

BURKE COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Burke County Animal Advisory Board met in a regular session on March 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Burke County Board of Commissioners' Chambers, located at 110 N. Green Street in Morganton, North Carolina. Members present were:

PRESENT:	Debbie Hawkins Megan Bradley Jeff Robinson	Gwen Stephens Amy Adkins Dr. Linda Schilkowsky
ABSENT:	Gary McClure	
ALSO PRESENT:	Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director, Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, and Rebecca McLeod, Health Director	

CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda for March 17, 2021

RESULT	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER	Jeff Robinson
SECONDER	Amy Adkins
AYES	Megan Bradley, Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Debbie Hawkins, and Gwen Stephens
ABSENT	Gary McClure

ACTION ITEMS

- Ordinance Revisions – Breeding and Transfer of Ownership
- Animal Services Update

ANIMAL SERVICES

TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) Program is up and running. So far 2 rounds have been completed for a total of 39 cats. Community cats receive spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, feline distemper vaccine, ivermectin injection, and ear tipping to easily identify cats that have been through the TNR program. The cost is \$0.01 per cat.

The nonprofit, Animal Services Foundation has been established. This will allow for monetary donations to assist with educational materials and other services that are not funded through the county budget. The Foundation is currently in the early stages and has had one meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eddie Zimmerman spoke and voiced concerns regarding the proposed revisions in the Breeding section of the ordinance.

Denise Smith spoke and voiced concerns regarding the proposed revisions in the Breeding section of the ordinance, specifically the requirement for a health certificate. Ms. Smith is not in support of the proposed Breeder Ambassador program.

Jennifer Clark spoke and thanked the AAB for the work on the ordinances.

Ordinance Revision – Breeder and Transfer of Ownership

Debbie Hawkins, Chair of the Board read the Breeder and Transfer of Ownership ordinance revision allowed. Regarding the transfer section, there was heavy discussion regarding how Animal Enforcement will handle violations related to this section. There were questions relating to the requirement of a health certificate and whether it should not be required. The board discussed whether or not to remove the health certificate requirement and agreed to keep it in the proposal. There were changes regarding the Breeder Ambassador program – after a violation, the applicant can reapply for the program after 3 months instead of the proposed 6 months. There were changes to several definitions in this section. The board also proposed to add two seats to the board, a Breeder Ambassador seat and a Large Animal Owner seat.

Motion: To approve the Breeding and Transfer of Ownership section, as corrected:

RESULT	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER	Gwen Stephens
SECONDER	Jeff Robinson
AYES	Amy Adkins, Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Megan Bradley, and Debbie Hawkins
ABSENT	Gary McClure

Motion: To approve revisions to section 6-10 d. as proposed by Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director

RESULT	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER	Jeff Robinson
SECONDER	Gwen Stephens
AYES	Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Megan Bradley, Amy Adkins, and Debbie Hawkins
ABSENT	Gary McClure

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Ordinance update
Animal Services Update

ADJOURNED AT 7:07PM.

There was no further business to come before the Board.

Motion: To adjourn.

RESULT	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER	Megan Bradley
SECONDER	Jeff Robinson
AYES	Amy Adkins, Dr. Linda Schilkowsky, Jeff Robinson, Gwen Stephens, and Debbie Hawkins
ABSENT	Gary McClure

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on April 21, 2021 at 6:00p.m.
Approved this 16th day of June 2021.



Debbie Hawkins, Chairperson, Animal Advisory Board