

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS*

**KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
3rd Floor, Multipurpose Room

May 16th, 2018 – 6:00p.m.

- A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Ms. Anderson –Chairperson
Ms. Geary – Commissioner
Ms. Madigan – Commissioner
Ms. Taggart – Commissioner
- Commissioners Excused: Mr. Blackburn – Vice Chairperson
Ms. Perez – Commissioner
- Staff Present:
Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jerri S. Bradley – Deputy County Counsel, Kern County
Blake Smith – Business Manager, Kern County Animal Services
Amber Chrissakis – OSS, Kern County Animal Services

[When names appear in parenthesis, the motion initiating action on the agenda item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS:

1. May 16th, 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion to Receive and File (*Geary/Taggart*) - All in favor

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and File
 - a. E-mail received from Susan Richardson regarding "Call to action alert"
 - b. E-mail received 04/29/18 from Roxanna V. regarding "Attn: AC Commission Call to Action"
 - c. E-mail received 04/26/18 from Cherie Malone regarding "Animal Control Ordinance Revisions"
 - d. E-mail received 04/26/18 from Brandi Reed regarding "Subcommittee Review Request"
 - e. E-mail received 04/26/18 from Hannah Muhm regarding "Call to Action"
 - f. E-mail received 04/26/18 from Rhonda Montgomery regarding "Subcommittee"
 - g. E-mail received 04/26/18 from Jennifer Biehl regarding "Animal ordinances need reviewing"
 - h. E-mail received 04/26/18 from Melissa Ortiz regarding "Animal ordinances need reviewing"
 - i. E-mail received 04/26/18 from Faviola Plant regarding "Animal Control Commission"
 - j. E-mail received 04/27/18 from Stacy Enns regarding "review of animal ordinances"
 - k. E-mail received 04/27/18 from Tiffany Delgado regarding "Hello ☺"
 - l. E-mail received 04/28/18 from Kimberly Braverman regarding "Animal Ordinance Template..."
 - m. E-mail received 04/29/18 from Donna Carpenter regarding "Kern County Dog Problem"

Heard from Commissioner Geary who states she cannot ignore this number of emails regarding the mandatory spay/neuter topic and asks Commissioner Anderson if she had any ideas on how to handle the situation. We then hear from Commissioner Anderson who states she has spoken with County Counsel and the options are that the Commission creates a sub-committee or that the people of the letter writing campaign gather together, create what they would like the Commission to consider and they bring it back for the Commission to review. Heard from Commissioner Geary who states that if the group of interested parties could bring back to the Commission specific suggestions that they would review it. Heard from Michelle Vallejos who requested a sub-committee because they could use some guidance. Heard from Stacey Enns who talks about re-visiting the breeding permit program, and re-visiting the limit of dogs allowed with a kennel permit. She asks that a sub-committee be assembled. Heard from Director Cullen who addressed Ms. Enns' concerns. Heard from Michelle Vallejos again who shares that she wants a sub-committee formed to address the issues. Heard from Stacey Steffee who also requests a sub-committee be formed. Heard from Jerri Bradley who told the Commission that in order for there to a sub-committee created at this point all members of the Commission must be present. Heard from Wally Beville who also requests a sub-committee be formed. Heard from Susan Richardson who also wants a sub-committee formed. Heard from Commissioner Madigan in regards to current commercial animal facility permits. Heard from Director Cullen who gives his opinion regarding forming a sub-committee.

Motion to Receive and File (*Geary/Madigan*) - All in favor

Motion to put on June's meeting agenda the discussion of forming a sub-committee for addressing ordinance changes (*Madigan/Taggart*) - All in favor

D. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. Also, the Commission may act to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES.**

Heard from Danny Spanks who would like to explore the option of creating voluntary task force be formed that under the advisement of the department gathers reliable information about puppy flippers, dog fighters, illegal breeders and animal cruelty/neglect cases. Jerri speaks briefly on the legal trouble that would come with creating a group such as this. Commissioner Anderson asks about a Citizen's Patrol in which Jerri states it would bring about the same problem as a voluntary task force. Heard from Susan Richardson who asks if she sends information to the department if they would be able to follow up in which it was made clear that if someone has a complaint they have a right to send it to the department. Heard from Michelle Vallejos spoke briefly about needing to create legislation. Heard from Wally Beville who spoke briefly about ways to get the public's attention to some of the problems Kern County's animals face.

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Nick Cullen who spoke about public service announcements and the cost associated with running them. He announced that Sally Breyer is the department's new Deputy Director. Director Cullen asks everyone to be the voice for the animals by getting the word out to the public regarding resources and programs available to pet owners. He announced that Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation has donated money to provide 500 free parvo/distemper vaccinations for the public. Because of that donation there will be a free parvo/distemper vaccination clinic held at Heritage Park from 9am-noon on June 2nd. He also spoke briefly about the budget proposal sent to the Board of Supervisors in regards to the closure of the Mojave shelter and closing the Bakersfield and Lake Isabella shelters for an additional day per week. Director Cullen told everyone that if they find something in the community that concerns them, to contact him and he will let them know what if anything can be done to correct the situation. He reports on the success of the Mega adoption event and gives information on the "Just One Day" adoption event on June 11th. He reports that Petsmart on Calloway has partnered with the

department to adopt cats from their location. He reports that a grant was submitted to start the department's transport program again. He also reports an update on the Tehachapi seizure. The department will also be recording a public service announcement about animal preparedness in the event of a disaster. Director Cullen gives an update on the kitten nursery the department plans to start. He reports that the Tales for Tails program will be starting up during the summer again. Lastly, he reports on the statistics from the Director's report.

Commissioner Madigan asked for details on the kitten nursery to which Director Cullen states that a member of the public is helping make renovations to the property and that it is within close proximity to the shelter.

Motion to Receive and file (*Geary/Madigan*) - All in favor

2. VOLUNTEER UPDATE - Receive and File

Director Cullen covered this item in his Director's report.

3. SPAY/NEUTER FUNDS UPDATE

Heard from Blake Smith, who discusses the spay/neuter funds report.

Motion to Receive and file (*Geary/Taggart*) - All in favor

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Madigan who talks briefly about ordinance revisions. She also wants to follow up with Director Cullen and Commissioner Geary regarding a hearing template. She also commends the members of the public coming forward to make changes to ordinances.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUB-COMMITTEE

Heard from Commissioner Geary who reports that the disaster plan and disaster team are in place and that they can disband the sub-committee. Jerri clarifies that they would like to remove this item from the agenda.

Motion to Remove Item G.2. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUB-COMMITTEE From
The Agenda (*Madigan/Taggart*) - All in favor

3. LIFESTOCK CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Heard from Commissioner Geary who reports she is working with Jerri and hopes to
have more information next month.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

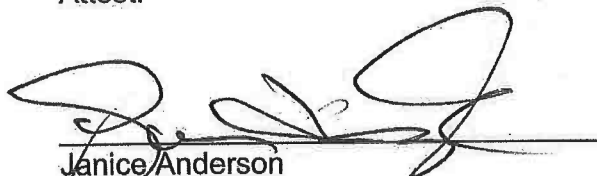
Motion to adjourn (*Geary/Taggart*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

June 20th, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Attest:


Janice Anderson
Chairman

**A full recording of the proceedings can be heard at http://www.co.kern.ca.us/acd/AAC_AS.aspx*