

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

November 20th, 2019 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Vice Chairperson
Ms. Geary – Commissioner
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Sannappa - Commissioner
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner
Ms. Perez – Commissioner

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
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. October 16th, 2019 - Regular Meeting - Approve

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

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

These agenda items before the Animal Services Commission (Commission) may be acted upon with one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions.

NONE

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 Michelle Vallejos concerning the commission's willingness to permanently put local rescues on the agenda

Heard from Susan Richardson concerning the importance of dog tags and also the lack of medical kennels available to the department.

Heard from Janice Anderson concerning the fundraising efforts for the disaster trailers for Kern County Animal Services.

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Director Cullen regarding the statistics in the Director's monthly report.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning the statistics in the Director's report.

Heard from Susan Richardson concerning administrative citations.

Heard from Liz Keogh concerning administrative citations.

Heard from Danny Litterel regarding leash laws.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning educational programs for schools.

Heard from Liz Keogh concerning education programs and the need for a Joint Powers of Authority.

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

2. ORDINANCE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the discussions during the sub-committee meeting.

3. SPAY/NEUTER FUNDS UPDATE

Heard from Blake Smith concerning spay/neuter funds.

Heard from Teri Kahn concerning the Save the Pitties program.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning CCADT.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Nomination of Commissioner Blackburn to Chairperson (*Geary/Taggart*) – All in favor.

Nomination of Commissioner Geary to Vice Chairperson (*Blackburn/Taggart*)

2. DISCUSSION ON THE COMMISSION GOING DARK IN DECEMBER

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn, Commissioner Geary and Commissioner Taggart who agree to go dark in December.

3. Motion to go dark in December (*Geary/Taggart*) – All in favor.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

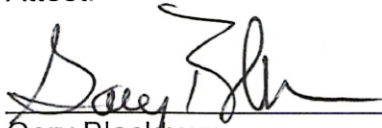
Motion to adjourn (*Geary/Taggart*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

January 15th, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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