



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Final

Animal Center Advisory Board

Tuesday, August 30, 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, August 30, 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. There were 5 members present and 4 absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 5 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Richard Carver, Vice Chair Tom Hood, Board Member Chris Protzman, and Board Member Pam Ragon
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Board Member Angie Holley, and Board Member Carl Koella

A. Setting of Agenda.

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

Yes: 5 - Akard, Carver, Hood, Protzman, and Ragon

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Crowe, Hill, Holley, and Koella

Abstain: 0

B. Public Input on Items on the Agenda.

There was none.

C. Approval of Minutes.

1. [Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for May 31, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Hood, that the Minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, none opposed. 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 (FYTD 13% underspent); Friends of Blount County Animal Center budget (FYTD 8.8% underspent); intake for FY 21-22 was 2,084 animals and outtake was 2,033 animals; over 90% successful outcome rate, considered a "no-kill shelter"; intake for FYTD is 175 dogs and 185 cats; outcome for FYTD is 426 total; dish machine project completed; viewing room redone; trailer converted into storage area for surplus food given to public; installed fence/gate; hired Joe Swift as Animal Control Officer; upgraded an animal control vehicle; requests Commission support for commercial washing machine in upcoming meeting; receiving berm from Highway Department; expansion progress report (Friends of Blount County Animal Center raised \$775,000; meet with Purchasing Department on Friday, October 2, 2022 at 8:30); moved box records to archives; suggested changes to Animal Control Ordinance regarding shelters, tethering, animals per acreage, livestock, and dangerous dogs; and reached out to City of Alcoa and City of Maryville about creating a county-wide ordinance.

There was no action taken.

2. Other.

The Chairman recognized the Blount County Animal Welfare Society (BCAWS). BCAWS representative Kristin Baksa suggested three main issues (shelter, tethering, and overpopulation) they would like to see eradicated in the next Ordinance.

There was no action taken.

F. Public Input on Items Not on Agenda.

There was none.

G. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Hood, to adjourn. The Chairman declare the meeting adjourned. The Blount County Animal Center Advisory Board meeting adjourned on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 6:41 p.m.