

Animal Shelter Board Meeting Minutes

11 February 2020

County Court House Court Room at 6:00 pm

The Animal Shelter Board met on 11 February 2020 in the Carter County Courthouse room.

Chairman Mike Barnett called meeting to order. Chairman Barnett asked for roll call. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, and Wes Frazier. Members absent was Dr. Bob Acuff, Kim Birchfield and Mike Simerly.

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

Mike Barnett asked director to give shelter updates. Director Posada stated shelter has received several puppies lately. Posada stated she expects to have kitten season starting in early March 2020. Posada stated the spay and neuters are going well with trips to ASPCA in Asheville and LMU. Director Posada told board members she currently has eight cruelty case dogs remaining at the shelter until upcoming court date in early March 2020. Posada stated the shelter and staff are excited about the upcoming Valentine adoption event. Director Posada stated to the shelter board that she has spoken with several who had questions about the proposed laws the shelter is proposing. Director Posada said it seemed that many has been misinformed and has been given misleading information about the proposed laws. Director Posada has addressed the concerns and discussed in detail the reasoning for the proposed laws for Carter County. Posada stated of the conversations she had, she feels positive about the conversations.

Chairman Mike Barnett explained more in depth of the laws proposed. Chairman Barnett explained the majority of the pet owners will not be affected by proposed laws. Chairman Barnett stated the board had spoken many times about different instances and situations that lead to pushing forward with the proposed laws, spay and neuter programs and other animal programs that would be beneficial to this community. Chairman Barnett stated the repeat offenders is the ones causing the most problems with animals throughout our county. Wes Frazier discussed some issues and complaints he has received within the city. Board members discussed issues they have been made aware of in the County. Chairman Barnett thanked sheriff Lunceford for the animal control job he and his staff are doing. Barnett stated its not an easy job but a job that is much needed and beneficial to our community. Sheriff Dexter Lunceford explained to the board members how animal control is ran from the sheriffs department. Sheriff Lunceford stated animal control would be better ran from the animal shelter and prefers it to be returned to the animal shelter. Mike Hill explained some issues and concerns he had been approached with in reference to the proposed animal laws. Mike Hill explained he had spoken with several individuals including a local veterinarian. Mike Hill stated there is some confusion and misinformation on the laws being proposed. Mike Hill said the Law enforcement committee would be discussing proposed laws at a scheduled meeting on 12 March 2020

at the Carter County Courthouse in the courtroom at 6 pm. Mike Hill stated he was in hopes to come to an agreement on some of the laws that can be presented to Carter County Commission to be passed.

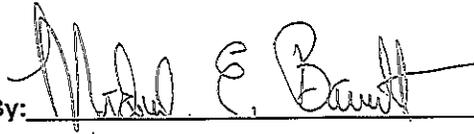
After discussion, board members agreed to meet for a workshop on 10 March 2020 at the Carter County Courthouse courtroom before the regular scheduled meeting.

Director Posada discussed with board members of a future project that would be beneficial to the shelter. Mike Barnett said he would visit the shelter to assess the project. Kelly Collins stated once more information could be obtained about the future project, she recommended speaking with the building and grounds committee about the project. Chairman Mike Barnett stated he believed the shelter was continuing to move forward in a positive direction.

Next meeting was scheduled for 10 March 2020 at 6pm.

Sonja Culler made a motion to adjourn and was second by Wes Frazier.

Approved By: _____



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