

The West Branch Animal Control Commission met on April 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Alan Beyer, Amy Lynch, Leesa Johnson and Gina Heick

Absent: Ashley Olson

Also present: Melissa Russell, Parks & Recreation Director, Police Chief, Kory Hanna, and representing the proposed Cedar County Animal Shelter, Tonya Dummel with Judy Jenkins on Tonya's speaker phone.

Minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

Proposed Cedar County Animal Shelter: Tonya passed out binders and packets, along with a proposed operational budget for the Commission members to review.

There were questions regarding cost of construction, budget, a ball-park figure, and about what they are asking from other cities. Also questions regarding transport of animals; transport vehicle and would there be an animal control ordinance. Tonya stated we were the first city she has presented to. She was here with basic information and was taking our questions/concerns and she would get back to us with more information.

Old Business:

License Renewal, "Forever License" amendment: The West Branch Animal Control Commission moved to offer another option to animal registration. A pet owner will be able to purchase a "Life Time" tag for \$50.00 for neutered pets and \$150.00 of unneutered pets.

TNR to go to City Council.

Dog Park:

Melissa will order the tetherball for the Dog Park, which will come out of her budget. She stated it was easier for the City to order.

Dog Park projects: One-half of the Dog Park will be blocked off for seeding. May do other half later this year.

Furniture at Dog Park – will be discussed at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

Dog Park clean-up - will be discussed at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

New Business:

Police Report – Chief Hanna stated there was nothing to report. There will be an Appeal of Classification, no hearing date set at this time.

Next meeting will be May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.