



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Animal Center Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Animal Center in Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board Chairman Rick Carver called the meeting to order, and advised that Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty would preside over the appointment of the chairperson. There were 5 members present and 3 absent with the late arrival of Commissioner Mike Akard. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Richard Carver, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Vice Chair Tom Hood, and Board Member Pam Ragon
- Absent** 3 - Board Member Angie Holley, Board Member Carl Koella, and Board Member Chris Protzman

Election of Animal Center Advisory Board Chairperson

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations of Animal Center Advisory Board Chairperson. Commissioner Hill nominated Rick Carver. That was seconded by Commissioner Crowe.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, that nominations cease. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, none opposed. The Clerk declared nominations closed.

A voice vote was taken on the nomination with all members voting aye, none opposed. The Clerk declared Commissioner Rick Carver the Chairman of the Animal Center Advisory Board.

Election of Animal Center Advisory Board Vice Chair

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations of Animal Center Advisory Board Vice Chair. Commissioner Hill nominated Tom Hood. That was seconded by Commissioner Crowe.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that nominations cease. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, none opposed. The Chairman declared nominations closed.

A voice vote was taken on the nomination with all members voting aye, none opposed. The Chairman declared Commissioner Tom Hood the Vice Chair of the Animal Center Advisory Board.

A. Setting of Agenda.

A motion was made by Board Member Ragon, seconded by Commissioner Hood, that the agenda be set. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, 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 November 30, 2021.](#)**

Attachments: [Minutes 2021-Nov-30](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Board Member Ragon, that the Minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

D. Old Business.**E. New Business.****1. Report from the Blount County Animal Center Staff.**

Blount County Animal Center Director Charles Rafford gave a quarterly report that included: budget review; year-to-date statistics; budget process for FY22-23; COVID impact; Klitty Kamp at Alnwick Community Center; building assessment; noise abatement; replacement HVAC unit for surgery; Cat Snip Program - spay/neuter cats for free - there is no program for dogs; records storage; animal control ordinance; and commercial dishwashing machine.

There was no action taken.

2. Other.

The Chairman recognized the Blount County Animal Welfare Society (BCAWS). BCAWS representatives Kristin Baksa and Judy Graham gave a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about their efforts. BCAWS would like to work with Blount County to fine-tune ordinances relating to tethering and sheltering.

There was no action taken.

F. Public Input on Items Not on the Agenda.

There was none.

G. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hood, to adjourn. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board meeting adjourned on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:14 p.m.