



## **NYE COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

Nye County Emergency Management Training Room

1510 E. Siri Lane, Pahrump NV

Meeting was available via teleconference.

**Members Present:** Suzanne Zervantian, Harold Long, Jenn LaMana, Scott Shoemaker, Yvonne Smith, Steve Benson

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Stephanie Zane, Vance Payne, John Koenig, Leta Dungan, Chris Johnson, Robert Wannbury, Karyn Fletche , Zuzana Kukol , Chris Sanders, Helen Schneider

**Guests on the phone:**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Call to Order**

Scott Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. All members present introduced themselves for roll call.

**3. Public Comment**

NONE

**4. For Possible Action – Approval of Minutes**

Hal Long made the motion to approve the Minutes for November 5, 2015 as they were written, Jenn LaMana seconded the motion. Motion carried by 6-0.

**5. Updates and Announcements**

Scott Shoemaker announced the following:

a. Housekeeping Rules:

Reminder to attendees to sign the sign-in sheet, announce their names before speaking and keep sidebar conversations to a minimum during the meeting.

- b. Scott made an announcement that one of the defendants in an animal court case missed her court date and is in custody at this time.

**Possible Action Items: Action may be taken by the Nye County Animal Advisory Committee on the following items.**

**6. Action Item: Selection of a Vice- Chair person**

Scott opened the floor up for nominations. Suzanne Zervantian made a motion and nominated Jenn LaMana. Steve Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 (Jenn LaMana abstained from voting)

**7. Updates and for Possible Action- Funding for County Shelter**

**i, Progress made :**

Scott has turned in a copy of the proposal/recommendation to the County Commissioners, it has not come up on the agenda yet.

Scott has also spoken with the DA's office in regards to the title 6 changes; she has no problem with the language as it is written. Some updates are needed in the "running at large" section.

**ii, Title 6 Language for fines:**

Scott read the suggested changes from the attached back up; changes were to be made to the language under 6.05.010, 6.05.040, 6.06.010 and 6.06.080.

A discussion ensued in regards of the language and number of dogs. One suggestion was to clarify if the penalty was per animal or not.

During public comment: John Koenig asked for clarification of some of the language. Chris Johnson asked for clarification in regards to Animal Control and trespassing signs. Stephanie Zane asked for Mr. Jonson to double check with the Sheriff's office, but her understanding is that animal control may step onto the property to try to make contact, but once contact have being made and if they are being asked to leave, they have to leave. Yvonne Smith made a motion to approve the changes as written, Hal Long seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**8. For Possible Action- Removal of Tier 1 permits from Title 6.**

At the December meeting of the BOCC, there were instructions given to staff to remove of the Tier 1 permit from title 17. Now it needs to be done to title 6 as well. Scott read from the back up stating the suggested changes to the language in title 6 to reflect the removal of Tier 1. Hal Long made the motion to approve the changes as written. Steve Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**9. Discussion/recommendation on Title 6 proposal:**

This version of Title 6 is currently scheduled to be approved or denied on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the BOCC meeting. Backup is out on the internet, showing the changes. It was very similar to the August meetings changes, biggest difference were to dismiss AAC and to have the appeals go to the County Commissioners instead and they did leave in the animal RAL on this one. Liability insurance was discussed and how some changes differ from NRS. In the backup online there is some conflicting information that was brought forward by Scott.

Under public comment, Chris Johnson asked where the Commissioners received the information to make the changes. Scott stated that this question should be directed to the commissioners directly. Chris Sanders had comments in regards to shelters and board members. Other public comments were made and a discussion ensued.

Yvonne Smith made a statement that this is not the first time she volunteers for a committee where it take months or years to suggest changes or corrections, and then it is thrown out the window. Hal Long states that it is the responsibility of the commissioners to suggest how funding can be done not committees. A Discussion ensued about what the recommendation to the BOCC should be.

Yvonne Smith made a motion that AAC as a whole does not approve of the latest Title 6 proposal. Steve Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**10. For Possible Action- scheduling of meeting**

This date is contingent on that AAC still exists after the next BOCC meeting.

Steve Benson made a motion to schedule the next meeting for **Thursday, March 17, 2016 @ 1800hrs**. Yvonne Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**11. Public Comment**

Helen Schneider president of the valley obedience club stated on behalf of her club they were happy for what AAC has been doing.

Chris Johnson asked if the Committee had considered an audit to find out where all this money has been going. Scott answered that it was a bit outside the purview of this committee. Chris Sanders also wanted to thank the animal advisory committee for the work they have done.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.14 pm.