

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: December 2, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. County Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Newberg – Chairman, Christy Pruser, Megan Myers, and Claro Carter. Also, Dee Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator. Pruser left at 7:35 a.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Riddle

No one was present to speak to the committee

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- Donny Benson, Animal Control Administrator and Maddie Turley, animal control assistant was present to discuss various items related to the animal shelter.
 - Discussion concerning access to the shelter after hours. Newberg thanked all those volunteers that come to the shelter to assist. It is not a good policy not knowing the number of people accessing the shelter after hours. Second Chance has access after hours to show animals up for adoption. County employees should be made aware of when Second Chance is showing animals for adoption.
 - Discussed changing from a keypad combination system to a key fob system that would track whose key fob accessed the building after hours. Need to continue to enforce the signing in of all volunteers and Second Chance members.
 - Discussion on how restrictive the committee wants to be with the volunteers and Second Chance. Second Chance serves a good purpose in the county. There have been recent incidents with the county employees being intimidated, yelled at, and harassed. Newberg stated that he stands behind all county employees and this behavior should not and will not be tolerated by anyone.
 - Discussed the need to have a current list of Second Chance people and a copy of their insurance coverage. Second Chance should make county employees aware of when they will be in the building.
 - Discussed the difference between Second Chance people and volunteers. Access to the building for Second Chance is to facilitate adoptions. Volunteers should abide by the hours posted on the volunteer application. Volunteers and Second Chance need an avenue to bring concerns forward, i.e., chairman and /or vice chairman of the committee. Myers indicated that she would be willing to assist in anyway.
 - Discussed altering the work schedule of the current employees.
 - Will meet with Donny and Maddie to discuss what works at the shelter and what areas need improvement. Look at current policies and procedures.
 - Discussed looking into some type of system that would notify Donny that someone had accessed the building after hours. Can check with dispatch to see if they could assist in after hour access.
 - Myers will reach out to Timbercrest to see if they might be interested in providing veterinarian services to the county.
- Motion by Carter, 2nd by Myers to adjourn at 7:50 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.