

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
February 19th, 2024 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson
Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner
Ms. Lopez - Commissioner
Mr. Parlier – Supervisor

Commissioners Excused:

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. February 19th, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - (Lopez/Geary) - 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 12/2/24 from Tyler Reese looking for his lost cat.
- B. Email received 12/4/24 from Lisa McGrath regarding a dog she has in foster care.
- C. Email received 12/12/24 from Melissa McBride regarding an injured animal she found.
- D. Email received 12/29/24 from Tammy Miller requesting records.
- E. Email received 1/2/25 from Cheryl Del Rio reporting a dog attack.
- F. Email received 1/9/25 from Timothy Armstrong regarding a notice to comply he received to get his pets vaccinated.
- G. Email received 1/16/25 from Constance Soriano regarding adopting a pet.
- H. Email received 1/16/25 from Lisa DeLaFuentes regarding adopting a pet.
- I. Email received 1/22/25 from Evelyn Gomez inquiring as to what the process is to attend Animal Services Commission meetings.

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

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 Joan Peyton concerning email correspondence on the agenda and fundraising for the second emergency trailer.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning Kern SAFE (Saving Animals From Euthanasia).

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

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.

Heard from Supervisor Parlier commending the department on all the programs they offer the community.

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

Heard from Teri Kahn concerning a cat house project at the shelter that was spoken about in previous years.

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning a news story in Cal City and she was wondering if Kern County Animal Services were involved in that incident.

Heard from an unidentified member of the public who inquired about the Streets of Bakersfield program.

Heard from Commissioner Geary who commended Danny Litteral on his Wednesday night walk through on the department's social media pages.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Geary who commended the department for their response to and rescue of puppies that were on a highway that she called in.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning her trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Presidential inauguration.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her TNR efforts around the county.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

Request to put on the agenda the discussion of whether or not for Animal Services Commission meetings to be held bi-monthly going forward.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

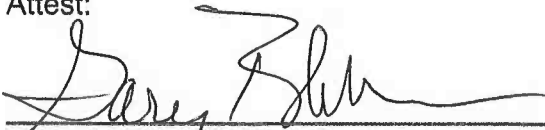
Motion to adjourn (*Geary/Taggart*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

March 19th, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Attest:

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

Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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