

ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD MINUTES

12 February 2019

6:00 pm at City Hall

The Animal Shelter Board met on 12 Feb. 2019 at City Hall. Mike Barnett called meeting to order. Members present was Kelly Collins, Bob Acuff, Sonja Culler, Kim Birchfield, Mike Simerly, Wes Frazier and Mike Barnett.

Minutes was presented. Motion was made to approve minutes as presented by Dr. Acuff. All voted Aye, none opposed.

Director gave an update on the dog run project. Director Posada stated the electric box for grinder pump had been placed inside grinder pump by contracted electrician. The alarm to grinder pump kept going off several times daily. Director contacted Joey with Reedy & Sykes. Joey came by to look at the pump to determine the electrical had been placed inside the grinder pump. Joey contacted electrician and asked for electric box to be placed outside of grinder pump on a post as it was called for in the architectural drawings. Electricians came out and placed box near the ground, not on a post. Again, we complained of the alarm on the pump continuing to go off. Joey came back out to check the electrical box to find it had been placed near the ground. Joey stated to director that was not acceptable and would have electrician to come back and place on a post correctly and by code. Chairman elaborated on the electrical box being placed inside the grinder pump. Director stated while Joey was at the shelter, the flush valve was turned on to check flow of water and make sure water flush was enough to wash feces into grinder pump. Director stated the amount of water flowing from the flush system was equal to water flowing from a kitchen sink. Director told Joey that was totally unacceptable. She stated staff would be better off to wash feces into drain pipe with water hose. Director stated HVAC system had not been installed at this time. She stated Joey had contacted an electrical engineer to come by and make sure all is safe for new HVAC units to be installed with no continued electrical issues. Director stated shelter was having a "Be Mine" adoption event on Feb. 14 2019. Director stated the shelter had a lower number of cats due to intake room not being in use because of no heat in that room. She stated all cat cages had been rearranged due to HVAC issues which gave us less cat space. Director did mention to the board that a commercial washer & dryer would eventually be needed for the shelter due to amount of laundry being done on a daily basis. She stated if all the money was not used to fix the HVAC, if maybe it could be used towards a purchase of a commercial washer & dryer. Board members agreed to speak with finance director and committee to reserve money.

Board members discussed a few ways to help get laws changed to benefit animals in our community. Chairman stated he wanted to get laws in place to help animals in our county. Board members once again discussed feral cat issues throughout our county. Everyone was invited and encouraged to attend the Feral Cat Seminar on March 25 2019 @ Carter County Court house 6 pm in the court room. Director stated there would be guest speakers from surrounding areas speaking on successful feral cat communities and getting the feral cat population under control.

Dr. Acuff had asked Chris Schuettler if he would be the project manager over the shelter project until completion including older concerns and problems with the new dog runs. Mr. Scheuttler agreed to over see the project until completed.

Mike stated he had spoken with Chris Scheuttler about getting a dog park opened near the shelter. Chris said he had discussed dog park with a few individuals. Mike stated the Friends of the Shelter would be happy to help with some of the costs for the park.

Mike did revisit the outside dog runs/lots for extending the current roof. Mike stated we need more of a permanent solution rather than a temporary that is being done. Director stated the dream would be to have all the current dog runs including the 911 lot to be enclosed and all under roof, but understands the costs involved. Board discussed issues with past shelter projects and how we are dealing with the bad decisions made that is non- working.

The board did Thank chairman Mike Barnett and Friends of the Shelter for always helping with our emergency needs and supplies for the shelter at Friends of the Shelter cost.

Motion was made to Adjourn by Chairman Mike Barnett

Next meeting is scheduled 12 March 2019 at Carter County Court House in the Mayors conference room at 6 pm.

Approved By: Michael E. Barnett
Date: 3/12/19