

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

July 18th, 2018 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Ms. Anderson –Chairperson
Ms. Taggart – Commissioner
Ms. Geary – Commissioner
Mr. Sannappa – Commissioner

Commissioners Excused: Mr. Blackburn – Vice Chairperson
Ms. Perez – Commissioner

Staff Present:
Sally Breyer - Deputy Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jerri S.Bradley – Deputy County Counsel, Kern County
Blake Smith – Business Manager, Kern County Animal Services
Amber Chrissakis – Volunteer 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. June 20th, 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 06/04/18 from Jennifer Biehl regarding "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - b. E-mail received 06/19/18 from Stacey Jischke regarding "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - c. E-mail received 06/13/18 from Debra Shelton "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - d. E-mail received 06/12/18 from Debbie Lee "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - e. E-mail received 06/12/18 from Amanda Torrigiani "Please approve a subcommittee"
 - f. E-mail received 06/6/18 from Kimberly Braverman "Animal Control Commissioner"
 - g. E-mail received 06/6/18 from Saving our Strays Saving lives "Approval for animal Ordinance Review"
 - h. E-mail received 06/6/18 from Natasha Felkins "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - i. E-mail received 06/13/18 from Debra Shelton "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - j. E-mail received 06/6/18 from Dee Jones "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - k. E-mail received 06/5/18 from Roxanna Torres "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - l. E-mail received 06/5/18 from Katherine E. "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - m. E-mail received 06/6/18 from Susan Richardson "Subcommittee"
 - n. E-mail received 06/5/18 from Wally Beville "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - o. E-mail received 06/5/18 from Jennifer Biehl "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - p. E-mail received 06/6/18 from Katelyn Slusher "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - q. E-mail received 06/5/18 from Jacque Johnson "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - r. E-mail received 06/6/18 from starmell@yahoo.com "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - s. E-mail received 06/6/18 from LPS daisy "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - t. E-mail received 06/4/18 from Misty Herrera "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
 - u. E-mail received 06/4/18 from Barbara Harmening "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"

- v. E-mail received 06/4/18 from Michelle Vallejos "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
- w. E-mail received 06/4/18 from Jennifer Biehl "Please approve a subcommittee to review currant animal ordinances"
- x. E-mail received 06/4/18 from Rhonielynn66@gmail.com "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
- y. E-mail received 06/4/18 from Mutts and Runts Rescue "Please approve a subcommittee to review current animal ordinances"
- z. E-mail received 06/3/18 from Kimberly Hernandez "Approval for animal ordinance"
- aa. E-mail received 06/3/18 from Melinda Maxon "No Subject"

Motion to Receive and File (*Geary/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 Susan Richardson who shared her concerns about how slowly she feels the Commission works to get anything done. Commissioner Taggart and Commissioner Geary both respond by stating that the euthanasia rates have greatly decreased in the last 4 years.

Heard from Angela Perdakis who urges the commissioners to go out with a street rescuer to see what is happening out there and they are just looking for a solution to what is going on out on the streets.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos in regards to an issue with an animal owner by the name of Bridget Helms. Ms. Helms claims to not have received a response to her issue from the department and Ms. Vallejos just wanted to make sure someone contacted her. Deputy Directory Breyer comments that she has been in continual contact with Ms. Helms via email and the department trying to work to help Ms. Helms with her situation.

Heard from Wally Beville who shares about an alleged hoarding situation in addition to a bird fighting and dog fighting rings.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa who stated that he would like to be a participant in the sub-committee.

Heard from Samuel Grijalva who has had an ongoing issue with a neighbor who is burning manure of all types, has more animals than is allowed and whose animals are allegedly malnourished. He would like to have some resolution to his situation. Deputy Director Breyer offers to look into and try and help resolve his situation. Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Geary both explain that the sub-committee is being formed to address some of his concerns.

Heard from Teri Kahn who was inquiring about a service dog in Arvin who was lost. She was seeking clarification on whether or not the City of Arvin has their own Animal Control Officer. Blake Smith responds and confirms that there is one officer in the City of Arvin.

Heard from Sue Bennett from Kern Humane who gives an update on their numbers in the new fiscal year that just started in July.

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Sally Breyer who highlighted some of the statistics in the Director's report.

2. VOLUNTEER UPDATE - Statistics given during the 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/Blackburn*) - All in favor

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Anderson who asked the newest member of the commission, Neel Sannappa to introduce himself. Commissioner Sannappa introduced himself and Liz Keogh asked him some further questions and asked that he provide his email and phone number which he did. Another member of the public asked Mr. Sannappa to tell everyone why he wanted to sit on the commission and what he would like to accomplish. He answered her questions.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

A. LIFESTOCK CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Heard from Commissioner Geary who states she has nothing new to report.

B. DISCUSSION ABOUT APPOINTING A SUB-COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS ORDINANCE CHANGES

Heard from Commissioner Anderson who starts the discussion by stating that they need to determine the number of people that will participate and how to determine who those people will be. She also explains the process and purpose of having a sub-committee. She suggests people interested in participating in the sub-committee send an email to the commission giving their name and contact information, their experience and why they would like to be on the sub-committee. Commissioner Geary, Commissioner Taggart and Commissioner Sannappa also agree that this would be a good way to go through interested parties. There is discussion among the group in regards to how often the group would meet and how many members of the public to include. It is determined that there will be 5 members of the public.

Heard from Stacey Steffe and Melanie Burkhart.

Motion to have 7 voting members on the sub-committee: 2 commissioners and 5 members of the public, with Director Cullen as a non-voting ex-officio member. *(Geary/Taggart)* - All in favor

Heard from Liz Keogh who gives her thoughts on how the members of the sub committee should be chosen and how the department should publicize the openings for the sub committee. Commissioner Geary asked Jerri Bradly what ordinances this sub committee will review. There is brief discussion about what the parameters will be.

Motion to have the parties interested in participating in the sub-committee send an email including their name and contact information and a brief explanation as to why they want to sit on the sub-committee to the Animal Control Commission email address that can be located on the department's webpage *(Geary/Madigan)* - All in favor

Motion to have parties interested in sitting on the sub committee submit their interest via email by August 8th to the Animal Services Commission email address. *(Geary/Sannappa)* - All in favor

Motion for Animal Services department to create and send out to all media outlets, English and Spanish, a press release in regards to the openings on the sub committee and post it on the departments website. *(Taggart/Geary)* - All in favor

Motion for the sub committee to determine the frequency of their meetings once the sub committee members are chosen. *(Geary/Taggart)* - All in favor

Motion to continue this topic to next month's agenda for selection of the appointees *(Sannappa/Geary)* - All in favor

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. PRESENTATION BY JERRI S. BRADLEY ON MEETING PROCEDURES

Heard from Jerri Bradley regarding item G.1.

Heard from unidentified member of the public in regards to jurisdictional issues members of the public face.

Heard from another unidentified member of the public who shared her concerns about the fairness in which all members of the public are treated in regards to talking out of turn.

Heard from another unidentified member of the public who gives advice about how to have a constructive discussion.

2. BRIEFING ON THE REFERRAL FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE COMMISSIONERS POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Heard from Jerri Bradley regarding item G.2.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos who asked how far back the recordings of these meetings go to which Deputy Director replies they go back to 2008. She claims that Commissioner Anderson said that she would never vote on something cause it would affect her business. Also Heard from Joan Payton on this matter.

Heard from Wally Beville who asked Commissioner Anderson a series of questions about her affiliations with other animal groups to which she answers his questions.

Heard from Angela Perdakis who also asked Commissioner Anderson about her business and non-profit status to which she also answers.

Motion to Receive and File *(Geary/Sannappa)* – All in favor.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

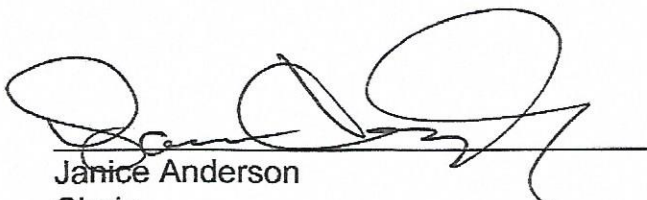
Motion to adjourn (*Geary/Sannappa*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

August 15th, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Janice Anderson
Chair

**A full recording of the proceedings, which constitute the official record of the Animal Services Commission's meetings, can be heard at: <https://www.kerncountyanimalservices.org/who-we-are/animal-services-commission/>*