

Commissioner Minutes

May 1, 2025 – 9:38 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

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Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton and Zach Brooks

Prosecutor Chris Boyd

Senior Chief Deputy Ingrid Batey

Chief Deputy P.A. Aaron Bazzoli

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Chief Deputy Sheriff Doug Hart

Lt. Chad Harrold

Animal Control Deputies Loretta Tweedy and Diana Little

COO Greg Rast

Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross

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The Board met today at 9:38 a.m. with county attorneys for a legal staff update. Present were: Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton and Zach Brooks, Prosecutor Chris Boyd, Senior Chief Deputy Ingrid Batey, Chief Deputy P.A. Aaron Bazzoli, Deputy P.A. Zach Wesley, Deputy P.A. Ben Cramer, Chief Deputy Sheriff Doug Hart (left at 10:10 a.m.), Lt. Chad Harrold (left at 10:10 a.m.), Animal Control Deputies Loretta Tweedy and Diana Little (left at 10:10 a.m.), COO Greg Rast, and Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross.

Commissioner Holton said he would like to have a workshop type meeting to discuss animal control issues and possible implementation of an ordinance. Chief Hart explained that they have reviewed the City of Greenleaf ordinance as well as county and state ordinances pertaining to this issue, he noted that some parts of the Greenleaf ordinance, specifically the citizen board presents some challenges and adds a level of complexity that likely wouldn't be good. A document showing a summary of CCSO dog-at-large, dog bite and vicious dog incidents statistics for 2023, 2024, and 2025 YTD was provided to the Board. Lt. Harrold reviewed the summary numbers with the Board. He noted that many of the dog bite calls they receive happen when the dog is protecting private property. Chief Hart said that he feels confident the structure as it stands right now is providing good service to the citizens and ensuring proper steps are taken with the animal. Deputy Tweedy spoke about the process that

was previously in place in order to deem a dog vicious. She would prefer to leave that determination to a judge to make an impartial decision vs. a board of citizens.

Chief Hart feels the process in place right now is working well and really doesn't want to move to a citizen board. In response to a question from Commissioner Van Beek, Chief Hart and Lt. Harrold spoke about how incidents in public settings vs. protection of private property are handled. The Sheriff's Office will work with the Prosecutor's Office to update county code and fees regarding animal control.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO COMMUNICATE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING/IMMINENTLY LIKELY LITIGATION

Commissioner Van Beek made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 74-206(1) (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently likely litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Commissioner Holton took a roll call vote where he along with Commissioners Van Beek and Brooks voted in favor of the motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. Present were: Commissioners Brad Holton, Zach Brooks and Leslie Van Beek, Prosecutor Chris Boyd, Senior Chief Deputy Ingrid Batey, Chief Deputy P.A. Aaron Bazzoli, Deputy P.A. Zach Wesley, Deputy P.A. Ben Cramer, and COO Greg Rast. The Executive Session concluded at 10:35 a.m. with no decision being called for in open session.

The meeting concluded at 10:35 a.m. and an audio recording of the open portion of the meeting is on file in the Commissioners' Office.