



August 11th, 2015

Animal Control Board Members:

Paige Turner
Gloria McCain
Jim Carter
Don McMillian
Tameka West

Clayton County Police Dept:

Maj. Green
Capt. Jackson
Det. Conwell
Brittni Daniels
Tiffany Phillips

Guest:

Kim Kirby
Linda Ingram

- The above were in attendance for the Animal Control Board Meeting on August 11th, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Paige Turner called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
- She begins with a motion to adopt the minutes from June 09th 2015, and also made a motion to approve the agenda for the evening.
- At this time Paige Turner advised about the new Reading of Resolution 2015-199. It is a resolution of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners directing all County related boards and authorities with members appointed by the Board of Commissioners to submit minutes to the County Commission Clerk within 30 days of approval. It was clarified by Maj. Green that the minutes will be sent prior to approval from the Animal Control Board and within 30 days after a meeting occurs.
- Next on the agenda was a report from Chief Register but he was not able to attend the meeting.
- Next was the report from Capt. Jackson. He advised that we have reformed our agreement with Rescue Groups to assist us and have repaired the relationship to allow more animals to get pulled from our facility. He stated that the officers on the road are doing an excellent job going door to door on our new 5 knock initiative in order to locate a pet's

owner before it is impounded. Our main goal is to secure the foundation of our partnership with the rescues and keep our numbers down. Capt. Jackson advised that Chief Register wanted to wipe to slate clean and allow all rescues to assist us as long as the proper protocol is being followed. This protocol was previously in place but has been revised to create a better partnership. The specific partnership he was referring to was with Maria Dorough and her partners, due to their extensive assistance they can provide because of the number of organizations that they work with. We currently have 29 Rescue licenses on file at Animal Control and at least a specific 10 that pull on a regular basis. The most common Rescues that pull from Animal Control are TLC, Angles Among Us and Safe Harbor. Capt. Jackson reported that as of August 11th 2015, we have taken in 1,464 animals of those, 386 have been rescued and 464 have been euthanized. This number of euthanized animals are only the ones the contracted Vet has put down and did not include the Animals that were taken to the vet by officers on the road that were either severely injured or very sick. Paige Turner advised that everyone is putting forth great effort to get animals out of Animal Control.

- At this time Paige Turner took the floor again and wanted to give a compliment to Brittni Daniels for going above and beyond the call of duty. We were advised that she helped a man who called into Animal Control that was down on his luck and had nowhere to go with his 12yr. old dog. With the assistance of a foster and help from Paige, they were able to make arrangements for care of his dog until he could get back on his feet.
- Next on the agenda was Public Comments. Kim Kirby complimented Brittni Daniels and stated that she thought Brittni was doing a great job staying on top of rescue efforts, placing holds as requested, and making the paperwork easy to complete. She wanted everyone to know that besides the top pulling rescues previously mentioned that there were a lot of out of state rescues that assist us in getting animals out. In bringing up that topic, Paige advised that she has arranged a meet and greet on September 4th, 2015 from 5pm to 7pm at the Clayton County Police Department in the Media Room. Linda Ingram asked about people who contact us on Facebook advising that their dog is at Animal Control and in those circumstances how do we handle it. She was advised that we will make efforts to allow the owner to reclaim their pet but still continue to work the pet to get rescue in case the owner does not show up.
- Paige Turner advised at this time that she and Gloria McCain were in the process of setting up an Adoption event for Animal Control that is suppose to take place October 17th, 2015. They want this event to promote the pets at Animal Control and if Rescues want to assist but giving donations or their time they would be welcome to be involved. Paige advised that they are getting the literature ready for circulation and asked if Brittni could post it on Animal Control Facebook page as well. Brittni advised

that she was in the process of working on an adoption event as well and that they could get together and go over ideas. Capt. Jackson advised that it was discussed for the event to include Adoption, Spay/Neuter and Doggie Baths. It was suggested to contact Atlanta Humane about their mobile unit and doggie baths. The event is in the planning process and there will be more discussion to finalize the plans at the next board meeting. Paige requested a letter showing that she was with the Clayton County Animal Control Board to provide to Walmart or Sams in order to obtain donations of food and drinks for the event. The discussion of the approval of the Full time Veterinary position was brought up and Dr. McMillian advised that there were different Vet sites on-line to post the opening and that he would provide Paige with the information. Dr. McMillian expressed concern over the Vet supplies and office equipment needed to effectively be able to treat and provide the services Animal Control should be seeking out of this position. He stated that we do not want to pay a large salary to a Vet that will be limited to Vet Tech services due to lack of equipment. It was advised that the new facility should have most of what a Vet will need once it is complete. It was re-advised that this should be an 8-9 month process to build the new facility with a tentative completion date of March-April 2016. Dr. McMillian did ask if there was ever a confirmed case of K-9 Influenza in Clayton County. He was advised the Animals we tested came back negative and we have not had any additional outbreaks. Dr. McMillian stated that there have been 95 confirmed cases in Georgia and 48 of those were in Fulton County. Linda Ingram stated that she was glad that Chief register was now over Animal Control. She stated that she was exhausted and never thought she would see the end of the tunnel as far as better living conditions and rescue efforts at Animal Control. She advised that if everyone would work together and stop being drama queens it would make everything easier. There were no additional comments or questions.

- Paige Turner advised that she and Ms. McCain would follow up with Brittni on the adoption event. Brittni asked if the rescues could work on donations of flea and tick products for animals that come into the shelter. Clarification was asked on if the donations need to come straight to Animal Control or through the rescues. Capt. Jackson advised that he would get back with them on an answer to the question.
- Paige Turner then advised that the next meeting was scheduled for September 09th @ 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Clayton County Police Dept. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.