

Lincoln County Animal Services Advisory Board Meeting October 04 2016 Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Kelly Atkins, County Manager
Joshua Grant, Program Operations Manager
Hannah Beaver, Animal Services Director
Dr. Ashley Oliphant, Board Member
Dr. Karen Miller, Board Member
Ms. Robin Franklin, Board Member
Diane Leatherman, Board Member
Doug Woods, Board Member
Mark Connolly, Board Member
Ashley Barber, Animal Services Secretary
Trey Parker, Animal Control Officer
Michael Warlick, Animal Control Officer
Michael Hull, Animal Control Officer
William Beaver, Animal Control Officer
Pam Kuebler, Audience
Rhonda Lovely, Audience

The meeting opened at 6:32 p.m. with the Chairman Dr. Ashley Oliphant welcoming everyone in attendance. The only member not in attendance was Danielle Rudisill. The Director distributed several handouts. The Chairman welcomed animal control officers to the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Chairman briefly explained that the minutes from the Board's meeting on September 6 2016 were given to each board member. A motion was made by Diane Leatherman to approve the minutes from the last Board meeting, Mark Connley seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. ACO Presentation

The Director discussed past and recent nuisance laws of Lincoln County. The recommendation given was that a public nuisance should have its own category in the ordinance. The topic of what to do after a citation is given was brought to the table. It was proposed that AS look at other counties to see how their rules and procedures are structured to better our current process. Also mentioned was the question of what makes it a nuisance. The question is barking a nuisance and what could Animal Services do to enforce it. A nuisance complaint form was given out as a demonstration.

3. Ordinance Discussion

A. Nuisance

The Director reviewed the current nuisance complaint and discussed the proposed changes, an example of both were given to all board members. Diane Leatherman explained that most people do not know they can create a leash law area by having a petition signed from all homes in neighborhood. The Chairman asked if the word

“annoys” could be taken out of possible new ordinance, she explained it may be problematic. All agreed on that recommendation. The Chairman recommended we take the idea of barking as a nuisance out of the subject completely. Officer Warlick expressed it is from the hours 11:00 PM to 7:00AM.

- B. The Chairman opened up the topic of Animal Cruelty. Officer Warlick stated it is all about educating the public about what is technically animal cruelty and what is neglect. Board member Dr. Karen Miller stated Animal Control Officers should be going to schools to educate children on how to treat your animals at home. The Chairman asked the Officers to review the animal cruelty and neglect ordinance and come up with proposed changes to make the ordinance clearer. Then they are to present those changes to the Board.

4. Public Input

The Chairman mentioned that the public could attend meetings and could have a maximum of 3 minutes to talk.

5. Discussion Agenda

ACO Presentation
Ordinance Discussion
A. Nuisance
B. Animal Cruelty
Public Input

The Animal Control Officers were asked to come back to the next meeting to discuss animal cruelty and neglect.

6. Motion to Adjourn.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 1, 2016 at 6:30pm. Board member Dr. Miller made the motion to adjourn. The motion seconded by Board member Mark Connley. The Board voted and passed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.