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New Animal Shelter Update

ATHENS, TENNESSEE- May 31, 2023- Athens Public Works has announced that construction has begun on a new Animal Shelter. The new building will feature three entrances, an adoption center, animal shelter, and spay and neuter clinic all under one roof.

The shelter will have 22 indoor/outdoor kennels and 10 indoor kennels, along with isolation rooms, a mom and pups room, and a meet and greet room. These indoor/outdoor kennels will help keep disease down and aide in the cleaning of kennels. The kennels are a modular, pre-fab custom made kennel made specifically for this building. The outdoor kennels will be covered and safe for all weather conditions. The new building will also have a cat room, kitten room, and cat quarantine room. The building is also sprinkled for safety of both animals, staff, and volunteers. In addition to the kennels, the shelter will also feature a commercial washer and dryer, bathing area, and feed prep area. This facility will provide a safe environment for animals in need of care, even the flooring is specialized for slip resistance and safe for claws.

The partnership with the McMinn Regional Humane Society will continue with the new facility. MRHS will continue to operate the adoption and spay and neuter clinic component of the building. They are in the middle of their capital campaign raising funds for the clinic operations and necessary medical equipment.

Kevin Helms of City of Athens, said: "We are excited to be able to offer these new facilities to our community. This new building will help us better serve the animals in our care. The building construction is moving along and we anticipate a great relief on our resources when all the care, adoption, and shelter facilities are at one location."

For more information about the new Animal Shelter, please visit www.athenstn.gov. For more information about the McMinn Regional Humane Society, please visit www.mrhumane.org

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