

June 24, 2020

**BURKE COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Burke County Animal Advisory Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 24, 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:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Debbie Hawkins Gwen Stephens Amy Burnette Megan Bradley Dr. Linda Schilkowsky Jeff Robinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alan Keller
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director, Rebecca McLeod, Health Director (Resource for AAB), Scott Mulwee, County Commissioner, and Johnnie Carswell, County Commissioner
<b>ALSO ABSENT:</b>	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Debbie Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion: To approve the agenda for Wednesday, June 24, 2020 as presented.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Linda Garibaldi with The Cats Cradle voiced several concerns and corrections regarding the ordinance and definition updates.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ORDINANCE REVISIONS**

- A. Definitions: Review and Dangerous / Potentially / Vicious
- B. Abuse / Cruelty
- C. Chaining / Tethering
- D. Dangerous / Potentially / Vicious – members of Dangerous Animal Appeal board reviewing and submitting revisions.
- E. Reclaim – unaltered animal fee
- F. Breeders Permit
- G. Penalties

A meeting was called discuss and approve several revisions regarding the ordinances and definitions. The meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5:00pm.

### **QUARTERLY AUDITS**

1. Partners for Cats – Did not receive requested documentation or response – Will be audited in consecutive audit
2. Burke County Friends for Animals – Received requested documentation
3. Pisgah PAWS – Neptune – suspended for failed inspection
4. Brother Wolf Animal Rescue – Received requested documentation

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

### **ANIMAL SERVICES FOUNDATION**

No updates.

### **PSA UPDATE**

New round of broadcasts planned for August. Ideas such as introducing the new Animal Control supervisor and change of oversight, etc.

### **ANIMAL SERVICES UPDATE**

- June intake: 189 animals
- Volunteer needed to take pictures and write bios for animals in the shelter to network for adoption, to rescue, etc.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Reappointments July 31
- Recommendations from Best Friends Animal Society – Kaitlin to ask
- Feedback from JR regarding license and pull suspension
- Public Service Announcement Update
- Community Cat Pilot Group Update

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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**RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER: Gwen Stephens**

**SECONDER: Megan Bradley**

**AYES: Debbie Hawkins, Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Jeff Robinson, and Amy Burnette**

**ABSENT: Alan Keller**

**ADJOURNED AT 7:10P.M.**

There was no further business to come before the Board.

**Motion: To adjourn.**

**RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER: Gwen Stephens**

**SECONDER: Jeff Robinson**

**AYES: Debbie Hawkins, Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Amy Burnette, and Megan Bradley**

**ABSENT: Alan Keller**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.



Debbie Hawkins  
Chairperson, Animal Advisory Board