



Board of Commissioners' Livestock Hearing
March 17, 2021 ~ 10:00 am ~ Room 219

3/17/2021 - Minutes

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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Boyd, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Deputy Brown/Animal Control, Marcus Henderson/County Counsel

~~3. Pitzer Vs. Daniels~~

Continued to 3/24/2021

4. Northcutt Vs. Heaton

10:00am Commissioner Morris opens hearing and asks for any conflicts: None

Deputy Brown addresses BOCC with details of incident/staff report.

Commissioner Boyd clarifies that there were 5 cows killed? Brown responds yes.

Commissioner Morris questions if all 5 dogs were euthanized or just 4, Brown responds he believes just 4.

Emily Northcutt/victim - Sworn addresses the BOCC with details of incident.

Henderson asks how many dogs were actually seen? Northcutt responds 3.

DeGroot is concerned about the one dog that isn't accounted for, staff calls Animal Control, they have no information on the 5th dog.

Dog owner not present.

10:12am Commissioner Morris closes hearing and opens Commissioner deliberation.

Commissioner DeGroot is concerned about the 5th dog that's unaccounted for, staff calls owner to check, owner is not aware of where dog is. Owner calls back and states he shot the 5th dog, just forgot.

Henderson clarifies that only 3 dogs were actually seen and they have all been euthanized.

Discussion about civil penalty \$1,500.00 (\$500.00 per dog) and restitution request of \$4,000.00 for the cows.

Jake Northcutt indicates that they are trying to be reasonable with the fees.

Commissioner Boyd believes the restitution figure should be \$4,850.00 rather than \$4,000.00.

Commissioner Morris asks if this is the first violation? Deputy Brown said this is first offense in the Animal Control system.

Commissioner Morris asks what the BOCC would like to impose fees/penalties of \$1,500.00 and restitution of \$4,000.00?

Commissioner Boyd would like to see restitution in the amount of \$4,900.00, explains why.

Commissioner Morris motions to fine the dog owner \$4,900.00 restitution to the Northcutts and civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00, Commissioner DeGroot seconds

Unanimous vote. Approved

5. Other County Business

None

6. Adjournment

10:22 am

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