

INCIDENT AT ANIMAL GAS CHAMBER NOT EXPECTED TO SPEED CHANGE

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FULL TEXT

St. Clair County probably will not speed its move toward euthanizing animals by injection, despite an incident last week in which the county's veterinarian was overcome during a test of the county's animal gas chamber.

"The animal rights folks may think it's a big deal and a reason to speed things up," said county board chairman John Baricevic. "I think there are other issues more important."

Baricevic said Dr. Tom Amlung was running a test of the chamber for state officials at the animal shelter in South Belleville on Thursday afternoon and prematurely opened the chamber door.

"He got a whiff of gas and passed out," Baricevic said. Amlung was treated at a hospital and released. Baricevic said Amlung was back at work that same day.

"Anytime an employee is injured, anytime you have procedures that aren't followed, it's important," Baricevic said. "In the big picture, I don't consider it a major event."

Some St. Clair County residents have been pushing to replace the gas chamber with lethal injection. They argue that the chamber is inhumane.

Baricevic said smaller animals currently were being destroyed by injection, while larger animals were still being gassed. Gradually, he said, he expects most if not all animals to be destroyed by injection.

Amlung could not be reached for comment.

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