

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 16, 2007
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris LaSage, Vice Chairman
Barbara Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Woodall
Debra Garrambone, Chairman
Lisa Giltner
Dr. DeHaven Batchelor
Bill Shaffer

OTHERS: T. E. Stone, Director of Public Safety
Mary Beth Lake, Animal Services Shelter Supervisor
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney
Cheryl Turner, Acting Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held October 16, 2007, at 7:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 150 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk to the Board. A quorum was not present. Vice Chairman Chris LaSage announced the Board could not conduct any business but would hold the meeting.

Mary Beth Lake, Animal Services Shelter Supervisor, gave a status reports on the isolation building project, the shelter rebuild project and the contract with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (SPCA) of Central Florida, Inc. to provide pet spay/neuter services to low income residents.

Carla Wilson, 702 Heather Lane, Winter Springs, addressed the Board about her desire and efforts to implement an ordinance prohibiting the prolonged chaining of dogs in Seminole County. She stated her reasons for supporting such an ordinance. Ms. Wilson distributed a handout titled "Just How Enforceable Is Our Tethering Law Going To Be Anyway".

Lisa Giltner joined the meeting at 7:35 PM.

T. E. Stone, Director of Public Safety, addressed the Board. He spoke about revising the animal ordinance to include a provision relative to prolonged chaining. Ms. Lewis commented that she wants to revise the code to allow free roaming cats so that feral cats will be legal.

Mr. Stone distributed copies of Animal Services current fee resolution, a matrix of fees in surrounding counties, and a summary of proposed fee revisions. He reviewed the summary drawing attention to the following: differential license fees based on whether or not an animal is intact or altered; waiving license fees for service and law enforcement dogs, and for senior citizens; substantial fee increases relative to dangerous dogs; doubling the fee to redeem impounded animals; doubling boarding fees; adding fees for pet carriers and leashes.

Mr. Stone advised he spoke with Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide (the BCC liaison to the Animal Control Board) regarding staff scheduling conflicts relative to Animal Control Board meetings, and the need to establish a set meeting schedule in consideration of staff and Animal Control Board members. Commissioner Van Der Weide is in agreement. Mr. Stone will reintroduce this issue when there is a quorum.

The meeting dismissed at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board