

AT A CONTINUATION OF THE JULY 7, 2009 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009, AT 5:00 P. M. IN THE GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER, 6722 SUTTON LANE, GLOUCESTER, VIRGINIA:

THERE WERE PRESENT: Michelle R. Ressler, Chair
Gregory Woodard, Vice Chair
Charles R. Allen, Jr.
Robert A. Crewe
Christian D. Rilee
Louise D. Theberge
Brenda G. Garton, County Administrator
Edwin "Ted" Wilmot, County Attorney

THERE WERE ABSENT: Teresa L. Altemus

THERE WERE ALSO PRESENT:

The following individuals from the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society Board of Directors attended: Dieter Hoinkes, President; Emily Barbee, Vice President; Sara Delo, Secretary; Shannon Fedors; MaryAnn Hubbard; Kathy Kauffman; Norman Malo; Rennie Dutton and Penny Thompson. Also in attendance was Ellen Thacker, Executive Director of the Gloucester-Mathews Human Society and Ralph Jackson, Chair of the Building Committee.

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mrs. Ressler, Chair, called the meeting to order and Ms. Dawn Hobgood, Deputy Clerk, took roll call.

IN RE: TOUR OF GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER

Mr. Hoinkes, Mr. Jackson and Ms. Thacker were the facilitators of the tour and provided the following information about the front lobby area.

- 1) In 1984, the shelter was located off Rang Tang Road with 1,500 square feet of space.
- 2) The new facility located at 6722 Sutton Road with 15,000 square feet of space.
- 3) The Building Committee started planning over four and a half years ago.
- 4) The Committee wanted to accomplish the three goals.
 - a. Be inviting to the public.
 - b. Be efficient for staff.
 - c. Be extremely healthy for the animals.
- 5) It was pointed out that you cannot hear the dogs barking and all the cats were sleeping.

Ms. Altemus joined the tour.

- 6) The facility is energy efficient with high tech lighting.
- 7) The money to build the new facility consisted of 92 percent private donations and 8 percent came from Mathews County.
- 8) The facility was estimated to cost \$3.5 million, which came in at \$3.2 million.
- 9) When entering the lobby the design was conceived to be like a shopping mall with everything open and visible.

The facility consisted of the following rooms and facilities behind the lobby area.

- 1) Cat Mall – it was noted the other facility's cat room was not compliant.

Features included:

 - a. Air ventilation system – circulates air out and the HVAC system pulls fresh air in – each cat pod has its own exhaust system.
 - b. Epoxy flooring and paint.
 - c. Moisture resistant ceilings.
 - d. Litter boxes in center of cages separate from cats living/playing area.
 - e. Free roaming cats.
 - f. Cat Condo's.
- 2) Retail Shop
- 3) Two dog rooms that provide the feeling of being in a home.

- 4) Puppy Room
 - 5) Interview Room
 - 6) Indoor/Outdoor Kenneling
 - 7) Interview Room
 - 8) Ten Glass-Enclosed Homerooms for Kenneling.
 - a. Remote Control Pressure Washing System
 - 9) Grooming Room
 - 10) Food Storage Room
 - 11) Five outside exercise areas – all separate from each other.
 - 12) Volunteers clean the kennels and walk the dogs first thing in the morning.
 - 13) Cat Observation Room
 - 14) Cat Isolation Room
 - 15) Canine Observation Room
 - 16) Exam Room
 - 17) Temporary Holding Rooms
 - 18) Canine Observation Room
 - 19) Laundry Room
 - 20) Lights are manually turned on and off for day and night.
- The following handout was provided at the conclusion of the tour.

GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.
Serving the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck

History

- Founded in 1912 by a group of citizens from Gloucester and Mathews Counties
- One of Gloucester County's oldest non-profit organizations
- One of the oldest continually operating shelters in the United States
- Serves the counties and communities of the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck

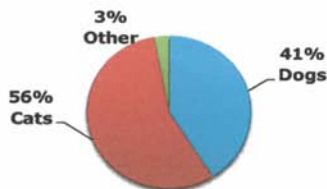
Pound vs. Shelter

Pound - A pound is most often used as another name for an animal control facility. Animals are kept for a pre-determined amount of time. Its purpose is to take strays, forfeited and seized animals and it generally operates with public funds.

Shelter - A shelter takes in animals surrendered by their owners, strays and other animals in need of homes. Animals are cleaned, groomed and socialized in preparation for adoption. Shelters are supported by private funds, donations, municipalities and fees for service.

The shelter housed 3,323 animals in 2008:

70% of all animals came from Gloucester County

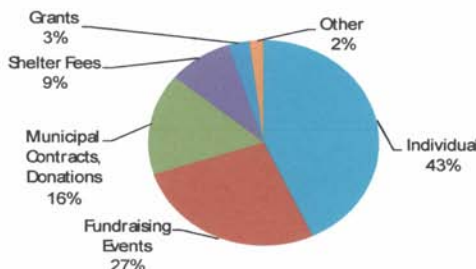


Operating Information:

2008 Operating Budget:	\$494,200
Total Employees (full and part time)	27
Youth Volunteer Corps	25 and growing
Adult Volunteer Corps	200 and growing
Teen employment resource	
Special needs/ gifted youth and adult volunteer opportunities	

Revenue Sources (2008):

Individual Contributions	43%
Fundraising Events	27%
Municipal Contracts, Donations	16%
Shelter-generated Fees	9%
Grants	3%
Other (Investments, etc.)	2%



Gloucester County Partnership

- GMHS provides fee-based large animal/livestock holding for Gloucester County
- GMHS is contracted to provide full-service cleaning and disinfection services for the Gloucester County Animal Control facility
- Adoption exposure and promotion for approved intakes of Gloucester County Animal Control

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Woodard moved, seconded by Mr. Crewe, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried upon the following vote: Mr. Allen, yes; Ms. Altemus, yes; Mr. Crewe, yes; Mr. Rilee, yes; Ms. Theberge, yes; Mr. Woodard, yes; Mrs. Ressler, yes.

Michelle R. Ressler, Chair

Brenda G. Garton, County Administrator