

**AUGUST 5, 2020
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES
4:00 PM
2351 SE MONTEREY ROAD, BLAKE LIBRARY**

PRESENT

Chairperson	Rex Sentell
Members.....	Richard Smith
.....	Polly Campenni
	Shaun Kelly
	Rita Nelson
	D/S William Weiss

STAFF PRESENT

Assistant County Administrator / ACCOB Liaison	George Stokus
Special Assistant to ACA	Carolyn Schmidt

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2019

***Shaun Kelly moved approval of minutes. Richard Smith seconded the motion.**

****Motion pass unanimously.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - none

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. TNVR PROGRAM UPDATE

Dr. Sentell noted that since 2017, 584 cats were returned to the field - 482 to animal services and 102 to caretakers.

Staff discussed the need for process and procedures for cats on County property. Staff is working with the Humane Society to set up a meeting to discuss this issue and create a list of 501c3 rescues that have a license in Martin County and Dr. Sentell requested that it “include anyone that is an organized group” as well.

Frank Valente from the Humane Society discussed that there are many types of rescues. Some are brick and mortar and some are not. He said that anyone can get a 501c3 so their needs to be some oversight of local groups even if that is only a vetting process. He also noted that without proper fiscal management groups can get in over their heads which has happened in the Miami area when a group started giving animals to any group that would take them and they were not all true rescues. There is no way to tell if the groups are following the MC ordinances.

Polly discussed the need to establish what the organizations are providing to foster families

Frank Valente noted that state laws require that groups of a certain size need to report numbers and he should be able to work with staff to establish a check list which would provide a better picture of what is happening in Martin County

Staff noted that there are rescues that operate in Martin County and rescues that are based in Martin County, but that is not always the same thing and it can be difficult to catch those groups that shouldn't be operating here

Staff also reminded the members that members are not to talk to other members or bidders during the RFS process and they must maintain the cone of silence

Staff also noted that there is a need to close the loop for horses and other large animals as rescues are limited for these animals. Staff is working with the Sheriff's office to try and address this issue.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Shaun Kelly nominated Dr. Richard Smith for Chair. There were no other nominations offered. Vote was unanimous to elect Dr. Smith as Chair.

Shaun Kelly nominated Dr. Rex Sentell as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations offered. Vote was unanimous to elect Dr. Sentell as Vice Chair.

7. COMMENTS

A. Public - none

B. Members

Shaun Kelly asked about future meeting schedule. Members decided they would like to meet in November or December if possible.

C. Staff - none

8. ADJOURN

***Shaun Kelly motioned to adjourn. Dr. Rex Sentell seconded the motion.**

****The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.**

Recorded and Prepared by:

Carolyn Schmidt, Special Assistant to ACA

Date

Richard Smith, Chair

Date

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