

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS\***

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

**Kern County Administrative Building**  
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multipurpose Room

February 19th, 2020– 6:00p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor

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 - 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. January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to Receive and File (*Taggart/Christopher*) - 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 Dawn Romero with Unity Thrift concerning ordinances passed in LA City that may impact Kern County.

Heard from Sundee Martineau concerning her work with the Snip Bus.

Heard from Hailey Huestis concerning breeding regulations.

Heard from Stacey Jischke concerning breeding regulations.

Heard from Michelle Rizvanovich concerning the overpopulation of dogs.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning enforcement of ordinances.

Heard from Maureen concerning Kern County Animal Services transparency with the public.

Heard from Michael Najara concerning finding middle ground between Animal Services and the public.

Heard from Teresa Walker with No Paws Left Behind rescue concerning mandatory spay and neuter.

Heard from Teri Kahn concerning the procedure with ordinance changes.

Heard from Judi Coffman concerning her experience with the Spay/Neuter Subcommittee.

Heard from [name inaudible] concerning enforcement of ordinances.

Heard from Isaiah Lopez concerning his experience with Animal Services.

Heard from Danny Litterel concerning meeting attendance and participation.

Heard from Patricia Erwin with Halt Rescue concerning the future of transport from Kern County.

Heard from Jerri Bradly, County Council, regarding the LA City Ordinance spoken about earlier by Dawn Romero.

## **E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

### **1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file**

Heard from Director Cullen regarding the passing of Jeff George, the department's Volunteer Coordinator.

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

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning intake of cats at the shelter.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa concerning staffing levels at Animal Services.

Many unidentified members of the public ask Director Cullen questions about various topics unrelated to the Director's report.

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

### **2. SPAY/NEUTER FUNDS UPDATE**

Heard from Blake Smith concerning spay/neuter funds.

Heard from multiple unidentified members concerning the \$250,000 given to the department for spay/neuter by the Board of Supervisors every fiscal year. Director Cullen responds.

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

## **F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning the work her rescue Have a Heart has recently done.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning a California Response Team Summit she attended.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa concerning Jeff George.

**G. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

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


The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

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Attest:

  
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Gary Blackburn  
Chairperson

7/21/2021

*\*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/>*