

Animal Shelter Board Meeting

11 Jan. 2022 @ 6 pm

Carter County Courthouse

The Animal Shelter Board met on 11 Jan. 2022 A6pm at the Carter County Courthouse

Chairman Mike Barnett called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Mike Barnett asked board members to read over the minutes presented and advise of any changes needed. Minutes could not be approved due to many members being absent.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked for Director Posada to give shelter updates. Director Posada stated the shelter had some very successful adoption events through the holidays. Director Posada stated they had a great visit with Santa at the shelter as well. Director Posada stated there has been tremendous amount of strays running at large and being turned into the shelter. Director Posada gave some shelter numbers as followed:

December 2021

Cat intakes 53 Dog intakes 43

Cat adoptions 56 Dog adoptions 42

Returned to owner:

1 cat 12 dogs 2 rabbits

Current numbers

Cats 70 6 cats in foster

Dogs 41 2 Dogs in foster

Yearly totals

Cat intakes 994 Dog intakes 559

Rabbits 6 goats 1 ferret 1

Returned to owner in 2021

Cats 13

Dogs 147

Director Posada stressed the importance of spaying and neutering to help prevent these numbers from climbing monthly and yearly. Director Posada stated this is a goal to address and work on having stricter laws for our county.

Chairman Mike Barnett addressed the grinder pump issue being resolved. Chairman Barnett explained he had spoken with Joey from Reedy & Sykes and he had advised per the engineer to have the grinder pump line relocated. Board members advised to have a letter from the engineer with the recommendations to complete and correct the current issues with the grinder pump.

Chairman Mike Barnett discussed with the board members the plan to enclose the back dog runs. Chairman Mike Barnett explained the Friends of the Shelter will be paying all expenses for enclosing the back dog runs. Chairman Mike Barnett discussed with city manager Daniel Estes about permits that may be needed to get construction complete.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked for updates regarding the shelter contract that is being discussed between the city and county. Board members discussed the changes that had been made to the contract between city county mayors and attorneys. Dr. Bob Acuff and Mike Simerly discussed having two representatives from both city and county to work together to reach an agreement.

Board members questioned the understanding of the money that may be left over in the budget in this fiscal year. Director Posada stated it was her understanding any money left over in the fiscal year budget would remain in the shelters reserve account. Director Posada stated it is her understanding that any unspent money for this fiscal year will not return to the general fund. Dr. Bob Acuff mentioned in an email that had been sent to the finance director asking about the donation money left over from previous years. Director Posada stated to date she has not received a response.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked Director Posada to discuss a spay & neuter facility that she had been working on. Director Posada said she had spoken with several individuals about a spay and neuter facility for our community. Director Posada stated she had met with a contractor who helped draw up some plans for a spay & neuter facility. Director Posada stated the need for a spay & neuter facility for our community. Director Posada stated some of the issues the shelter is having with appointments for spays and neuters. Director Posada stated most veterinarian clinics are booking spay & neuter appointments out anywhere from 4 to 10 weeks in advance. Director Posada stated a spay and neuter facility would help our entire community as well as decreasing the number of intakes into the shelter. Director Posada stated the more we can have spayed and neutered, the less puppies and kittens enter the shelter.

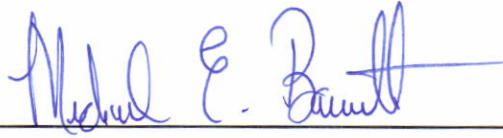
Board members discussed many benefits of having a spay and neuter facility.

Next meeting scheduled 8 February 2022 at 6 pm at the county courthouse.

Chairman Mike Barnett made motion to adjourn.

Approved

By

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