

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEETING**

Greensboro, North Carolina
August 17, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed Emergency Meeting at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Old County Courthouse, 301 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC.

PRESENT: Chairman Hank Henning, presiding; Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips; Commissioners Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Alan Branson, Justin Conrad and Ray Trapp.

ABSENT: Commissioners J. Carlvena Foster and Alan Perdue

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Clarence Grier, Deputy County Manager; Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; and members of the media and community.

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henning called the duly noticed meeting to order at 10:11 AM for the purpose of discussing ongoing Guilford County Animal shelter operations, as a result of being informed by the State Agricultural Commission that as of 8:00am on August 17, 2015, the contractor's license to operate had been revoked and a criminal investigation regarding allegations of animal cruelty, misappropriation of County funds, and misuse of controlled substances was under way.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Direct the County Manager to terminate the contract with United Animal Coalition for the operations of the Animal Shelter and authorize the County Manager to assume operations and take all other necessary steps to operate the facility.
- B. Authorize the County Manager to establish a Fee Schedule associated with Animal Shelter services, consistent with the current schedule.
- C. Authorize County Manager to enter into all necessary Contracts and Services Agreements for the Animal Shelter to ensure immediate and ongoing operations.
- D. Amend the Budget Ordinance, Section A, to authorize the County Manager to accept and appropriate gifts, in-kind services, and monetary donations up to \$25,000.00 per donation.

A four-part motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to:

- A. Direct the County Manager to terminate the contract with United Animal Coalition for the operations of the Animal Shelter and authorize the County Manager to assume operations and take all other necessary steps to operate the facility;
- B. Authorize the County Manager to establish a Fee Schedule associated with Animal Shelter services, consistent with the current schedule;
- C. Authorize County Manager to enter into all necessary Contracts and Services Agreements for the Animal Shelter to ensure immediate and ongoing operations; and
- D. Amend the Budget Ordinance, Section A, to authorize the County Manager to accept and appropriate gifts, in-kind services, and monetary donations up to \$25,000.00 per donation.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0.

AYES: Commissioners A. Branson , J. Phillips, J. Conrad, C. Coleman, H. Henning, R. Trapp, K. Cashion.

ABSENT: J. Carlvena Foster and A. Perdue

NOES: None.

III. ADJOURN

Chairman Henning invited those present to join him along with other commissioners in the Blue Room located on the first floor of the Old County Courthouse for a press conference so that the County and Sheriff’s office may share additional remarks on the Guilford County Animal Shelter operations plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Trapp, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0.

AYES: Commissioners A. Branson , J. Phillips, J. Conrad, C. Coleman, H. Henning, R. Trapp, K. Cashion.

ABSENT: J. Carlvena Foster and A. Perdue

NOES: None.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:13am.

Paul Henry “Hank” Henning, IV, Chairman

Clerk to Board