

**GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847**

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 20, 2023 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. **Location:** Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Commissioners:

Tyson Riggleman, President
Scotty Miley, Commissioner
Kevin Hagerty, Commissioner

Michelle Sites, Administrator

1) Call to Order

President Riggleman called the special meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2) Parks & Recreation Department, Lorraine "Peter" Patch, Terri Grapes, Denver Riggleman & Jessica Wilkins, to discuss Dog Pound needs, Dog Pound Policy & Dog Adoption Policy.

Commissioner Riggleman stated the list of needs at the Dog Pound:

- Drains inside and outside
- Doors for entrance & exit with levy system
- Drain covers for inside
- Something to be put in between cages outside to prevent dog fights
- Roof over outside cages
- Fix gates on outside
- Paint outside of kennel
- Upgrade lighting inside kennel
- Clean and paint inside kennel
- Top over pens inside to prevent dogs from climbing out
- Mini splits
- Small fenced in area outside of kennel

So far dog bowls and raised dog beds have been purchased. Randy Parsons stated that the roof has been put on for the outdoor fenced in area. First Baptist Church has a Missions Group coming in and they are willing to paint the outside of the dog pound.

Terri Grapes appeared before the Commission as a representative and volunteer for a local rescue. She stated there is a lot of outside resources to help with the adoption of dogs. The conditions of the pound need to be improved for the dogs while they are there waiting to be adopted. Community support is needed. Monetary donations and foster homes would be greatly appreciated.

Community members appeared before the Commission to volunteer with cleaning and other things that are needed. There has been discussion about having a cleaning day. Commissioner Hagerty said in time it could happen once the doors are installed that would separate volunteers from the dogs. Commissioner Miley stated that there could potentially be a community service day that would allow volunteers to help with certain things.

Michelle Sites presented a drafted dog pound policy and dog adoption policy for changes and approval. She stated there is an opportunity for a \$30,000 grant. It can be used for several of the needs at the dog pound. The grant award will be announced August 25, 2023. Jessica Wilkins is willing to help Michelle with the grant documents. There is also an opportunity available for a spay and neuter grant. West Virginia Code states that a dog must be spayed or neutered before adoption.

3) Adjourn

A Motion was made to adjourn. **MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved**



PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

7/25/23

DATE APPROVED



CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION