



Board of Commissioners' County Counsel Meeting  
August 16, 2023 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

8/16/2023 - Minutes

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**2. Call To Order & Those Present**

Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Minty, Commissioner Henslee, Marc Henderson/County Counsel, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff

**3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Commissioner DeGroot approves minutes from August 2, 2023 Counsel meeting.

**4. Camping Ordinance**

Henderson addresses the Board indicating he sent a draft Ordinance yesterday for review. Discussion comparing 2 other Counties Ordinances, difference between "camping" and code violation and penalties associated with violation. Further discussion about whether or not the County should create an Ordinance or just follow the State Statute Eviction/72 hour process. Commissioner's Henslee and Minty are in favor of creating an Ordinance that is similar to Deschutes County and add penalties.

**5. Dog Harming Livestock Hearing-Singh V. Harmon**

Commissioner DeGroot opens hearing, asks for declaration of conflicts? None declared

Deputy Vickery provides staff report.

Don Singh on Zoom, sworn, gives testimony that same dog has previous killed livestock and is requesting restitution.

Commissioner Henslee asks how we determined this dog actually killed the livestock.

Vickery responded have photo of dog outside coop, but no video of the actual killing.

Commissioner Henslee asks same question of Mr. Singh regarding proof it was this dog killed before?

Deputy Justman responds there was a previous livestock case Beers vs Harmon. Board reviews report from Beers case.

Animal Control is recommending fines of \$2605.00: 100 impound, 255 boarding, Restitution of 1250, 1000 civil penalty.

Commissioner DeGroot motions to find dog "Piper" guilty of killing for the second time, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

Commissioner Henslee motions to impose civil penalty of 500 and full restitution 1250, Commissioner DeGroot seconds and amends motion to include euthanize dog in a humane manner. Unanimous vote. Approved

## **6. Dog Harming Livestock Hearing-Crowder V. Schuster**

Commissioner DeGroot opens hearing, asks for declaration of conflicts? None declared

Deputy Justman provides staff report, photos and video.

Animal control is recommending 760.00 in fines: 50 impound, 210 boarding, 500 civil penalty and affidavit to confine the dog in a manner as to not run at large.

Commissioner DeGroot motions to find dog "Daisy" guilty of killing livestock, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

Ms. Crowder - Provides testimony

Commissioner DeGroot motions to impose fees as recommended of 760.00 and euthanize the dog in a humane manner with findings that dog owner has previously surrendered the animal to be euthanized and dog was aggressive when taken into custody.

Commissioner Henslee is struggling to just euthanize the animal since there is not a "previous kill" doesn't feel it's the County's responsibility to euthanize the dog, it should be the dog owner's responsibility. Deputy Justman indicates the family has been evicted and are to vacate the property by August 10.

Commissioner Henslee seconds motion. Unanimous vote. Approved

## **7. Other County Business**

None

## **8. Adjournment**

2:28pm

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