Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting:

April 18, 2024

Date Submitted:

April 12, 2024

To:

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From:

Shannon Metty, County Manager

Subject:

Board Approval to Adopt a Resolution Appointing Members to the Animal

Control Appeal Board

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopt an ordinance appointing individuals to the Animal Control Appeal Board.

<u>Background:</u> If adopted, the ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Code entitled "Animals" to conform with Section 767.12, Florida Statutes, allows for dangerous dog determinations to be made upon any complaint to the animal control authority, which is the Animal Control Department in Jefferson County, and to be appealed to a new Animal Control Appeal Board consisting of three residents of Jefferson County appointed by the Board. The membership of the Animal Control Appeal Board must include the following: one member knowledgeable in the area of animal behavior; one member with a law enforcement background; and one member licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Florida.

Analysis: This resolution makes the Board's initial appointments to the Animal Control Appeal Board for the calendar year beginning on the date of adoption as follows:

Name Position

Cay Curtis

Joe Rosmini

Dr. J.W. Cone or Matthew Davis, DVM

Animal Behavior Member

Law Enforcement Member

Veterinarian Member

Options:

- 1. Approve Adoption of a Resolution Appointing Members to the Animal Control Appeal Board.
- 2. Do Not Approve Adoption of a Resolution Appointing Members to the Animal Control Appeal Board.
- 3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

Resolution Appointing Members to Animal Control Appeal Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL APPEAL BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopted Chapter 8, Article II of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances (the "Code") entitled "Dangerous Animals and Rabies Control" pursuant to Chapter 767, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2024, the Board adopted an Ordinance amending Chapter 8 and providing for an Animal Control Appeal Board consisting of three residents of Jefferson County, including one member knowledgeable in the area of animal behavior; one member with a law enforcement background; and one member licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, finding that it is in the best interest of the Citizens of Jefferson County, now desires to make its appointments to the Animal Control Appeal Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT. The following appointments are hereby made to the Animal Control Board for the calendar year beginning upon the effective date of this Resolution:

Name Position

Cay Curtis

Joe Rosmini

Dr. J.W. Cone or Matthew Davis, DVM

Animal Behavior Member

Law Enforcement Member

Veterinarian Member

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida on the 18th day of April 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, PLORIDA

J.T. Surles, Chair

ATTEST:

Jason Welty, Clerk of the Circuit Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Heather J. Encinosa, Esq., County Attorney