



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

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, June 27, 2023

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, June 27, 2023, 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 5 members present, and 4 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 5 - Commissioner Richard Carver, Board Member Carl Koella, Board Member Chris Protzman, Board Member Pam Ragon, and Commissioner Linda Webb
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Board Member Angie Holley, and Commissioner Staci Martin

A. Setting of Agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Koella, seconded by Board Member Protzman, that the agenda be set. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

B. Public Input on Items on the Agenda.

C. Approval of Minutes.

- [Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for March 07, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [Draft Minutes 2023-Mar-07](#)

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

D. Old Business.

E. New Business.

1. [Discussion and Possible Action on the Revised Animal Control Ordinance.](#)

Attachments: [animal control ordinance 05-25-23 Final Revision \(1\)](#)

The Chairman recognized Blount County Animal Center Director Charles Rafford to brief the members on the proposed changes to the County's Animal Control Ordinance. The revisions he mentioned included: the designation of dangerous dogs to be determined by the Blount County General Sessions Court; the addition of level one dangerous dogs designation; structured spay / neuter requirements; shelter / shade / environment requirements; guidelines for outdoor restaurants to allow service / emotional support animals; and guidelines for tethering dogs.

A motion was made by Board Member Koella, seconded by Board Member Ragon, that the revised ordinance be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

F. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Board Member Protzman, that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting of the Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board adjourned on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:07 p.m.