

May 27, 2020

**BURKE COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

The Burke County Animal Advisory Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing recommendations regarding social distancing and limited gatherings, the meeting was held via Zoom. Members present were:

PRESENT:	Debbie Hawkins Gwen Stephens Amy Burnette Megan Bradley Dr. Linda Schilkowsky Allen Keller
ABSENT:	Jeff Robinson
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 5:04pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

ACTION ITEMS

QUARTERLY AUDITS

1. Partners for Cats – Caesar & Sylvester
2. Burke County Friends for Animals – Pomeranian
3. Pisgah PAWS – Neptune – suspended for failed inspection
4. Brother Wolf Animal Rescue - Taffy

To discuss rescue suspension regarding failed inspections, ordinance, etc. with County Attorney, JR Simpson.

ANIMAL SERVICES FOUNDATION

Nonprofit foundation for Animal Services to assist with programming, medical expenses, fundraising for the new shelter, community engagement, education, etc. This group will be an active part of the shelter. Recommendations regarding solicitation of grants and development of a board and bylaws. The group will need to start small to get a foothold to eventually build upon.

ORDINANCE REVISIONS

- Horses – Regarding the protection of equine. No current ordinances specifying the care of equine.
- Pet Shops – The sale of animals within the county – flea markets, etc.

COMMUNITY CAT PILOT PROGRAM

Still on hold due to Covid-19.

PSA UPDATE

All PSAs sent except 1 – They're currently being broadcasted on 92.1 at 4:00PM daily.

ANIMAL SERVICES UPDATE

- Covid 19 – Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, intake is now on a managed basis. Owner surrenders are accepted by appointment only. The lobby has been reconfigured to allow more space to follow social distancing recommendations.
- Animal Control – Three new shelter positions have been created for animal control – One supervisor position and 2 officers. Formerly, Animal Control was managed by Sheriff Steve Whisnant and housed at the Sheriffs Department. The new positions will be managed under County Manager, Bryan Steen, and will be housed at Animal Services. These positions will be directly supervised by the Animal Services Director and will be on call after hours. Anticipated hire date is July 1.
- Kittenpalooza – Cat and Kitten reduced fee adoption event scheduled for Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13th.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Reappointments Approaching
- Quarterly Audits - Results
- Recommendations from Best Friends Animal Society – Kaitlin to ask
- Feedback from JR regarding license and pull suspension
- Public Service Announcement Update

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- Community Cat Pilot Group Update

ADJOURNED AT 6:18P.M.

There was no further business to come before the Board.

Motion: To adjourn.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of May 2020.



Debbie Hawkins
Chairperson, Animal Advisory Board