

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2021

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: James P. Crozier, Chairman; R. Mark Johnson, Vice Chairman; James K. White; and Lee H. Frame. Absent: District 3 Vacancy. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: LARGE ANIMAL SEIZURE BY ANIMAL CONTROL

Kurt Hildebrand, Assistant County Administrator for Operations, explained that Animal Control had periodically been involved with the seizure of large animals, such as horses and cows. He indicated that holding large animals was both problematic and expensive. Mr. Hildebrand expressed interest in potentially creating an area to hold seized animals on County-owned property, specifically on the property adjacent to the new Public Safety Building.

Mike LaCasse, Chief Deputy Major, reviewed the history of the ordinance that allowed for a surety bond for seized animals, noting the reason for this request. He stated that Animal Control had to have a location to keep the animals and, while this option would require a capital investment upfront, it would allow for long-term cost savings.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: requirements under the Code of Virginia; available recourse to recoup the funds expended during these animal seizures; the fact this option would require substantial investment; collection of restitution; the need for more details regarding cost; the feeling that the property adjacent to the Public Safety Building was not a suitable location; the desire to go to bid and explore options from other landowners; and other potential locations.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to examine other options and compile pricing details before presenting the request again at a future meeting.

RE: ANIMAL SHELTER VETERINARIAN SERVICES

Kurt Hildebrand, Assistant County Administrator for Operations, explained the Animal Shelter had been served for many years by a local veterinarian who provided an RV-style mobile clinic used at the Animal Shelter site to perform assessments and procedures. He noted the current vet was now reducing her hours and would be selling the mobile clinic. Mr. Hildebrand expressed interest in discussing the future of veterinarian services for the Animal Shelter, including potentially purchasing the mobile clinic.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the availability of the veterinarian going forward; the ability of in-house staff to provide some of the vet services; the connection between the purchase of the mobile clinic and the reduction of staff; the possibility of raising funds for the purchase of the mobile clinic; a comparison of costs without having a vet on contract; and the possibility of having an in-house vet.

By consensus, the Board requested that staff formalize the details of the purchase of the mobile clinic, with the understanding the proposal would be presented for consideration at the next meeting.

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There being no further business to discuss, the Board concluded its Worksession and continued to its Regular Meeting at 4:57 p.m.

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James P. Crozier, Chairman

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Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator