

Jones County Animal Control Committee Minutes
April 21, 2010

The Jones County Animal Control Committee met April 21, 2010 at the Jones County Government Center in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room at 6 p.m.

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.

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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.

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.

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Minutes of the Animal Control Committee:

Submitted to Committee April 23, 2010 by Leila Brittain, County Clerk

Approved by Committee:

David Gault, Chairman is not listed below. He vacated the District Two Commissioner office April 29, 2010 when he qualified to run for the Georgia State House of Representatives, District 125. Bert Liston serves as Chairman after April 29, 2010.

Date: _____

Bert Liston – Committee Chairman

Joseph P. Hawkins, Commissioner

Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator

Tina Humphries, Director of Animal Control

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board