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West Valley Humane Society Board of Directors
5801 Graye Lane
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Re: Formal Response to WVHS Challenge of RFP Outcome

West Valley Humane Society:

The Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has received and reviewed your written protest dated December 15, 2025. In addition, the Board has reviewed its decision to award the Animal Services Project Request for Proposal (“RFP”) contract to Copper Quill. The Board is mindful of the concerns outlined in your letter and understands its decision has prompted disappointment and what appears to be your swift reaction. Despite this written protest and reaction, the RFP process increased the awareness and demand for quality animal services throughout Canyon County and quality proposals from each organization were received.

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2806, this letter is to inform you that the Board deems this contract award to Copper Quill to be in the best interest of Canyon County. The Board is affirming its decision based on Idaho law and the reasoning set forth below.

REASONING

Pursuant to Idaho Code Title 67, Chapter 28 and specific requirements within the RFP, the Board is rejecting your written protest as it does not set forth or allege any specific or express error applicable to the decision to award this contract to Copper Quill.¹

Under the law and RFP requirements, a proposer who wishes to protest or object to a contract award must set forth the express reason(s) the award decision is in error, unlawful or in violation of process or of a clearly expressed public policy.² Although the Board acknowledges your concerns related to the fairness, transparency and accountability of the RFP evaluation and scoring process, it did not receive any protests of this nature as required by the RFP.³

¹ See Idaho Code §§ 67-2805, 67-2806 and Section III. G. of the RFP.

² *Id.*

³ See Idaho Code § 67-2806(c).

Proposers wishing to protest, object, question, or seek clarification related to the process, requirements, standards, or specifications outlined in the RFP were required to submit a written protest to the Board by October 7, 2025.⁴ Since the Board received no protests or objections, the process continued as outlined within the RFP; bids were received, opened and the evaluation process began.


The decision to initiate this collaborative RFP process for animal services was prompted by increased community concerns and demand for sustainable, fiscally responsible, and quality-focused solutions aimed at improving the sheltering, care, and welfare of animals in Canyon County. Significant preparation, time, and consideration from many dedicated public servants went into this decision and process; these efforts remained consistent throughout the evaluation, scoring and final selection of Copper Quill.

CONCLUSION

The Board wishes to offer its sincere thanks to West Valley Humane Society (“WVHS”) on behalf of the community for the services it has provided to Canyon County since 2011 and for submitting its proposal. The Board respectfully asks WVHS to reconsider its plans to discontinue services on February 1, 2026, as this is not in line with its mission statement or in the best interest of Canyon County. Additionally, the Board reminds WVHS that it must comply with contractual obligations in the lease. WVHS will be receiving a request to participate in finalization and implementation of the animal services transition plan. Moving forward, the Board asks all participants to act professionally and respectfully with an eye toward preserving and improving animal welfare in Canyon County.

If you feel that your written application and protest has been improperly denied, you may file an appeal with the district court within thirty (30) days of this decision, pursuant to Idaho Code Title 67, Chapter 28.

Sincerely,



Commissioner Leslie Van Beek



Commissioner Brad Holton



Commissioner Zach Brooks

⁴ See RFP pg. 3-4 Section I., subsections G. and J.