

**Jones County Animal Control Committee**  
Jones County Government Center  
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room

April 21, 2010  
6:00 PM

**Summary**  
**Agenda**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Members present representing a quorum of the Committees was:

David Gault-Chairman of the Animal Control Committee  
Bert Liston – Committee Vice Chairman  
Preston Hawkins - Commissioner  
Mike Underwood – County Administrator  
Tina Humphries – Director of Animal Control

Attorney William Noland attended the meeting in County Attorney Frank Childs's place.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gault called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Tina Humphries was on an animal call and arrived later. Preston Hawkins arrived at 6:03 p.m. Attendees were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: 03-04-10

**Motion:** Motion by Underwood, second by Liston to approve the minutes.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved (3-0) (Underwood, Liston, Gault).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Postponed until later in the meeting.

1. Replacement for Michael Vaden on the Dangerous Dog Committee to present to the Commissioners.

Chairman Hawkins and Tina Humphries arrived after the approval of the minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. County Ordinance

Attorney William Noland discussed the changes that had been made to the previous draft of the proposed Animal Control Ordinance. The committee and the attendees discussed the sections in detail.

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Several attendees shared research information on other Georgia county ordinances and informational fact sheets. Handouts were distributed to committee members and citizens in the audience. (See attachments to the minutes).

Other items discussed in connection with the contents of the ordinance included fines, enforcement, related court venues, and judicial interpretation. Also discussed to help improve the staff's ability to provide service to the community was building a new shelter, the availability of information to the public and animals available for adoption. Attendees suggested the use of the county web site to assist in dissemination of information and the addition of useful links on the Animal Control page.

**Consensus of the Committee:** Consensus was to add the following items to the proposed Ordinance:

1. The last page needs to also reference repealing Section 34-37 of the Jones County Noise Ordinance.
2. Section 14-3 (a) should also reference a 10 foot tether requirement.
3. Add some of the language of Gwinnett County's Code concerning noisy animals as discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Replacement for Michael Vaden on the Dangerous Dog Committee to present to the Commissioners. Chairman Gault asked for suggestions for Mr. Vaden's replacement and that the names should be given to the Clerk after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**Motion:** Motion by Liston, second by Hawkins to adjourn.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.