

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: March 17, 2022 at 7:01 a.m. County Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christy Pruser -Vice Chairman, Megan Myers, and Claro Carter. Also, Dee Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Riddle and David Newberg

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- No one to address the committee.
- Motion by Carter, 2nd by Myers to approve the claims. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Carter, 2nd by Myers to approve last month's minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Donny Benson, Animal Control Administrator, informed the committee that Dr. Baker from Decatur contacted the shelter about providing veterinarian services. He indicated that he would be willing to come to the shelter once every two weeks or as needed. Donny presented cost information to the committee showing costs charged by Timbercrest and charges charged by Dr. Baker for the same services. Myers asked Donny to check with Dr. Baker's office to see if there was another vet in his office that would want to take over should Dr. Baker retire. Motion by Pruser, 2nd by Carter to move forward with a contract with Dr. Baker to provide veterinarian services at the shelter. Carter asked about a contract and Dee Dee indicated that the State's Attorney thought a contract would be better to have than not. Carter asked that the contract spell out the services along with the charges that Dr. Baker will provide. Voice vote, motion carried.
- The fob system is now up and operational at the shelter. Key fobs have been issued to the weekend cleaner and to Heather Wantland with Second Chance. Donny Benson is working on a policy for Heather Wantland to sign on the usage of the key fob that will be similar to the county policy.
- Donny Benson presented information to the committee concerning the site visit by Dr. Fischer. Dr. Fischer was impressed with the shelter. She had a few suggestions concerning a detailed chart for mixing cleaning chemicals, comprehensive cleaning chart for daily and deep cleaning. Myers indicated that Dr. Fischer also indicated that a specific intake protocol be written and incorporated in the policy manual.
- Sheriff Walker informed the committee of an incident that they had recently involving a dog. When animal control was contacted about the dog, they didn't have records. The department has been told that the dog was adopted thru Second Chance. Sheriff Walker asked if Second Chance would share adoption information with Animal Control so that law enforcement could have access to information when needed. Donny will reach out to Second Chance and see if they would share adoption information.
- Motion by Carter, 2nd by Myers to adjourn at 7:18 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approve the claims.

Approve last month's minutes.

Move forward with a contract with Dr. Baker to provide veterinarian services at the shelter.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.