

ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD MINUTES

8 JAN. 2019

6:00 PM at CITY HALL

The Animal Shelter Board met at 8 Jan. 2019 at City Hall. Mike Barnett called meeting to order. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, Kim Birchfield, Mike Simerly, and Wes Frazier. Absent was Bob Acuff.

Chairman Mike Barnett welcomed Mike Simerly to the board.

Minutes was presented. Motion was made by Sonja Culler to accept the minutes as presented and motion was seconded by Wes Frazier. All voted Aye, none opposed.

Director gave an update on the Christmas adoption event. She stated the adoption event was very successful. She stated construction on dog runs should be completed within the week. HVAC system has been very frustrating at the shelter. The HVAC system in the attic that was installed with the new cat rooms, caught fire and destroyed the internal parts. P-Tac unit was also damaged with the end of the cord being burnt and the receptical outlet burnt as well. The P-Tac unit was under warranty and new parts replaced. We did get a second opinion to confirm the unit was burnt and couldn't be fixed at a reasonable cost. Engineers was contacted to check for any electrical issues before the new unit is replaced. Director reminded board of the workshop on the proposed animal laws on Jan. 24 2019 at 6 pm City Hall.

Chairman asked director to give an update on the current situation with Petsence in Elizabethton. Director stated she was made aware of a situation involving Robin Mckamey/ Appalachian Tails adopting cats at petsence on a daily basis. Director stated she had spoken with the manager at Petsence of Elizabethton and was informed her boss wanted to ask Appalachian Tails to bring cats along with the shelter cats to be adopted out at Petsence as well. Director consulted with county attorney Josh Hardin on recommendation and possibility of conflict of interest. Director explained due to Appalachian Tails doing donation drives, receiving monetary donations and other ways of solicitation that could easily be perceived that ECCAS was soliciting donations gave reason of conflict of interest. Director ask board members to take a vote on leaving the cats at Petsence or remove cats from Petsence temporarily. Director stated this situation is not directed at Robin Mackamey/Appalachian Tails, but we have to do what is in the best interest of protecting our shelter in any and all ways possible. Chairman Mike Barnett made motion to withdraw cats from Petsence of Elizabethton temporarily due to possibilities of conflict of interest. Sonja Culler second the motion. All voted Aye, none opposed.

Director Posada explained concerns of the residential washer and dryer currently at the shelter. She stated shelter continues to spend money on repairs to the for both. She asked board to consider looking into purchasing a commercial washer and dryer.

Discussion of dogs running at large and feral cats throughout our community arose. After several comments we encouraged everyone to attend our proposed animal laws workshop, where we hope to have answers and solutions to some of our current problems. Questions arose on when and why someone should call 911. Director explained how 911 works and what to expect when calling 911 with an animal situation.

Next meeting was scheduled for Feb. 12, 2019 at City Hall 6 pm.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Barnett

Approved By: Mike E. Barnett
Date: 2/12/19