

October 15, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse on October 15, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson
Billy Ray Pait, Vice Chairman
Lewis Tatum
Greg Taylor
Delilah B. Blanks
W.D. Neill, Jr.
James G. Smith
Charles Ray Peterson

Absent: Larry Smith

Staff: Wayne Stewart, Robert Mazur, Ted Carter, Jason Bryant, Djuana Register, Animal Control Board Members

Vice Chairman Billy Ray Pait called the meeting to order and introduced Health Director Wayne Stewart.

Health Director Wayne Stewart explained the following topics:

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
ANIMAL CONTROL, ANIMAL WELFARE AND THE CONTROL OF RABIES
IN BLADEN COUNTY**

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Margaret Lewis-Moore Arrived.

Mr. Stewart highlighted the following issues:

- Bladen County picks up 3500-4100 animals per year.
- Dogs and Cats running at large would be prohibited.
- Fines will be issued for dogs and/or cats running at large.
- Hunting dogs, while on a legal hunt, are not considered to be running at large.
After the hunt is over, if the animal is not retrieved, the animal is running at large.

Action Taken: The Board requested that the Animal Control Board revisit the issue of hunting dogs being classified as “running at large” after a legal hunt is over and report back to the board. The Board also requested that the Animal Control Board review the amounts for fines and add that a warning will be given before a fine is issued.

A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by Billy Ray Pait, and approved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk