



Blount County Government

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Animal Center Advisory Board

Commissioner Richard Carver, Chairperson
Commissioner Mike Akard, Vice Chair
Commissioner Jessica Hannah
Board Member Angie Holley
Commissioner Staci Martin
Board Member Carl Koella
Board Member Chris Protzman
Board Member Pam Ragon
Commissioner Linda Webb

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

6:00 PM

Blount County Animal Center

Roll Call

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Animal Center of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board Chairman Rick Carver called the meeting to order. There were 6 members present and 3 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. In addition to the Animal Center Advisory Board members, others present were: Blount County Animal Center Director Ron Crowe. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Board Member Carl Koella, Commissioner Staci Martin, and Board Member Pam Ragon
- Absent** 3 - Board Member Angie Holley, Board Member Chris Protzman, and Commissioner Linda Webb

A. Setting of Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hannah, that the agenda be set. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none were opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

B. Public Input on Items on the Agenda.

There was none.

C. Approval of Minutes.

1. [Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2024-Feb-27](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Koella, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none were opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

2. [Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [1941 M Animal Center Advisory Board 24-05-28 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Ragon, seconded by Commissioner Hannah, that the minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none were opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

D. Old Business.

There was none.

E. New Business.

1. Report from the Blount County Animal Center Staff.

Blount County Animal Center Director Ron Crowe gave the quarterly report that included the budget review; statistics intake/outcome; and nationwide trends shows lack of adopters in recent months. Board Member Pam Ragon spoke about the Friends of BCAC, Party for the Animals "Fiesta Night". Mr. Crowe spoke about volunteer time - couldn't do it without them; cleaning and organizing around the center; and experiencing burnout (emotions, fatigue, etc.) with volunteers and staff.

A motion was made by Board Member Koella, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the next meeting of the Animal Center Advisory Board be rescheduled from November 26, 2024, to November 19, 2024. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none were opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

F. Public Input on Items Not on the Agenda.

There was none.

G. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board adjourned on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:42 p.m.