

Animal Shelter Board Minutes**14 January 2020****6:00 PM Mayors Conference Room**

The Animal Shelter Board met on 14 January 2020 In the Mayors Conference room.

Chairman Mike Barnett called meeting to order. Chairman Barnett asked for call of roll. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Dr. Bob Acuff, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, Kim Birchfield, Mike Simerly and Wes Frazier. None was absent.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked shelter director to give a shelter update. Director Posada stated the shelter had a great Christmas adoption event. Director Posada stated the shelter had received several dog and cat food donations by individuals. Director Posada discussed shelter numbers and cruelty cases for 2019. Shelter director stated the animals at the shelter are lower in numbers due to the wonderful adoption events. Director Posada stated she is very proud of the shelter staff and medical care manager for keeping the animals healthy and she appreciates each staff member. Mike Barnett had asked director Posada to update the board members on the proposed laws presented to the law enforcement committee. Director Posada said she felt positive about the law enforcement committee meeting. Posada stated the members of the law enforcement committee is going to research the draft presented to be discussed at the next meeting. Director Posada stated she and the members understood not everything would be passed but having a starting point was needed. Dr. Bob Acuff and director Posada stated if the laws was passed animal control would have more authority addressing some of the issues occurring in the county. Board members discussed animal control at the shelter vs animal control through the sheriff department. Board members had discussed issues they had been made aware of due to incidents within the county. Director Posada said the county attorney Josh Hardin had emailed her a revised copy of the proposed animal control laws that she had emailed each board member. Director Posada asked each member to look over and let her know if anyone had any questions. Questions by board members arose about animal control returning to the animal shelter. Director Posada stated if animal control should return to the shelter, it would increase the shelters budget to compensate for the extra gas, vehicle maintenance, and ACO officers. Director Posada said the board would need to meet to work out details.

Director Posada informed she had been informed by the Friends of the Shelter group about the project to enclose the outside dog lots is still in progress. The Friends of the Shelter members said this would be entirely funded by donations upon the Friends group. All shelter board members was excited about the Friends of the Shelter looking into such a needed project that the shelter did not have funding to provide. All board members was in agreement od the project and appreciated the Friends of the Shelter for all their help and

support. Director Posada stated she had been informed an architect was in the process of providing plans for the new addition to the shelter. All board members was in agreement on the projected project as proposed. Board members discussed the project and how the shelter would benefit from the expansion. Director Posada agreed to keep the board members updated as she receives information.

A motion was made by Wes Frazier and second by Kim Birchfield to accept the proposed project plans to enclose the back dog lots as an addition to the existing building with no cost to the shelter. All voted Aye, none opposed. Board members was again informed all expenditures and materials would be at no cost to the shelter. Some members of the Friends group who was present said they are excited and willing to help the shelter in any way they can. Board members Thanked the Friends group for all the help they have given and the continued support for the well being of the shelter.

Board member discussed asking budget committee and full commission to write off the remaining balance in the amount \$1798.62. The total balance reported was \$9516.00 from the auditors. The Friends of the Shelter group made a payment of \$7,717.38 to the Carter County Finance department in February 2019. Mike Barnett explained he had met with the auditors and audit board to show all expenditures, expenses and purchases for the shelter during the questioned period. Mike Barnett explained to the board members what was purchased with the money that was supposedly missing. After weeks of meeting with auditors and the audit board, Mr. Barnett was told there was no missing or stolen money, it had simply been deposited into the wrong accounts. Mike Barnett explained that the previous mayor and some county commissioners was active members on the shelter board and on the Friends of the Shelter also. Mike Barnett stated at no point and time did anyone on the board ever mention the money needed to be placed in the shelter account nor did they mention any violation on the Friends of the Shelter. Mike Barnett said there was never any mention or concern of how the money was deposited or spent. Mike Barnett stated after meeting with the audit board they determined the money had been well spent, just deposited in the wrong accounts.

Shelter director Posada updated the board members of upcoming adoption events for the remainder of January and February Valentine adoption event.

Next meeting is scheduled for 11 February 2020.

Motion was made to adjourn by Sonja Culler and 2nd by Dr. Bob Acuff.

Approved by

