



Board of Commissioners' Animal Control Hearing Meeting
5/6/20 ~ 2:30pm ~ Room 219

5/6/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Boyd, Marcus Henderson/County Counsel, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Amanda Graham/Animal Control Official,

2. Dogs Killing Chickens

Andrews vs Ramirez

Commissioner Morris opens hearing and asks if there is any conflict or any ex parte contact to declare? Nothing to declare

Amanda Graham addresses the Board with details of the incident. Dog owners have been very cooperative and indicated they will do whatever they need to do to get the dog back. Chicken owner is asking for restitution for 8 chickens. The County is owed \$210.00 for 14 days of boarding, \$15 microchip fee, \$20 impound fee, \$50 licensing. Graham is recommending releasing the dog and have owner sign affidavit indicating they keep they will keep dog contained. Mandatory minimum fine is \$500.00.

The Complainant (Andrews) is not present for testimony.

Rebeca Ramirez (dog owner) addresses the Board, plans to increase the security for the dogs.

Commissioner DeGroot asks about the ability to pay the fines/fees? Ramirez responded that she has a job and will work something out.

Commissioner Morris asks dog owner what she will do to ensure this doesn't happen again. Ramirez responds they will secure the fence and get the dog more familiar with the area.

Commissioner Morris reads Statute that if this dog kills livestock again it shall be euthanized.

Commissioner Morris closes the Hearing.

Commissioner Boyd asks Counsel if chickens are defined as livestock? Counsel reads definition, yes, they are considered livestock so long as they are confined.

Commissioner DeGroot asks if we will release dog and set up pay plan on fees. Graham



responds yes.

Commissioner Boyd indicates if the Board awards restitution that restitution must be paid immediately and the remainder could be made with payments.

Commissioner DeGroot motions to impose fines/fees in the total of \$995.00, with \$200.00 due now and payments to Animal Control on the remainder, Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

3. Adjournment

2:52pm

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