

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF UPSHUR, CITY OF BUCKHANNON, TO WIT:

A regular meeting of the Buckhannon Animal Care & Control Commission was held on October 12, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall. The following were in attendance:

Robbie Skinner III	Mayor	Absent
Randy Sanders	City Recorder	Absent
Amberle Jenkins	Assistant Recorder/Director of Finance	Present
Alison Clausen Whitehair	Commission Member	Absent
Elissa Linger	Commission Member-Lewis-Upshur ACF Rep	Present
Robin Keough	Commission Member	Absent
Lisa Critchfield	Commission Member & Buckhannon Dog Park	Present- by phone
DNR Representative	Ex Officio	Absent
Matt Gregory	BPD	Absent
BJ Teets	Cat Trapper	Present

Guest- Gloria Fisher

To participate remotely in a City Commission meeting, participants were invited to contact us at 304-472-1651 for the GoToMeeting link/access.

***Buckhannon Animal Care & Control Commission
at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers
Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, October 12, 2021***

- A. Call to Order**
 - A.1 Moment of Silence**
 - A.2 Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America**
 - B. Recognized Guests**
 - B.1**
 - C. Consent Agenda**
 - C.1 Approval of Minutes 07/12/21**
 - D. Correspondence & Information**
 - D.1 Upshur County Commission Report of Cats-July-August 2021**
 - D.2 Upshur County Commission Report of Dogs-July-August 2021**
 - D.3 AC&C 2022 Meeting Schedule**
 - E. Strategic Issues for Discussion and/or Vote**
 - E.1 Discussion/Update Buckhannon Dog Park Committee Report & Brick Install (Lisa)**
 - E.2 Discussion Future Fundraising Events**
 - F. Board Members Comments and Announcement**
 - G. Adjournment**
- Posted 10/05/2021

A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order and followed by a moment of silence.

It was determined that a quorum was not present therefore no action can be taken; however, the members present can discuss issues on the agenda.

B. Recognized Guests:

Mrs. Jenkins introduced BJ Teets as the cat trapper who has taken the place of retired employee Jeff Wamsley. Mr. Teets is an employee of the City of Buckhannon Waste Department.

C. Consent Agenda:

Approval of the April 12, 2021 and July 12, 2021 minutes. Since a quorum was not present, the minutes will need to be placed on the next agenda.

D. Correspondence & Information:

D.1 Upshur County Commission Report of Cats-July-August 2021

- Cats brought in by City Trapper 5
- Cats brought in by Animal Control Officer 6
- Cats brought in by County Residents 88

D.2 Upshur County Commission Report of Dogs-July-August 2021

- Dogs picked up by Animal Control Officer 36
- Dogs returned to Owner by ACO 18
- Dogs delivered to LUACF 24

D.3 AC&C 2022 Meeting Schedule

MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL COMMISSION 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

2ND MONDAY OF EACH QUARTER AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022
- MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022
- MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 (the 10th is a Holiday -Columbus Day)

E. Strategic Issues for Discussion and/or vote:

E.1 Discussion/Update Buckhannon Dog Park Committee Report & Brick Installation:

Commission member-Lisa Critchfield updated everyone, that the bricks have finally been installed.

The Commission members would like to know if it is possible for the public to view the dog park camera in real time. They think this would promote the park and the public would enjoy watching the dogs in the park.

Commission Members Linger and Critchfield will reach out to news media to report on the dog park in Buckhannon.

E.2 Discussion Future Fundraising Events:

Commission member-Lisa Critchfield feels that the fund raising will not resume until next year. The bigger projects the group was working toward has been fulfilled.

F. Board Members Comments and Announcements:

Mrs. Jenkins submitted a picture that was sent to them today regarding the feral cat colony at the Walk Trail. Someone has placed a small tent covering over an area where the cats are being fed.



The group discussed the issue. Mr. Teets reported there are some cat colonies in other areas of town. People are feeding the cats. This is in conflict with city ordinances and causes people to dump more cats in the areas. Ms. Linger brought up thoughts of a catch, vaccinate and release program.

Mrs. Jenkins stated that City Council would have to approve any changes to the ordinances, but wanted the group to be aware of the complaint that City Council may have to address.

Ms. Linger updated the group briefly on an animal abuse issue that is being presented to the Upshur County Prosecutor.

She also reported on violation of ordinance in the Cleveland Avenue area. Dogs are being tied out and neglected and of a dog that was injured and neglected, nearly dying from the wounds. Concerned citizens got medical attention for the animal, which is now doing well.

There being no further business to be transacted, meeting adjourned at 5:55.

Mayor Robert N. Skinner III

Assistant Recorder Amberle Jenkins
