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For: Immediate Release – Board of Commissioners Accept Offer of Shelter
Addition from Friends Of The Animals For The Jackson Area, Inc.

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JACKSON, Mich.- On Tuesday night, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners formally voted to accept an offer from the local Non-Profit organization Friends Of The Animals For The Jackson Area, Inc. to finance and construct an estimated 400 square foot addition to the Jackson County Animal Shelter.

Friends Of The Animals For The Jackson Area, Inc. is a locally based non-profit organization created to assist needy animals in the Jackson, MI Area. They strive to make a difference in the lives of these animals and people who care for them. The “Friends” organization’s Mission Statement is:

To provide financial and volunteer support to non-profit organizations and government run facilities that provide care and support to homeless, abused and/or neglected animals in the Jackson, MI area.

The Friends Of The Animals For The Jackson Area, Inc. offer of financing and constructing an estimated 400 square foot addition to the Cat Room is timely. JCAS has made great strides over the last

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several years by increasing the standards of care for animals in its possession and reaching out to the community at large with off-site and on-site adoption events. Our volunteer base has been growing and JCAS has developed in-house programs to assist our volunteers in there service. This State of the Art addition to the existing Cat Room will provide a simulated “living room environment” for the confinement and sheltering of cats. Not only will this sheltering arrangement help decrease stress levels for the cats, but an added benefit of the lower stress levels will be decreased disease infection rates. The adoption process is also anticipated to be enhanced as this addition will also have a central sitting area for adoption counseling services.

The Jackson County Animal Shelter has benefitted greatly due to “Friends” donations of financial support for large scale projects that would have not occurred otherwise. Other projects include a large fenced in meet and greet area, additional cat room condos and new sanitary stainless steel gates in the small dog/puppy kennel area.

This construction project is by far the largest project undertaken by the “Friends” to benefit the Jackson County Animal Shelter. Upon signing of an agreement with Jackson County, “Friends” will commence the step by step process of hiring an architectural/design/build firm to develop construction drawings, soliciting construction bids, selecting construction firm and breaking ground in the spring. Completion of the project is estimated to be in the fall.

Additional information concerning this project is available from Don Hayduk, Jackson County Animal Shelter Director at 517-768-1659.

The Friends Of The Animals For The Jackson Area, Inc. website is

<http://www.friendsoftheanimalsjackson.org/>

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