

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Beverly Sharpe, 3104 Falling Leaf Lane, addressed the commission regarding the pay for Board of Elections poll workers and the possibility of a pay increase. Ms. Sharpe mentioned that the current hourly pay is \$7.25.

Kathleen Hodges, 302 Simpson Place, addressed the commission regarding the pay for Board of Elections poll workers and the possibility of a pay increase.

Susan Wehling, 2410 Georgia Avenue, addressed the commission in opposition to data centers in our community. Ms. Wehling expressed concerns regarding increased water usage, impacts on climate change, and potential health effects, including respiratory disease. Additionally, Ms. Wehling mentioned that a Town Hall meeting on this topic is scheduled to be held on Friday, April 17th.

Mary Francis Roe, 4515 Jones Lane, addressed the commission regarding the paving of Green Road. Ms. Roe stated she is not concerned with building up the road, but having Green Road paved.

Chase West, 4712 Radar Site Road, addressed the commission regarding proposed animal control ordinance changes related to the maximum number of domestic animals allowed per acre. Mr. West expressed concern that the proposed limits would have an impact on farmers and others who maintain multiple animals.

Cara Lea West, 4712 Radar Site Road, addressed the commission regarding proposed animal control ordinance changes requiring mandatory microchipping of pets by twelve weeks of age as a measure to help prevent pet loss. Mrs. West stated that she was recently advised to wait until at least six months of age to microchip, typically at the same time as spaying and neutering. Additionally, Mrs. West mentioned the proposed limitation of fewer than twelve animals per acre, mentioning that this could negatively impact farmers and individuals involved in animal rescue. While she voiced concerns about microchipping and the animal limit, Mrs. West clarified that she does not oppose microchipping itself.

William Whitesell, 2123 Pinewood Drive, addressed the commission regarding proposed animal control ordinance changes. Mr. Whitesell discussed the possible implementation of an annual pet licensing fee that would be waived for pet owners whose dogs or cats are spayed or neutered. Mr. Whitesell mentioned for a cost of \$35.00, residents in Lowndes County can have their dogs spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies and microchipped, while the same services are available for cats at a cost of \$25.00. Mr. Whitesell added that similar programs are currently being implemented successfully in many other counties and cities.

Crista Marie Wells, 907 Wilson Avenue, addressed the commission regarding the proposed animal control ordinance changes. Ms. Wells expressed support for the \$35.00 spay and neuter program. She stated that requiring microchipping at twelve weeks of age is too early and suggested that microchipping be done in conjunction with mandatory spaying and neutering.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session meeting at 6:17 p.m.