

Animal Shelter Board Meeting

13 July 2021 @ 6pm

Carter County Courthouse

The Animal Shelter Board met on 13 July 2021 @ 6 pm in the Courthouse courtroom.

Chairman Mike Barnett called meeting to order. Chairman Barnett asked for roll to be called. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Dr. Bob Acuff, Sonja Culler, Mike Simerly and Wes Frazier. Members absent was Kelly Collins and Mayor Curt Alexander.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked everyone to review the minutes as presented. Sonja Culler made a motion to accept minutes as presented and motion second by Dr. Bob Acuff. All members present voted Aye. Members absent from vote was Kelly Collins and Mayor Curt Alexander.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked Director Posada to give some shelter updates and numbers.

Director Posada stated the leak at the kennel area had been repaired by the previous plumber. Director Posada stated there was no way of knowing if the leak was completely fixed due to not being able to turn the water completely on due to the pump not currently working. Director Posada stated that she had received an email from Joey White that stated he is waiting on a recommendation of a replacement pump and price. Chairman Mike Barnett explained he had received the same email and in communications with Joey White the replacement pump will need to be completed with new housing and pump. Mike Barnett said Joey White had been in contact with the plumbers who stated that they had been working short staffed. Mike Barnett stated he would continue communications with Joey White to resolve replacing the grinder pump. Director Posada stated its typical kitten and puppy season. She said the shelter has several litters of kittens at the shelter and in foster. Director Posada stated the shelter continues to work with Petsence of Elizabethton in adoptions. Director Posada gave some numbers for the month of June 2021 and the fiscal year 2020-2021 as followed:

June 2021

Cat intakes 119 Dog intakes 69

June Adoptions

Cat adoptions 69 with 1 cat RTO Dog adoptions 32 with 14 dogs RTO

Current number at shelter

Cats 143 and 23 Kittens in Foster Dogs 54

Total ACO calls for the month 48

Fiscal yearly counts for 2020-2021

Cat intakes 963



Dog intakes 565

Ferret intakes 1

Goat intakes 1

Rabbit intakes 1

Total intakes 1531

Number adopted, RTO, Transferred to Rescue, Deceased and Euthanized 1407

Board members discussed 501C3. Board members updated MTAS & CTAS are continuing to work on the study. Members discussed several questions they hope to have answered when the study is complete. Citizens in attendance voiced their opinions of the 501C3. Citizens gave concerns of setting the shelter up for failure by forcing a 501C3 in the economic times for the county.

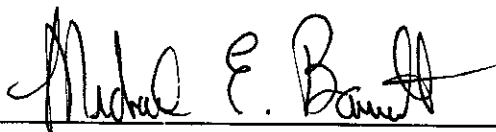
Board members discussed the budget as presented. Also discussed was the projected donations for this fiscal year. Director Posada stated there is no way to predict the future donations as many things could change in the next several months. Several citizens had concerns due to the budget cuts that may affect the shelter and community in a negative way.

Chairman Mike Barnett stated he appreciated the staff off the shelter. Chairman Barnett said he feels the shelter has been singled out and it just isn't fair. Chairman Barnett said the shelter staff has continued to provide adequate care for the animals received into the shelter and he knows without proper funding these animals may be the ones to suffer. Director Posada bragged on the shelter staff for the continued care, love and attention they give to shelter animals.

Board members discussed the final vote on the budget would come from the full commission on 19 July 2021. Board members was all in hopes the budget would be passed but expected a quiet different outcome due to previous comments made by certain commissioners.

Next meeting was scheduled 10 Aug. 2021

Approved
By: _____

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