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Deschutes County Board of Commissioners  
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## MINUTES OF WORK SESSION

### DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016**

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*Present were Commissioners Alan Unger, Tammy Baney and Anthony DeBone. Also present were Tom Anderson, County Administrator; Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator; and Dave Doyle and Cole Sahleen, County Counsel. Attending for a portion of the meeting were Whitney Hale, Communications; Judith Ure, Administration; and James Lewis, Properties.*

*Chair Unger opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.*

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#### **1. Recommendation of Spay/Neuter Grant Awards.**

Judith Ure gave an overview of the program. Last year there were only three applicants; this year there are five. The applications went to the Dog Control Board of Supervisors, who assigned points and determine the amounts. The Central Oregon Cat Alliance consists of groups that also applied individually. HSCO provides vouchers for spay/neuter but are turning people away because they say they do not have enough funds set aside for this purpose.

Chair Unger supports the grants as shown, and wants to support any group that does this kind of work. Commissioner DeBone wants Cascade Canine Rescue East & West to receive nothing since they are new.

BANEY: Move approval of the recommendations with the Cascade Canine Rescue receiving \$500, with the balance distributed equally between the others.

UNGER: Second.

VOTE: DEBONE: Abstain.

BANEY: Yes.

UNGER: Chair votes yes.

## **2. Discussion of County Lobbyist Selection.**

Ms. Ure said that two Commissioners would eliminate Kancler Consulting, and there is a split opinion between Northwest Grassroots and Pac/West. They already eliminated State Street Solutions. The rating panel came up with Northwest Grassroots (Doug Riggs) first, and PacWest (Paul Phillips) second. She explained the fee schedule for the various groups.

Commissioner Baney stated that she prefers Erik Kancler. She feels the other two are a mixed bag. Chair Unger pointed out that they are lobbyists, and that is what you get. Commissioner Baney said she prefers not to work with Doug Riggs (Northwest Grassroots). She does not want the County to be a part of a bigger mix, either. Commissioner DeBone agreed.

Commissioner Baney stated she would go with Pac/West if that is what the others are thinking. Chair Unger noted that he likes Mr. Kancler but is not sure he can bring all that is needed into this. He thought Mr. Riggs might have some influence and access to the legislature. He added that you have to work with someone to find out. He likes the bigger picture idea. Commissioner Baney stated that she does not want him to be the voice for Deschutes County. Chair Unger said that there are different issues here, from those of the cities.

Commissioner DeBone said there would be a two-year horizon for which ever they select. Ms. Ure stated that Pac/West wants three years with a renewal clause.

Commissioner DeBone indicated that it appears the conclusion is for Pac/West. All four showed different strengths, and any of them would be okay with him. There are multiple people at Pac/West, so they should be able to get up to date on a big issue quickly.

Chair Unger said he is biased on both. He would like them to get through the long session, then the short session and review. The cost of any of them is acceptable.

Commissioner Baney explained that she met with the health policy manager for the CCO's, and ran into some issues with Paul. All of this is going to hit in the next session. He works for his clients, but could run up against a conflict or not protecting what the County has going on in this area. Since the CCO framework started here, this is something to be addressed in the next session. The County is not a part of CCO Oregon. The County is already doing some of those things here, but worked harder to get it.

Chair Unger agreed to Pac/West. He thinks they will get value with any of them; they just have to work at it.

Discussion occurred on the length of the contract. Commissioner Baney wants a two-year agreement. Commissioner DeBone said that there are two biennium periods and this would be squeezed. They could review the agreement after a year. Ms. Ure explained that they are going into the second year of the biennium, and then will deal with 2017-19. Chair Unger said that they would develop the second biennium budget this session for the next one. You cannot know everything now and can't figure things out in one session. He would like to regroup in a year, or sooner if there are concerns.

Tom Anderson said that the decision should come from two of the Commissioners to create separation, since Commissioner Unger has a relative working for Pac/West. Commissioner Baney said that the County's needs are strategic. There is value in a big group, but the needs here are specific. She thinks Mr. Kancler knows the connection. The Commissioners have a lot of the relationships in Salem built already, and this would be complementary.

Chair Unger stated that they need someone to work on the bills, and move them forward, and the bigger companies have people to do this. He is concerned about a one-person company. There is some friction between cities and lobbyists, and he doesn't want the County to get in the middle of that. Commissioner DeBone noted that he understands this, but there is a political climate to deal with. The same applies to Northwest Grassroots.

Commissioner Baney said that the most neutral with the least ties to this area is Pac/West.

David Doyle stated that the notice of intent to award the contract sets the timing. The others would have a week to appeal the selection. Mr. Anderson said he would schedule a goal-setting meeting with Pac/West after that.

DEBONE: Move the intent to award contract letter show the selection of Pac/West as lobbyist representative, with a two-year agreement.

BANEY: Second.

VOTE: DEBONE: Yes  
BANEY: Yes.  
UNGER: Chair abstains.

### 3. Other Items.

None was offered.

### 4. Adjourn.

Being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m., at which time the Board went into executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(e), real property negotiations; and (2)(h), pending or threatened litigation.

APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2016 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Alan Unger  
Alan Unger, Chair

Tammy Baney  
Tammy Baney, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Bonnie Baker  
Recording Secretary

Anthony DeBone  
Anthony DeBone, Commissioner



To: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

From: Judith Ure, Department of Administrative Services

Date: June 22, 2016

Subject: Spay and Neuter Grant Recommendations

**Background**

The Deschutes County Dog Licensing Program offers an opportunity for applicants to make contributions in support of projects designed to reduce the population of feral, unwanted, abandoned, or surrendered pets. These funds are distributed in the form of grants to local non-profit organizations that provide spay and neuter services in Deschutes County. In the past five years, the Board of Commissioners has supplemented the dog license contributions with other resources to result in the following amounts available for grant awards:

Funding Source	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Dog License Program Contributions	\$ 2,952	\$ 2,490	\$ 3,134	\$3,206	\$4,222
Supplemental Funds	9,448	10,510	9,366	\$9,294	\$8,278
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,400</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>

The Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program was created to apply these funds toward three primary objectives:

1. Expand spay and neuter services in Deschutes County in an effort to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats.
2. Provide promotion or education associated with spay and neuter services.
3. Conduct outreach and assist those who are unable to access spay and neuter services due to financial constraints or physical limitations.

To be eligible for funds through the Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program, organizations must meet the following requirements:

- Be recognized as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt agency.
- Be located in Deschutes County.
- Use grant funds in support of Deschutes County residents.
- Use grant funds for expenses directly associated with spay and neuter services or for spay and neuter education and promotion projects.

During the history of the Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program, funds have been awarded to the following organizations:

Bend Spay and Neuter Project (SNIP)  
Cat Rescue, Adoption, and Foster Team (CRAFT)  
BrightSide Animal Center/Redmond Humane Society  
Humane Society of Central Oregon (HSCO)  
Equine Outreach  
Furry Friends  
Central Oregon Cat Alliance (COCA)

### **FY 2015-16 Recommendations**

The FY 2015-16 solicitation for the Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program closed on May 23, 2016. Five eligible organizations submitted applications for the \$12,500 allocation approved by the Board of Commissioners. Applications were evaluated by members of the Deschutes County Dog Board, using criteria related to:

- Organizational Stability and Solvency
- Connection to Grant Program Objectives
- Ability to Leverage Grant Funds

Raters scored each application against the criteria, determined if the applicant should receive a grant based on their proposal, and suggested an award amount. The final recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is based on a formula that factors both the rankings and suggested award amounts and applies those results to the total amount available for grants.

If the Board accepts the recommendations, staff will prepare an agreement for each grant recipient that specifies the requirements of the award and, upon execution of the agreement, will make payment from FY 2015-16 budgeted funds in the amounts indicated on the attached chart.

**Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program  
2015-16 Funding Recommendations**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Central Oregon Cat Alliance	Free and Affordable Spay/Neuter Services: Perform spay and neuter procedures on approximately 800 cats (up to 300 potentially supported by spay & neuter grant funds), reducing the number being brought to local shelters and humanely controlling the population of community cats living in Deschutes County.	\$3,825
Furry Friends	Prevent a Litter, Fix Your Critter Program: Sponsor spay and neuter procedures performed by the Bend Spay & Neuter Project for dogs and cats of families in financial hardship, allowing pets to remain in their homes.	\$2,650
Brightside Animal Center	Spay and Neuter Procedures: Perform low-cost spay and neuter procedures for pets of Deschutes County residents and for strays received from animal-control authorities and the public in preparation for adoption. Raise awareness of spay and neuter services through media campaign. Operate trap-neuter-release program for feral cats.	\$2,450
Humane Society of Central Oregon	Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP): Provide 28-30 low-cost vouchers to community members, allowing them to pay only a portion of the spay or neuter costs for their pets when procedure is performed by a participating local veterinarian.	\$2,300
Cascade Canine Rescue East & West	Spay and Neuter Procedures: Perform spay and neuter procedures on dogs rescued from high-kill shelters in preparation for adoption and perform community outreach to promote services.	\$1,275
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,500</b>



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## WORK SESSION AGENDA

### DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**1:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016**

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*Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be addressed at the meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the Board to address additional subjects. Meetings are subject to cancellation without notice. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend.*

*Work Sessions allow the Board to discuss items in a less formal setting. Citizen comment is not allowed, although it may be permitted at the Board's discretion. If allowed, citizen comments regarding matters that are or have been the subject of a public hearing process will NOT be included in the official record of that hearing. Work Sessions are not normally video or audio recorded, but written minutes are taken for the record.*

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1. Discussion of County Lobbyist Selection – *Judith Ure*
  
2. Recommendation of Spay/Neuter Grant Awards – *Judith Ure*
  
3. Other Items  
*These can be any items not included on the agenda that the Commissioners wish to discuss as part of the meeting, pursuant to ORS 192.640.*

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#### 4. Adjourn

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