

WORKPLACE SAFETY BOARD MINUTES
September 24, 2013

Members Present: Tim Krell, Paul Palazzolo, Robert Salmon, Brian Schackmann, Colleen Swaim

Members Absent: Clyde Bunch, Brad Burnett, Mike Long, Dave Mendenhall, Gray Noll

Others Present: Jack Campbell, Greg Largent, Denise McCrady, Angela Sexton, Charlie Stratton

Palazzolo called the meeting to order.

Largent was present to discuss Case 24. Largent indicated that protective wear, such as a dog bite sleeve, could be beneficial. Largent will look into such items and will return to the Committee in October. Largent will also report back to the Committee on a ramp/conveyor belt type of device to use for loading and unloading animals. Topics discussed with Largent included how animals are evaluated when they arrive at the ACC, the length of time an animal is kept at the Center, and euthanizing of animals. It was also discussed if unionized employees can be required to wear protective gear if it is not covered in the collective bargained contract.

Campbell was present to discuss Case 29, 30, 32, 33, 38, 40, 42, and 44. Campbell reported that the cleaning of the floors is completed on the midnight shift. It was suggested that signs be posted reminding employees to be more cautious and to use fans to help dry the floors quicker. Campbell also reported that legal counsel is being sought on the issue of mandating officers to carry a taser. Even if it is required that an officer carries a taser, they cannot be forced to use the taser. The Committee discussed with Campbell regarding that all new hires meet a physical fitness for duty requirement. This will be checked into. It was also discussed the use of rams for when officers are making a forcible entry. It was requested that the use of a ram be made part of procedure when serving a warrant. If so, additional rams may possibly be purchased with grant funds.

McCrady reported that the video surveillance that had been indicated on the Form 45 for Case 45 is no longer in existence.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned.