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## Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 13, 2018

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Members Present:

Ms. Amanda Rocker, Chair  
Mr. Gary Evans, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Robert Sheegog  
Ms. Susan Tuman  
Ms. Toni O'Neil

Members Absent:

Mr. Ronnie Cox  
Ms. Maryanne Fasbender

Guests Present:

Ms. Chandra Baillargeon, Program Coordinator  
Ms. Rachel Conklin, Animal Shelter Manager  
Mr. Richard Gabbert, Animal Control Supervisor  
Mr. Howard Martin, Director  
Mr. Ronald White, Animal Control Officer

Ms. Rocker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Ms. Rocker motioned to approve the agenda; Mr. Gary Evans seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Rocker, requested approval of the June minutes; all committee members were in favor.

Mr. Howard Martin presented the shelter report. All July and August numbers are in and available for review. He requested that if anyone had questions about the numbers, please let him know.

There will be a public hearing for the Onslow County Animal Ordinances on Monday, August 20, 2018. A public workshop was conducted on July 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Onslow County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Martin received feedback from that meeting regarding tethering. He reviewed tethering ordinances in the top twenty counties, and we are twelfth in the state. Some counties are listed under restraints and some are under cruel and unusual treatment. He found one ordinance out of the twenty to add, it is under the city of Mecklenburg, Charlotte. There are exact specific guidelines being addressed and presented to the Onslow County Board of Commissioners. These ordinances will be incorporated under the new ordinance 4.9 Duty to Control Animals;

not under cruel and unusual punishment. All Animal Control Officers will have a digital thermometer to record and check temperatures on dogs that are tethered outside.

The Onslow County Animal Shelter has started initiating the Request for Quotations on the Animal Shelter expansion project.

Onslow County Animal Services has interviewed for the three new and one recently vacated Animal Control Officer positions. We have selected four new Animal Control Officers, and we are currently awaiting background checks.

The Onslow County Human Resources Department is working in conjunction with Onslow County Animal Services on the realignment of Animal Shelter positions. We are in the process of coming up with position manuals for all Onslow County Animal Services Positions.

Our next event will be an on-site event here at the shelter. The next adoption event will be sponsored by Stevenson. Stevenson will pay all adoption fees for animals adopted on that day.

The shelter has started initiating the new background checks for all new fosters and volunteers. Our new volunteer policy and hours are in place.

We will be filming an upcoming Onslow County Today episode. The Onslow County Today staff will be on-site at the shelter filming live next Tuesday.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

Ms. Rucker motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Evans seconded.

The time was approximately 7:10 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM.