



Lawrence County  
**ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**Date:** April 7, 2025 | **Time:** 5:00-5:34 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioners:** Shane Eaton, Dave Ray, Tim Clifton, Steve Hagan. **FOLCA Representative** Lee Ann Pettus, **Animal Shelter Director** Ginger Morgan, and members of the **FOLCA** board.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Shane Eaton, Dave Ray, Tim Clifton, and Steve Hagan.

**ABSENT:** Tammy Wisdom.

**Commissioner Eaton** called the meeting to order.

**Director Ginger Morgan** provided an update on current operations at the Animal Shelter, noting an increase in the adoption rate compared to the previous year. Ten dogs have been reunited with their families so far in 2025. The adoption process includes vaccination, a two-week quarantine, and advertisement before placement.

The shelter successfully won two animal cruelty cases and lost one due to lack of evidence. Facility updates included the replacement of a pump that failed in January 2025, following another pump replacement in December 2023. Ongoing plumbing issues are being addressed.

The shelter currently lacks a comprehensive security system, relying on a single camera with limited coverage. However, additional cameras have been donated by the City and are expected to be installed soon. **Commissioner Ray** inquired about the previous pump replacement and security upgrades, and **Morgan** clarified both matters.

Microchipping is part of the intake and adoption process, with chips also available through FOLCA, which has partnered with the Police Department to make them accessible after hours.

Regarding abandoned animals, **Morgan** reported no recent incidents. The foster program has been successful, with many fosters becoming permanent adopters. The shelter has a volunteer base of roughly 20–30 individuals, with 3–4 consistently active at the shelter and others assisting at events.

When asked how the Commission could support the shelter, **Morgan** suggested increased visibility through shared social media posts and the need for improved

security equipment. She also confirmed that the shelter collaborates with other local organizations to share resources and support one another.

**Lee Ann Pettus** provided a quarterly update on FOLCA's activities and successes. She concluded with a funding request of **\$35,000** for the upcoming year, a **\$10,000 increase** from the previous year's allocation.

*During the presentation Commissioner Tim Clifton had to leave.*

**Motion to Recommend FOLCA's \$35K Request to the Budget Committee.**

**Motion:** Ray. **Second:** Hagan.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

**Motion to Adjourn.**

**Motion:** Ray. **Second:** Hagan.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

**Minutes Submitted By:** Christian Tyree