

Anderson County Animal Advisory Committee

Anderson County Courthouse, Room 118A

April 28, 2026, 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioner Anthony Allen, Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp, Commissioner Tracy Wandell, Les Hunt, Steven Phillips

Ex-Officio Members Present: Mayor Terry Frank, Director Damon McKenna, Law Director Jamie Brooks, County Veterinarian Dr. Mark Garrett

Others present: Ashley Craven, Kim Dixon, Donna Hejtmanek, and several unidentified citizens

Call to Order. Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Allen offered a Prayer, and L. Hunt led the Pledge.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by S. Beauchamp and second by L. Hunt to approve amending the meeting agenda to add discussion about the status of remaining committee appointments. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by S. Beauchamp and second by T. Wandell to approve the minutes of the Committee's organizational meeting. Motion carried.

Appearance of Citizens. Ashley Craven and Donna Hejtmanek

Veterinarian Needed to fill seat. Vacancies left to be filled on the Committee, per Resolution No. 25-08-1228 (attached) include two citizens at large, a veterinarian, and one representative of an animal welfare non-profit 4 501(c)3 organization. Law Director Brooks stated there are no hard deadlines for making the remaining appointments, and the Committee can conduct business if there is a quorum in attendance at meetings.

YTD Shelter Expenses. Mayor Frank reported Year-To-Date expenses. No action taken.

Animal Shelter Report.

- Addressing Commissioner Josh Anderson's video on social media. Chairman Allen said he added this discussion item for transparency after he had watched the video. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- T. Wandell moved to ask the county to present a breakdown-to-date of all expenses related to the planning for and construction of the new animal shelter. S. Phillips made the second. S. Beauchamp stated that the information should

be presented to the county Operations Committee before it comes to this Committee. T. Wandell and S. Phillips moved to amend their motion to have the project's financial information sent to the Operations Committee's June meeting. Motion carried.

- County Archivist Zach Foster is in the process of researching history of the Carden Family and will provide information to the Committee when his research is completed.

New Business. T. Wandell and S. Phillips said they appreciated the animal control team's participation and the public's participation in last weekend's Pet Expo at the Carden Farm Dog Park.

Mayor Frank gave a "high-five" to the animal control team for its ongoing efforts to better serve the community.

Director McKenna noted that the department is conducting a 5K run, in cooperation with the City of Clinton, on Saturday, September 19, 2026. He also noted upcoming sessions for shelter volunteers all of whom are using the Volgistics software to log their volunteer time.

Unfinished Business. None

Adjourn. There being no other business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned without objection, at 5:20 p.m.