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## Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2018

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Members Present:

Ms. Amanda Rocker, Chair  
Mr. Gary Evans, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Robert Sheegog  
Ms. Maryanne Fasbender

Members Absent:

Mr. Ronnie Cox  
Ms. Sue Tuman  
Ms. Toni O'Neil

Guests Present:

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

Ms. Rocker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Ms. Rocker motioned to approve the agenda; Dr. Robert Sheegog seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Rocker requested approval of the August minutes. Dr. Robert Sheegog motioned to approve the August minutes; Gary Evans seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Howard Martin presented the shelter report. Ordinance Chapter 4 "Animals" was voted on and approved by the Onslow County Board of Commissioners on September 5, 2018.

Due to Hurricane Florence the shelter was closed to the public from September 11, 2018 through September 24, 2018. All the shelter animals were contained at the shelter throughout the storm. Onslow County Animal Control Officers responded to calls for assistance from the public until Thursday at 10:00 PM.

Onslow County Animal Services opened an offsite hurricane shelter for displaced citizens and their animals. The offsite shelter housed 175 animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, rats, and bearded dragons. Animal Services had two separate teams manning the offsite shelter for two weeks. The staff did a phenomenal job keeping the animal side of the offsite shelter running, while attending to the animals housed at the shelter. The animal shelter's generator remained fully functional throughout the storm.

The Onslow County Emergency Operations Center remained operational for a solid week.

Animal Control Officers were helpful in assisting a large farm that had hog problems.

On the staffing side, Animal Services has two new Animal Control Officers that are now working independently. Interviews for the two remaining Animal Control Officer positions will be conducted on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Onslow County Human Resources has posted a recently vacated full time Animal Care Attendant position. Once the posting closes, interviews will be conducted to fill the position.

During Hurricane Florence, the primary provider of sterilization services for the shelter suffered significant flood damages and remains closed. Animal Services is utilizing alternate sterilization sources at this time.

Onslow County Animal Services has a Stevenson-Hendrick Toyota event scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Onslow County Animal Services will be participating in the Jacksonville Holiday Parade on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Martin has been meeting with involved parties regarding the continuing renovations of the Animal Services building.

In new business, Mr. Martin presented a proposed ordinance regarding tethering to the Advisory Committee. The ordinance was created after surveying ordinances of other counties in North Carolina.

Dr. Sheegog motioned to unanimously support the proposed amendment of County Ordinance, Section 4.3, regarding tethering. Mr. Evans seconded. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

Ms. Amanda Rocker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7 PM; Dr. Robert Sheegog seconded.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.