

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

October 16th, 2019 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

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.]

Commissioner Blackburn gave Commissioner Christopher a chance to introduce herself and give a brief description of her work in animal welfare.

B: APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. September 18th, 2019 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to Receive and File As Amended (*Sannappa/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 Susan Richardson who gave kudos to Animal Services for their fast response time in picking up a stray dog. She also implores people to come up with solutions to the stray animal population.

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 Sannappa concerning the volunteer hours.

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

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning the Barn Cat program.

Heard from Janice Anderson concerning the canine influenza vaccine.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning adoption returns.

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

2. ORDINANCE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE

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

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

3. SPAY/NEUTER FUNDS UPDATE

Heard from Blake Smith concerning spay/neuter funds.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn regard the Save the Pitty program.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Geary who thanked Janice Anderson for her years of service on the Commission.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning ride along with the ACOs.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

2. Heard from Kassandra Wernhart regarding current events with Petco and the Petco Foundation.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning the unnatural foods Petco has taken off their selves.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning Kassandra's trip to Nashville.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DOG TAG MACHINE DISCUSSION

Heard from Director Cullen concerning past efforts in getting a machine for the shelter.

Heard from Kassandra Wernhart regarding how the shelter can obtain a dog tag machine.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her experience with having a dog tag machine.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

November 20th, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Blackburn', is written over a horizontal line.

Gary Blackburn
Vice Chairperson

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