

## **Animal Shelter Board Meeting Minutes**

**23 Sep.2021**

**Carter County Courthouse**

**The Animal Shelter met on 23 Sep. 2021 at the Carter County Courthouse. The original scheduled board meeting was rescheduled due to members being absent.**

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

**Chairman Mike Barnett asked for approval of minutes. Sonja Culler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was second by Mike Simerly. All voted aye with Kelly Collins abstaining from vote.**

**Chairman Mike Barnett asked Director Posada to give some shelter updates. Director Posada gave shelter numbers as followed:**

**Aug. 2021**

**Cat Intakes 79 and 1 cat returned to owner and 14 kittens/cats returned from foster**

**Dog Intakes 40 and 9 returned to owner and 3 dogs returned from foster**

**1 Rabbit returned to owner**

**Cats/kittens adopted 90**

**Dog/puppy adoptions 57**

**Current shelter numbers**

**Cats /kittens 129 with 21 in foster**

**Dogs/puppies 39 with 2 in foster and 7 currently on cruelty hold**

**Director Posada stated she had sent an email to Chris Sims @ 911, Chief Jason Shaw and Sherriff Dexter Lunceford about ACO being reinstated on 6 Sep. 2021. Director Posada she stated in her email that she had advised the ACO officer would not be answering his phone during his normal church service times. Director Posada stated with one ACO, there would be times he may be delayed or out of reach for calls. Director Posada asked for patients and understanding of any delays.**

**Director Posada stated the shelter would be hosting a Live at 5 event on 28 Sep. 2021. Director posada stated this event is to aid the public in participating in volunteering and adoptions for those who work later. Director also stated the shelter is having an adoption event on 2 Oct. 2021 at the shelter with reduced fees.**

**Chairman Mike Barnett gave an update on the information he received from Joey White with the grinder pump issues. Director Posada stated she had forwarded the current information to county**

attorney Josh Hardin and city attorney Roger Day. Chairman Mike Barnett stated the engineer was considering problem with the existing fall of the lines connecting to the man hole. Mike Simerly agreed to bring issue up at the next city council meeting.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked for an update on the current shelter contract that was being proposed. Mike Simerly stated the city and council would be informed after the contract was discussed by the mayors and city and county attorneys. Board members discussed having a smaller number of board members along with the new contract. Board members stressed concerns if 2 members are absent such as at this meeting, they would not have a quorum. Board members agreed to discuss once the new contract was presented.

Board members had discussion about donations being given to the shelter. Director Posada stated she had spoken with the finance director. Director Posada said the finance director was working on the donations and how to accurately appropriate them. Board members discussed the county commission passed all donations and money that is left from fiscal budgets would remain in the shelters revenue account.

Director Posada discussed with the board members the desperate need of a spay and neuter clinic connected with the shelter. Director Posada said the main reason so many animals has not been spayed or neutered is because of the rising cost of veterinary services. Director Posada said she has been speaking with others concerning the need in our area. Director Posada stated to the board because of no stricter laws for spaying and neutering, this is allowing the high population of cats & dogs the shelter is receiving. Board members agreed to move forward and review the information director Posada receives about a spay & neuter facility.

Director Posada asked the city if they could revisit utilizing the nice area around the pond outback. Board members discussed utilizing that area as a walking area for the dogs. City council members agreed to come by one evening and walk the area and explore the possibilities for that area.

Next meeting schedule 12 Oct. 2021 at the County Courthouse

Motion to adjourn was made by Sonja Culler and second by Mike Simerly

Approved

By \_\_\_\_\_