

ASAB Member Requested Agenda Items for 8/12/26 Meeting:

ASAB Agenda Items List Compiled from member emails and multiple meetings with Dr. J and Chair

Items Marked for Inclusion on the August 12, 2026 Agenda (“Yes”)

1. 2025-2026 Animal Services budget presentation / CIP / Future Buildings

Status: Yes-2

Description: Formal motion directing staff to provide the budget for Animal Services, CIP budget, any future projects, and possible future buildings on the Bishop Parker campus and Lena Road.

Requested By: Carol Whitmore (motion carried 9-0 on June 17) Date Requested: June 17, 2026 (motion); also June 25, 2026 email

Notes: Formal board motion from first meeting. Cannot direct staff.

Determination: Include on agenda and will be a handout, but cannot direct staff or staff from other departments.

2. Review of the UF Site Visit

Status: Yes-1

Description: Request to review the University of Florida Shelter Medicine Program site visit.

Requested By: Dena Sabou Date Requested: August 4, 2026

Notes: Chair will provide a verbal review of her observations from the visit

3. Request for monthly shelter performance and volunteer data reports Status: Yes-2

Description: Require regular reports on volunteer hours, intake metrics (including surrenders accepted vs. turned away), and outcome metrics.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: July 13, 2026 (referenced earlier)

Notes: Chair – Was brought up during public comment. Dr. J– Don’t track owner surrenders turned away; volunteers receive a monthly update; intake is tracked internally. Already discussed at last meeting; no staff to track additional data.

Johanna- Question whether this is a request for ASAB to receive existing information or for MCAW to create new tracking. This is also operational and ASAB has no bearing on Operations

Determination: Included as an agenda item so Dr. J can provide education on distinction between a no-kill policy and open intake at a municipal shelter.

4. Temporary tents / permanent shade structures & noise-absorbing materials

Status: Yes-1

Description: Discuss monthly cost of temporary tents charged to the shelter budget after BOCC denial of \$1.5M for permanent shade structures and noise-absorbing materials; propose solutions to keep those funds available for staffing (capacity of care is not being met).

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Requested By: Dena Sabou Date Requested: July 29, 2026

Notes: Chair – Needs to be discussed.

Determination: Included as an agenda item

5. Resurrect and preserve the former Lena Rd site for a future animal shelter + Review of former staff-drafted plans

Status: Yes-2

Description: Recommend preserving the previously reserved Lena Rd site; discuss earlier plans prepared by staff before the previous board eliminated the option.

Requested By: Carol Whitmore Date Requested: June 25, 2026

Notes: Chair – Exists; Chair has it; public record; good to share with ASAB. Dr. J / Johanna – No drafted architectural or construction-ready plans were ever fully developed; effort remained conceptual/site-selection stage and was paused in 2021 after Bishop donation. County still owns the property.

Determination: Included as an agenda item, but ASAB cannot direct staff.

Items ASAB Liaison feels would be beneficial and will mention during New/Old Business

6. Tour of Bishop Adoptions Building

Status: Created following a request that was of a public records request.

Description: David has requested to be provided with a layout of the building three separate times without success.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: 7/13/26

Notes: Johanna will schedule an ASAB tour of the building before it opens.

Determination: Johanna will mention during new/old business

Items Deferred / Not on August Agenda

7. Tethering Regulations Education Campaign / Anti-Tethering Education Campaign

Status: No

Description: Public awareness / education campaign regarding tethering regulations (formal motion to act on the recommendation).

Requested By: David Daniels (original list); Carol Whitmore (formal motion seconded by Chair Sabou, carried 9-0) Date Requested: Referenced June 12, 2026; formal motion June 17, 2026

Notes: Chair – Important to include Sheriff, Police, and MCAW; use of media, penalties, and fines. Dr. J – This is an item for the BOCC and cost money.

Determination: Deferred

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8. Consistent community updates and Educating the public

Status: Yes-6 (moved to deferred per request)

Description: Directive to Michael Strollo to increase and build a social media campaign focused on transparency, successes, and lives saved to improve work environment and public trust.

Requested By: Dena Sabou Date Requested: August 4, 2026

Notes: Directing staff and is an operations item.

Determination: Deferred to future agenda by member request

9. Motion for Monthly ASAB Meetings

Status: No

Description: Formally schedule and confirm monthly ASAB meeting dates through end of 2026; direct liaison to reserve Oct/Nov/Dec 2026 dates.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: July 29, 2026

Notes: Already sorted.

Determination: Not moving forward

10. Standardized behavioral assessment and treatment documentation for contracted dog training services

Status: No

Description: Require third-party behavior contractors to produce written assessments, plans, progress reports, and final summaries as part of each dog's permanent record.

Requested By: Kerri Hughes Date Requested: July 11, 2026

Notes: Chair – Already in place; not for this month's agenda. Dr. J – Agreeable with Chair.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time

11. Competitive solicitation for animal behavior and training services

Status: No

Description: Recommend issuing a competitive procurement for behavior and training services.

Requested By: Kerri Hughes Date Requested: June 29, 2026

Notes: Chair – Already done. Dr. J- BOCC Process Johanna – Whole County process.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time

12. Establishment of an online public comment submission portal for the ASAB

Status: No

Description: Create a digital mechanism so the public can submit comments to ASAB (or all advisory boards) without attending in person.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: June 18, 2026 (re-submitted July 13, 2026)

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Notes: Chair – Not possible; already discussed. Dr. J – Already discussed. Johanna – Previously communicated (6.17.26) this is not an option.
Determination: Not moving forward at this time

13. Daily digital archiving of dog-walk tracking whiteboards / Daily Dog Walk

Tracking Records

Status: No

Description: Photograph and systematically archive the daily dog-walk tracking boards. Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: Referenced June 12, 2026; re-submitted July 13, 2026

Notes: Chair – Keep. Dr. J- Directing staff and is operational Johanna – Operations – directing staff to do things.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time, no bearing on operations

14. Tracking and documentation of all pet surrender requests via standardized intake forms

Status: No

Description: Require a standardized form for every surrender inquiry, including those deferred or turned away.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: July 13, 2026

Notes: Same category as related data-tracking items; operations – directing staff.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time

15. Inclusion of an ASAB member in the University of Florida Shelter Medicine Program evaluation

Status: No

Description: Designate an ASAB representative to attend the onsite evaluation of the prefabricated kennels.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: Referenced June 12, 2026; re-submitted July 13, 2026

Notes: Chair – Chair is attending this evaluation and previously confirmed with Dr. J and Sarah Brown. Dr. J – Determined ASAB Chair and Vice Chair will be invited.

Already determined.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time

16. Hurricane safety / emergency protocol for animals at the Bishop animal shelter

Status: No

Description: Clarify the plan to keep animals safe in prefabricated structures during a hurricane, including possible relocation. Requested By: Wendy Gonzales Date Requested: June 17, 2026

Notes: Chair – yes Dr. J- can just ask for it Johanna – Can we get a copy of what will be provided?

Determination: Deferred

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17. Presentation on the benefits and need for a reliable stray cat population control plan (TNVR)

Status: No

Description: Develop regularly scheduled TNVR services, especially in higher-density neighborhoods. Requested By: Bibiana Salmon (Ly Bibiana Salmon Wetzel)

Date Requested: June 29, 2026

Notes: Chair – Later. Already addressed at end of 6/17/26 meeting by Dr. J. Dr. J – Later. Presentation by a member; no presentation provided as of 8/4.

Determination: Deferred

18. Share latest national animal welfare updates and materials with staff at the new Animal Welfare Resource Center

Status: No

Description: Provide materials and contacts from the Animal Care Expo.

Requested By: Bibiana Salmon Date Requested: June 29, 2026 Notes: Chair – Connect her with Dr. Johnson. Dr. J – Email Doc. Johanna-No presentation provided as of 8/4 and no staff hired for the location.

Determination: Deferred

19. 2026-2027 Animal Services budget draft presentation

Status: No

Description: Review the draft budget already submitted to the commissioners (capital + operations).

Requested By: Carol Whitmore Date Requested: June 25, 2026 Notes: Chair – Y. Dr. J – Still in Draft and not finalized. No staff scheduled to provide.

Determination: Deferred

20. Enhancing shelter dog welfare through increased volunteer access and community engagement

Status: No

Description: Evaluate installing secure access windows/pass-through doors for trained volunteers; increase promotion of Doggie Day Out, foster, and enrichment programs.

Requested By: Kerri Hughes Date Requested: June 24, 2026

Notes: Chair – N. Dr. J – Operational and windows to be installed; cost money and not safe. Money would need BOCC approval; IO request for county promotion.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time as it is confirmed dogs have outdoor access at night.

21. Implementation and expansion of shelter dog playgroups using the Dogs Playing for Life model

Status: No

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Description: Expand structured playgroups for enrichment, behavioral assessment, and adoption marketing. Requested By: Kerri Hughes Date Requested: June 23, 2026

Notes: Chair – Conflict of interest with an advocate. Playgroup is run by staff; it is no longer a budget item and will not be revisited. Dr. J – Directing staff what to do; staffing impacts ability to provide.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time

22. Discontinue free / fee-waived out-of-county dog adoption events

Status: No

Description: End the practice of transporting shelter dogs to out-of-county fee-waived adoption events.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: July 13, 2026

Notes: Chair- doing this is what helps dogs Dr. J – Directing staff and against all sheltering recommendations. Reduce fees to decrease barriers; new audience out of county.

Determination: Not moving forward at this time

23. Educational signage at public boat ramps and fishing piers discouraging discarding of fishing line

Status: No

Description: Create and post high-visibility signs stating that cutting or discarding monofilament fishing line kills wildlife.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: Referenced June 12, 2026; re-submitted July 13, 2026

Notes: Chair – Where aren't there signs? Dr. J – N – BOCC. Cost money and is a BOCC thing. Natural Resources Department (Ecological & Marine Resources).

Determination: Not at this time

24. County ordinance prohibiting the discarding and abandonment of fishing line and tackle

Status: No

Description: Recommend an ordinance prohibiting improper disposal of monofilament line and tackle, with penalties and point-of-sale signage.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: July 13, 2026

Notes: Chair – Where aren't there signs? Dr. J – N – BOCC. Cost money and is a BOCC thing. Natural Resources Department (Ecological & Marine Resources).

Determination: Not at this time due to Florida Administrative Code Rule 68B-4.009

This rule has been in effect (with amendments) since the early 1990s / 2007 update and is frequently referenced in FWC fishing regulations and educational materials. It is enforced by FWC and applies throughout Florida, including all Manatee County waters.

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25. Civil strategy / ordinance to combat backyard fireworks on non-sanctioned days

Status: No

Description: Recommend a civil code-enforcement ordinance with tiered fines for unauthorized fireworks use.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: July 13, 2026

Notes: Dr. J – Undecided / not enough known. Public Safety Department (Code Enforcement).

Determination: Not at this time as Manatee County has a clear ordinance that prohibits personal/backyard (noncommercial) fireworks displays. Under Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-21, Article VI – Fireworks and Sparklers:

- Sec. 2-21-88(b) – Use: The use, ignition, or explosion of fireworks is prohibited, with only limited exceptions (e.g., registered manufacturers testing on their own property, or holders of valid public display permits for permitted public shows).
- Sec. 2-21-89(c) – Personal, noncommercial display of fireworks:
“Nothing herein shall be construed as permitting any personal, noncommercial display of fireworks.”

This language means backyard or private residential fireworks displays are not allowed under county ordinance, even on state-designated holidays.

Formal Motions from June 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Already Captured Above)

26. Budget / CIP / Future Buildings (Member Whitmore, seconded by Member Demick, carried 9-0) – directs staff to provide record of Animal Services budget, CIP, future projects, and possible buildings on Bishop Parker campus and Lena Road.

Determination: It is not within ASAB Member scope to direct staff.

27. Anti-Tethering Education Campaign (Member Whitmore, seconded by Chair Sabou, carried 9-0) – to act on the recommendation for an anti-tethering education campaign. Determination: It is not within ASAB Member scope to direct staff.

Requests received after the agenda was finalized (August 5, 2026)

28. Motion to Recommend Replacing Prefab Kennels with Brick and Mortar Kennel Building

Status: New submission after agenda finalized

Description: (requested as top priority item) Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners prioritize, plan, and budget for replacing the current prefabricated

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kennels at the Bishop Animal Shelter with a permanent brick-and-mortar kennel building. Supported by the 2023 Animal Arts study, which recommended against prefabs.

Requested By: David Daniels Date Requested: August 5, 2026

Notes: Not reviewed by Chair or Dr. J. Also, Requested to be placed as his top agenda item because the County Commission is currently reviewing this issue.

Determination: Deferred until feasibility study is provided to BOCC.

29. Presentation on Caring About The Strays (CATS) / Stray Cat Population Control Plan (TNVR)

Status: New submission after agenda finalized

Description: (presentation outline for previously requested item) Presentation on Manatee County population growth since COVID-19 and its impact on increased stray/homeless animals; history of local TNR efforts; current services; and proposed alternatives (recruiting local veterinarians, public-private partnerships, and educational institution involvement) to expand reliable TNVR services.

Requested By: Ly Bibiana Salmon (Bibiana Salmon) Date Requested: August 5, 2026 (presentation outline); original request June 29, 2026

Notes: Not reviewed by Chair or Dr. J. Also, Presenter does not need a computer or projector; only a microphone and podium. Printed reference materials will be provided.

Determination: Deferred