

**Minutes of Meeting
Vicious Dog Hearing
March 24, 2022
1:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were KCSO Animal Control Officer Sandra Osburn, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Darrin Murphey and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were City of Coeur d'Alene Animal Safety Officer Colton Grytness, Kootenai County Resident Glenn Ward and Patrick Wolfe.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Hearing for Impounded Animal Set for Destruction. Case Numbers 22-09712 and 22C11047. Patrick Wolfe, Animal Owner. (Action)

Patrick Wolfe was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

Mr. Wolfe stated that his dog had previously bitten a delivery driver at a hotel in Spokane, Washington. He provided his impression of the attack on Kootenai County Resident Glenn Ward and described the dog as a trained service animal.

KCSO Animal Control Officer Sandra Osburn stated that she was not aware of the Spokane incident when she responded to the attack on Mr. Ward on February 26, 2022 and said that she would have impounded the dog immediately had she known this was not the first time. She described her interaction with Mr. Wolfe and her instructions to him. She explained that, since the dog did not have a current rabies shot, she informed Mr. Wolfe that he would have to quarantine it for the required period of time and have it vaccinated.

Officer Osburn reported that the information Mr. Wolfe had given regarding his address and the location at which the dog would be held was not correct. At this point, she said he was informed that the dog would be declared "dangerous" and given a list of rules that he would have to follow, which included having the dog leashed and muzzled in public settings.

Mr. Ward was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Ginorio.

Mr. Ward provided his description of the incident in which he was bitten.

Officer Osburn commented on a level of confusion Mr. Wolfe exhibited, getting details from the February 26 attack mixed up with the events on March 16, 2022, when the dog bit another person. She reported that the dog was not muzzled on March 16 and said Mr. Wolfe told her that the dog would not allow it. She added that, while Mr. Wolfe described

it as a “service animal” alternately with calling it an “emotional support animal” she had independently confirmed that it had received no special training, as required by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

City of Coeur d’Alene Animal Safety Officer Colton Grytness described the circumstances of the March 16, 2022 attack.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Darrin Murphey described the options open to the BOCC at this point.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan moved that the Board end public testimony and enter into deliberations. Commissioner Bill Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye
The motion carried.

The Board entered into deliberations at 1:27 p.m.

All three Commissioners expressed their reluctance to order the destruction of the dog, but agreed that, based on the information presented, there was no safe alternative in this particular case.

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board the animal be set for destruction on the timeline set forth in the documents. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye
The motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe exited the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

- D. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing.

Mr. Ward expressed concern that, based on his behavior, Mr. Wolfe presented a danger to the public as well.

Commissioner Brooks stated that the Board was unable respond to that.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk