to our shelter. We turn no animal away. While many come to the shelter as strays, nearly 30% are brought to us by owners who could no longer keep their pets.

In addition to an animal shelter, we also serve as a premier Animal Control agency. We have 5 full-time Animal Control Officers that respond to over 15,000 calls for service each year. In one moment, we may be called to investigate a cruelty case, and in another to pick up an injured squirrel that fell out of a tree. Our agency is among the best in the nation as we have done amazing work with local government to create and enforce effective animal ordinances. Over the past ten years, our great work in the community has driven shelter intake numbers from over 10,000 unwanted animals coming into the shelter each year, to nearly 4,000.

Our amazing work on the Animal Control side of the business is what will sustain us far into the future. 60% of our approximate \$1.4M budget is generated from the mere purchase of rabies registration tags by Peoria County Residents. And while our organization is arm of the Peoria County government, we do not receive any tax dollars or federal funding to support our work. Revenues are also generated through contracts with local cities and municipalities for our Animal Control Services, along with money collected for adopted animals, fines and fees and of course, generous donors like yourself. PCAPS serves every municipality within Peoria County, along with the unincorporated areas.

We are excited that you have reached out to us as a potential recipient for such an important memorial donation. We have several projects that we would love to see come to fruition but have been put on the back burner for more important projects that have required funding. Our biggest expenditures are our team members that do all the hard work that makes us successful. While we are very thankful for the support of over 150

volunteers, we employ Animal Control Officers, Kennel Technicians, Administrative Assistants and Management to do the bulk of the work. Nearly 55% of our budget is consumed by the expenses of 17 associates. With other monies going to animal supplies and medical care, utilities, vehicles, and other important but mundane things, there is often not much left for updates, improvements, or special projects.

Built and equipped in the 1980's, our facility and animal housing areas are over 30 years old and it shows. With the help of a generous donation in memory of Sam Hou, we were able to recently remodel our cat adoption space from a room full of stainless steel cages to a free roaming cat room where the cats can interact freely with adopters. The impact of this memorial donation has helped take us from a facility that people visit to adopt an animal to a fun place that people come to "see the cats".

With a donation PCAPS could similarly remodel our small animal housing. Currently our rabbits, guinea pigs, and other small animals are housed in a matrix of wire cages that were put together many years ago. This bank of cages is troublesome for disease control and cleaning. The appeal of the kennels to adopters is minimal as the animals are housed behind bars. In addition, the current setup affords us no place for storage. As you can see in the photos, our supplies are often stored on top of the enclosure and must be placed there gently, as to not cause fear for the animals. There are metal pans, under the animals and their bedding that are cold, difficult to clean, trap urine and feces and become a hazard for disease control. In addition, the wall behind the enclosure is exposed, and can only be cleaned if the heavy enclosure is removed.



Note the supplies stored on top of the kennels



Note the exposed wall, behind the kennel



Note the "pan" under the animal, making it difficult to clean.

With a \$5,000 donation PCAPS could remodel our small animal housing, replacing current outdated cages with modern, easy-to-clean, adopter friendly, glass front animal housing kennels.



Note the smooth surfaces for easy of cleaning. 100% enclosed living space for no concerns of disease transmission or fingers in cages. Note the storage areas at the bottom of the enclosures for supplies.

With a donation of \$10,000 PCAPS could completely remodel our small animal housing room, replacing outdated cages with a modern, easy-to-clean, adopter friendly, glass front enclosure.



Note the variety of animals that can be housed in glass surround kennels (guinea pigs, rabbits, lizards, and even the tiniest of hamsters!) Our current cages support rabbits and large guinea pigs only.



Note the appeal for adopters to approach an "animal enclosure" instead of a "bank of cages". In animal shelters across the country, changes in animal housing has been proven to increase adoptions!

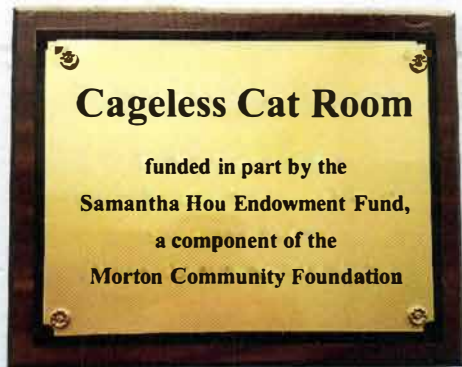
With such a generous donation, we would be pleased to honor your father in several ways. Upon completion of the project, we would host an open-house event to celebrate our new small animal enclosure. In addition to your family and friends, we could invite the public, send out press releases and use our social media resources to advertise the event. Should you prefer a more private event with friends and family only, that could certainly be accommodated. At the event, we would have a formal presentation of the memorial plaque that would be hung in a ceremony near the small animal enclosure. As a legacy for years to come, visitors to our small animal room would be reminded with this visual representation of both your father and your family's generosity.

Again, we offer our sincere condolences for your loss. We appreciate the opportunity to tell you more about our operation and our needs. Should you have any further questions or would like to tour our operations, prior to your final decision, please contact me directly. I would love to meet you.

Warm Regards,



Rebecca Spencer
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A memorial plaque in our cageless cat room honoring the memorial donation of Sam Hou which contributed largely to its success.

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD)
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COUNTY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS)

Your Public Safety and Justice Committee does hereby recommend passage of the following Resolution:

RE: Authorization to appropriate funding donated in memory of Robert Rafferty into the PCAPS non-capital equipment fund to purchase small animal kennels for display of adoptable animals.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Board has encouraged progressive actions to increase adoptions and reduce euthanasia, and;

WHEREAS, Robert Rafferty Jr. has donated \$5,000 in memory of Robert Rafferty Sr to PCAPS to be used for small animal housing, and;

WHEREAS, with the ability to better house and display small animals prior to adoption, would mean more lives saved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Peoria County, that the Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) donated by Robert Rafferty be appropriated into expenditure line item 026-1-026-3-228-52352 of the PCAPS fund for purchase of small animal kennels for display of adoptable animals.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee