



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00023

Agenda Date: 1/9/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Re-establishment of the Alachua County Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Presenter:

Julie Johnson, Animal Resources Director, 352-264-6890

Description:

Re-establishment of the Alachua County Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Recommended Action:

Approve the Resolution Re-establishing the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and authorize the Chair to sign.

Prior Board Motions:

May 24, 2022 -Adoption of Resolution establishing the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Fiscal Note:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this Board discussion.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

On May 24, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2022-52 establishing the Alachua County Animal Welfare Advisory Committee. The Committee was formed and the Committee members have been meeting on a regular basis. The member seat for a Mental Health Professional has been vacant since the establishment of the Committee due to lack of interest. This has caused an issue meeting quorum. Instead, and in lieu of the seat, it would be helpful to have a member with additional veterinary experience. If approved, the Resolution presented would do as follows: (1) re-establish the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee; (2) replace Mental Health Professional member with a member who is a Certified Veterinary Technician or a Graduate of an AVMA-Accredited Veterinary Technology Program; (3) change quorum from 5 members to a majority; and (4) clarify that the Staff Liaison will assist with preparation of the meeting agenda. At the public meeting held on November 15, 2023, the Committee voted and approved the modification to the quorum requirement to a majority of all positions which are currently filled.