



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Final

Animal Center Advisory Board

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 433

Roll Call

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. There were 7 members present, and 2 absent. Chairman Anderson declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 7 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Board Member Carl Koella, Commissioner Staci Martin, Board Member Pam Ragon, and Commissioner Linda Webb
- Absent** 2 - Board Member Angie Holley, and Board Member Chris Protzman

Election of Animal Center Advisory Board Chairperson

Chairman Anderson opened the floor for nominations of a Chairperson on the Animal Center Advisory Board. Board Member Koella nominated Rick Carver. That was seconded by Commissioner Webb. A motion was made by Commissioner Akard that nominations cease. Chairman Anderson asked if there was any objection to ceasing nominations. There was none. A voice vote was taken on the motion with all voting aye, and none were opposed. Chairman Anderson declared the floor closed for nominations.

A voice vote was taken on the nomination with all voting aye, and none were opposed. Chairman Anderson declared Commissioner Carver to be elected as Chairman of the Animal Center Advisory Board.

Election of Animal Center Advisory Board Vice Chair

Chairman Anderson opened the floor for nominations of a Vice Chair on the Animal Center Advisory Board. Board Member Koella nominated Mike Akard. That was seconded by Commissioner Carver. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin that nominations cease. Chairman Anderson asked if there was any objection to ceasing nominations. There was none. A voice vote was taken on the motion with all voting aye, and none were opposed. Chairman Anderson declared the floor closed for nominations.

A voice vote was taken on the nomination with all voting aye, and none were opposed. Chairman Anderson declared Commissioner Akard to be elected as Vice Chair of the Animal Center Advisory Board.

Chairman Anderson turned the floor over to the Animal Center Advisory Board Chairman Rick Carver.

A. Setting of Agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Koella, seconded by Commissioner Akard, 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.

There was none.

C. Approval of Minutes.

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

Attachments: [Animal Center Advisory Board Minutes 2024-Aug-27](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Koella, seconded by Board Member Ragon, 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.

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; new practice requiring a 72-hour hold on owner surrenders; building update; noise dampening berm; and property fence and kennels.

2. Other.

F. Public Input on Items Not on the Agenda.

There was none.

G. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Board Member Koella, seconded by Commissioner Hannah, that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board adjourned on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:25 p.m.