

## **DUPLIN COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD - MEETING**

**August 1, 2023**

**Members:** Cathi Hale, Chris Jarman, David Phillips, Chris Alphin, Haley Cooper, Margie Hunter, Jason McGuirt, Michelle Blanchard, Kebby Schweinsberg and Bobbie Kennedy

**Present:** Cathi Hale, David Phillips, Chris Jarman, Chris Alphin, Kebby Schweinsberg and Bobbie Kennedy

**Excused:** Haley Cooper, Margie Hunter, Jason McGuirt, Michelle Blanchard

Meeting called to order by Cathi Hale at 6:01 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Alphin

### Agenda Items

1. Introduction: Kebby Schweinsberg
2. Petition:
  - Emails reviewed by AAB.
  - Cathi and Joe Newburn met with Lauren Carver, Paw Project Representative.
  - We reviewed the meeting details
  - Conclusion- Introduce civility back into relationships.
  - Cathi and Joe will contact Lauren Carver and offer to consider and acknowledge her biggest concerns and her resolutions, while deciding what can reasonably be accommodated with available resources.
3. Proper DCAS staffing: Currently, with one full time shelter employee, all expectations necessary cannot be achieved by one individual. Joe spoke with commissioner Elwood Garner. Mr Garner stated to Joe, the decision for the department not to receive any additional positions, is temporary; When the new shelter is open, more staff positions could be implemented.

Meeting adjourned by David at 7:04pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Alphin)