

**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

October 16th, 2024 – 6:00p.m.

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

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson  
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner  
Ms. Lopez - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson  
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner  
Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services  
Jennifer Feige- Deputy County Counsel, Kern County  
Amber Chrissakis - Volunteer, Kern County Animal Services

*[item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]*

**B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

1. September 18th, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Lopez/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.

#### **1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and file**

A. Email received 10/08/2024 from David Purcell regarding a spay for his dog.

### **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 Terri Kahn concerning the possibility of making meetings bi-monthly.

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

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

Heard from Director Cullen concerning an incident with department staff capturing a stray dog that was captured on video.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart in response to Director Cullen's statement.

Heard from Commissioner Lopez in response to Director Cullen's statement.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn in response to Director Cullen's statement.

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the department's current events and statistics from the Director's report. Director Cullen answers questions from the public regarding things discussed during this agenda item.

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

## **F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning a case she had with animals at the veterinary office she works at.

Heard from Commissioner Lopez who promoted a Halloween event that happening downtown Friday.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. STAFF REFERRALS**

NONE

## **H. NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

## **I. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

November 20th, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

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Attest:

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Gary Blackburn  
Chairperson

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