

Minutes of Meeting
Vicious Dog Hearing
August 1, 2022
11:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Civil Deputy Prosecutor Darrin Murphey, Animal Control Officer Sandra Osburn and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present was Kootenai County Resident Lauren Kalberer.

A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.

C. **Business:**

1. **Hearing for Impounded Dog Set for Destruction. Case Numbers 22-28373, 22-27544, and 22-23804. Lauren Kalberer, Animal Owner. (Action)**

Animal Control Officer Sandra Osburn had remarked that the owner, Lauren Kalberer, was appealing the "vicious dog" declaration; the dog was not yet impounded.

Ms. Kalberer asked if the dangerous tag could be removed from her dog and said she would be amenable to fencing the dog rather than kenneling and keeping it on a leash at all times. She explained that there was a fence in place, but it proved to not be able to contain the dog.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan said that her biggest concern was that there had been three instances, not just one. Ms. Kalberer explained that they had recognized a portion of the fence that needed repair after the first instance, which they repaired. The second instance was similar to the first, only with a different portion of the fence; the third instance, however, was when a young child had mistakenly left a house door open, causing the dog to escape.

Ms. Osburn said she would have no problem with delaying the "dangerous" declaration, but was concerned because the dog had not only killed the neighbor's chickens, but had also killed the Kalberer's chickens as well and felt as though Ms. Kalberer was not taking the attacks seriously. Ms. Osburn continued, stating that the dog also needed to be licensed and vaccinated and suggested a 6 foot wooden fence for containment.

Commissioner Duncan suggested delaying the declaration so Ms. Kalberer would have time to have the appropriate fencing installed, but if it was not satisfactory, the dog would be declared dangerous.

Commissioner Duncan moved to grant the appeal contingent upon the dog being vaccinated and licensed, and 6 foot minimum non-chain-link fencing installed along with an inspection by KCSO Animal Control within 30 days. Chairman Fillios seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

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

- D. **Public Comment (Discussion):** 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. There were no public comments.

- E. **Adjourn:** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

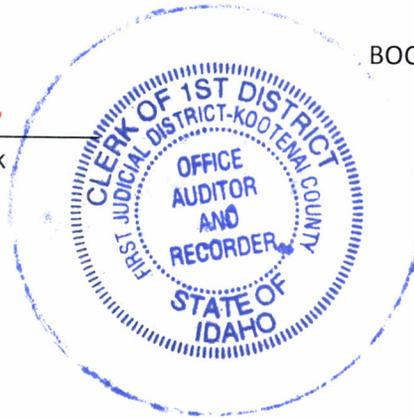
Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BY: _____

Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

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