



In-Place Health Services Committee Meeting

James Carius Community Room

Thursday, April 24, 2024 –6:17 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Jay Hall, Vice-Chair Greg Sinn, Jon Hopkins, Greg Longfellow

Committee Members Absent: Sam Goddard, Roy Paget, Sierra Smith

Others Attending: Mike Deluhery, County Administrator
Amy Fox, Health Dept.

Animal Control Director Libby Aeschleman provided a summary of the Feral Cat Trap Neuter Return Program. She stated that feral cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to the geographic area where they came from. She stated that a mobile clinic would perform the sterilizations. Director Aeschleman stated that a female kitten starts reproducing as early as five months old and their gestation is only 10 weeks long. She stated they can average 3-4 litters a year, 5-6 kittens per litter. She stated that one un-spayed cat and her offspring can produce more than 400,000 cats in its lifetime. She stated that approximately 27,500 feral cats reside in Tazewell County. She stated that this program would reduce the cat colony population by nearly 70%. She stated that there is \$3,000 in the budget that would get the program started and is hoping for sponsors.

MOTION

MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER LONGFELLOW to approve the Feral Cat Trap Neuter Return Program

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Hall recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)