Lincoln County Animal Services
Advisory Board Meeting
March 14, 2017
Minutes

Attendees:
Hannah Beaver, Animal Services Director
Josh Grant, Program Operations Manager
Dr. Ashley Oliphant, Chairman
Danielle Rudisill, Vice Chairman
Dr. Karen Miller, Secretary
Ms. Robin Franklin, Board Member
Diane Leatherman, Board Member
Mark Connolly, Board Member
Doug Woods, Board Member
Tyler Moore, Animal Services Caretaker

Guest Attendees:
Anita McCall, County Commissioner

Opening:
Director Beaver handed out the agenda, February 7, 2017 minutes, North Carolina Laws on dogs, Lincoln County Animal Ordinance on dangerous dogs, a draft ordinance on dangerous dogs, and a potentially. Dr. Oliphant began the meeting by welcoming everyone at 6:35pm.

1) Approval of Minutes:
Chairman Oliphant asked if there were any suggestions or changes that were required of February 7th minutes. Diane Leatherman motioned to accept last month’s minutes and Mark Connolly seconded.

2) Animal Services Dangerous Dog Presentation
a) *Dangerous Dog Law Review*
Director Beaver started by defining a dangerous dog by state law which can be found in the handout of North Carolina Laws. Beaver stated that the Lincoln County ordinance on dangerous dogs is fairly simple in regards that if a dog is declared dangerous by the county, then it must be removed from the county either by the owner to another county or by euthanasia. However, state laws states that the owner can have a dangerous dog after being declared dangerous. Her question to the board was, do we wish to allow owners to keep the dog, keep the ordinance, or make it extraordinarily hard for the owner to keep their dog?

3) *Dangerous Dog Discussion*
b) The appeal process also poses a problem because there are different forms of contacting the owner; therefore, the start of the tree-day process can be confusing to the signer and the director. The declaration has a few ways that it can be sent:
- Certified letter
- Officer
- Regular mail

So, when should the three-day period start? The board stated that it should start with the first signature that is received. Another question is how should the days be counted? The board suggested by business days.

c) Director Beaver stated that she would draft a rewrite of the ordinance and requested the board send her suggestions be email.

4) **Animal Services Advisory Board Website Update**
The profiles are up and the agenda/minutes section is being created.

5) **Next Topic’s Discussion**
Director Beaver suggested continuing the discussion with the proposed ordinance at the next meeting. Dr. Oliphant suggested inviting guests for the feral cat’s discussion at the May 2017 meeting. Director Beaver also stated that they could do a discussion on operation hours and rabies compendium for future meetings.

6) **Next Meeting Date**
April 4th at 6:30pm. The board agreed upon the 1st Tuesday of every month.

7) **Public Comments**
None.

8) **Motion to Adjourn**
Dr. Ashley Oliphant asked the board to end the meeting. Diane Leatherman motioned to adjourn with a second from Doug Woods. The board voted and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.