

April 29, 2020

**BURKE COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

The Burke County Animal Advisory Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, gathering restrictions, and the stay at home order initiated by North Carolina Governor, Roy Cooper, the meeting was held via Zoom. Members present were:

PRESENT:	Debbie Hawkins Gwen Stephens Amy Burnette Megan Bradley Dr. Linda Schilkowsky
ABSENT:	Jeff Robinson Allen Keller
ALSO PRESENT:	Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director and Rebecca McLeod, Health Director (Resource for AAB)
ALSO ABSENT:	

CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:12pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Amy Burnette
SECONDER: Megan Bradley
AYES: Debbie Hawkins, Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Gwen Stephens
ABSENT: Allen Keller and Jeff Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

ACTION ITEMS

ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with Commissioner Johnny Carswell, Animal Control, Sheriff Whisnant, and County Manager Bryan Steen and others to discuss ordinance recommendations from the last meeting – some ordinances were agreed upon and some were not. Revised draft was sent to each AAB member via email. It was agreed that there should be a statement regarding an appeals process for rescue groups that have had their pull rights suspended as a result of an unsatisfactory audit. Gwen to draft a statement and work with Debbie to review.

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ANIMAL SERVICES UPDATE

- Covid 19 – Limited intake to emergencies only (dangerous animals, ill, and/or injured) and seeing an increase in fosters and adopters.
- Working with Best Friends Animal Society to bulk up foster and volunteer programs.
- Current numbers: 62 animals in care and 43 of those are in foster homes - Over half of the fosters are fosters with intent to adopt.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Reappointments Approaching
- Quarterly Audits
- Dangerous Animals Committee
- Public Service Announcement Update
- Commissioner’s Meeting Update
- Community Cat Pilot Group Update

ADJOURNED AT 5:26P.M.

There was no further business to come before the Board.

Motion: To adjourn.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Amy Burnette
SECONDER:	Megan Bradley
AYES:	Debbie Hawkins, Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Gwen Stephens
ABSENT:	Allen Keller and Jeff Robinson

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Approved this ____th day of May 2020.

Debbie Hawkins
Chairperson, Animal Advisory Board