

Special Health and Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
5:00 PM, 2nd Floor, Joseph G Cannon Building

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1- Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Tim McFadden called the Health & Education meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Upon the Roll Call, the following members were present: Tim McFadden, Britny Hoag, Kevin Green, Phearn Butler and Christine LaMar. Phil Jackson was absent. (5 present, 1 absent).

Also present were: Larry Baughn – Chairman, Robyn Heffern - Chief Deputy County Clerk, Cathy Jenkins – County Clerk, Jerry Hawker – County Board Member, Bill Donahue – Audience Member, Kasey Snyder – Director Animal Shelter, Jim Russell – Mental Health Director, Emilee Gassl – Animal Shelter, Keionna Williams – Animal Shelter, Grace Kielich, Nancy Boose – HR Director and Cassy Carter - Financial Resources Director.

Agenda Item 2- Adoption/ Amendment to the Agenda

Green motioned to approve agenda, second by LaMar. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from August 3, 2023

Motion made by Green, second by LaMar approve minutes. Motion passed by acclamation

Agenda Item 4 – Audience Comments

Bill Donahue spoke on to remind all that the county chose to have a shelter. There are many expenses to this shelter thank people realize. He asked that everyone be courteous to each other during these discussions.

Agenda Item 5 – Budget Mental Health FY2023-2024

Green Motion, second by Hoag to discuss.

Russell explained the budget has a requested increase. This is due to the increase of mental health needs. Also, to help other agencies whom have lost their funding.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: McFadden, Hoag, Green, LaMar, and Butler. 5 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

LaMar made a motion to increase the salary of the Mental Health Department Head by the approved county board action of 3.125% plus an additional \$10,000.00. This would take his salary to \$75,975. Second by McFadden.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: McFadden, Hoag, LaMar, and Butler. Green voted no. 4 yes, 1 no, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Hoag made a motion to increase the salary of the Mental Health Chief Deputy to \$50,000. The was second by LaMar.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: McFadden, Hoag, Green, LaMar, and Butler. 5 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed

Agenda Item 6 – Budget Animal Control FY2023-2024

LaMar Motion, second by Butler, discussion ensued to adjust the budget to include five additional employees bringing the total amount of the budget to \$1,583,510.00. Snyder explained the budget this year shows a much larger transfer from the General Fund, to ensure there is enough in the budget to fund it for the full year. This is a very transparent budget and there are no planned expenses from ARPA. She explained the need for five additional staff members, so that the hours could be extended as well as offering weekend hours. The issue with a small staff is being closed longer than 12 hours a day, which is not good for animals that need medication every 12 hours, as well as the amount of time they are in their kennels.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: McFadden, Hoag, Green, LaMar and Butler. 5 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Executive Session

None.

Agenda Item 8 - Items of Information

Chairman Baughn noted that we will be having all meetings, since it is budget time. So please make sure to watch your emails.

Agenda Item 9 - Adjournment

McFadden adjourned the meeting at 6:41PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director