

**THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE JOINT POWERS AGENCY OF THE
STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY (SASA)**
Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday

June 16, 2022

Members Present:

Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson, Chair – Present
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County – Present
Scotty Douglass, Alternate for Joe Lopez, City of Modesto – Present
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford – Present
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson – Present
Alex Terrazas, City of Ceres – Present

Staff Present:

Sweena Pannu, Deputy County Counsel
Vaughn Maurice, Executive Director
Ron Reid, Interim Executive Director
Veronica Ayon, Business Manager
Monica Aleman, HR Manager Consultant
Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant

Guests and Dignitaries: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by Chair, Merry Mayhew.

1. Welcome:

2. Roll Call (Silent): See Above

3. Presentations:

A. SASA Budget Presentation

Item referred due to duplication with the the 6/16/22 SASA JPA Board
Special Meeting, Item #3A.

4. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person): None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting minutes from May 19, 2022 (City of
Patterson/County of Stanislaus; 6-0)

6. Correspondence: None

7. New Business:

- A. Motion to approve the retrofit of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency's (SASA's) Exercise Yards, to account for the division of Exercise Yards 2 and 4 into three smaller yards. (Stanislaus County/City of Modesto, 6-0)
- B. Motion to authorize the purchase of a piece of hospital equipment (Prestige DS Veterinary Dental Station w/LED Lighted Plezo Scaler) for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency's (SASA's) Hospital at a total of \$5,583.14, supported by the donation of \$90,000 received from the Jacqueline E. Foret Trust – A donation accepted by the SASA JPA Board (Board) on October 21, 2021. (Stanislaus County/City of Waterford, 6-0)
- C. Motion to approve Stanislaus Animal Services Agency (SASA) to enter into an Amended Agreement for Professional Services with Dr. Sarah Cadwell to continue to provide veterinarian services beyond the previously identified term end date of June 30, 2022 – As amended and for the extended period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. (Stanislaus County/City of Ceres, 6-0)

8. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Director Report:

Provided by outgoing Interim Executive Director Ron Reid –

- i. Docupet contract report back. The Docupet contract was included in the handouts. County of Stanislaus noted that we are down one third in revenue from previous years and suggested we get some tips or strategies from City of Modesto. The current 3yr DocuPet contract is due to expire in December, 2022. City of Modesto advised that canvassing helps to ensure compliance and therefore more license purchasing. Having chip readers in the field also helps reunite citizens with their animals faster, as they are reunited in the field.
- ii. Introduced the new Executive Director, Vaughn Maurice, who began 6/15/22 with SASA. He expressed he is happy to be here and is looking forward to working with the board. He shared his vast experience in working in and around animal welfare organizations.
- iii. Dog seizure update. On May 19th, 150 dogs were seized during a large-scale puppy-mill case. On June 10th, the court ordered that the dogs all be relinquished to the custody/care of SASA. All 150 dogs were released to Rescue groups, last 13 leaving the facility on Wednesday, June 15th/0730hrs. Because of the dollar value of the dogs, we will not be releasing the Rescue names or locations.
- iv. We are still operating over our capacity with approximately 215 dogs housed in the available 188 kennels, some still being double kenneled.

9. Informational:

- A. Board requested the new Executive Director research the DocuPet contract to evaluate a cost/benefit analysis of the service, this contractor vs. competitors, or dropping the service completely. Director Maurice feels he can return by September's meeting with recommendations.
- B. County of Stanislaus advised that he would like the Director to look into the contract for our animal disposal to evaluate services and prices.

10. Member Referrals: None

11. Closed Session:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: [Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)]

Case: Bobbie Carne; All My Tomorrow's Pet Rescue; Eleanor Triboletti; Caroline Grayson vs. Stanislaus County Animal Services Agency et al, Stanislaus Superior Court, Case No. CV-18-004819
US District Court, Eastern District 19-CV-01151-AWI-SKO

12. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 10:14am (Stanislaus County/City of Waterford; 6-0)

Adjourned: 1014hrs

ATTESTED: Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant
of the Governing Board
of the Joint Powers Agency
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency
State of California