



## **DOG BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Hearing January 23, 2024**

A virtual hearing was held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Pursuant to Oregon Statute, three dogs (DJ, Littlez and Precious), were seized on July 18, 2023 by Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Deputies in response to a report of dogs attacking/mauling a Person, at/near the homeless encampment known as "Dirt World". At a hearing in Deschutes County Circuit Court on December 21, 2023, the Court forfeited Jessica Charity's ownership interest in the three dogs.

**Present via Zoom:** District Attorney Stephen Gunnels; Deputy DA Rosalie Beaumont; County Legal Counsel Dave Doyle; BOCC Administrative Assistant Angie Powers; and Dog Control Board Members Sandy Storrie and Mike Pennavaria

**Present via Phone:** Dog Board Member Dan Holland

**CALL TO ORDER:** County Counsel Doyle convened the hearing at 9:32 a.m.

Counsel Doyle noted the unique nature of this hearing and stated that written documentation was provided to the Board in advance of the hearing. This hearing is mandated by state law. The main purpose is for the Dog Board to review the court judgement and Deputy DA Beaumont's declaration, and direct Brightside Animal Shelter to humanely euthanize the three dogs.

Counsel Doyle summarized **Exhibits 1 and 2**. Exhibit 1 states the defendant pled guilty to Count 3, and the court found her guilty of maintaining and keeping a dangerous dog in violation of ORS 609.098. ORS 609.990(3)(c) provides that dangerous dogs are to be killed in a humane manner and the keeper is not allowed to keep or maintain the dogs. The three dogs (DJ, Littlez and Precious) have been lodged at Brightside Animal Shelter since the incident on July 18.

**Exhibit 1:** Deschutes County Circuit Court Judgement (Case No. 23CR44933)

**Exhibit 2:** Deschutes County Deputy DA Beaumont's Declaration (Case No. 23CR44933)

Sandy Storrie noted that Deputy DA Beaumont's Declaration states that the dogs' previous owner, Jessica Charity, is unable to own animals for a period of 5 years and asked if that

can be changed to forbid her from owning animals for life. Deputy DA Beaumont stated that state statute limits it to a period of 5 years and the law doesn't allow lifetime bans.

Counsel Doyle solicited a motion to approve Dog Board Order No. 24-001, directing the three dogs (DJ, Littlez and Precious) be humanely euthanized.

Mike Pennavaria moved approval of Dog Board Order No. 24-001

Seconded by Sandy Storrie.

Votes: All yes

The Board authorized Mike Pennavaria, acting as Chair, to sign the Dog Board Order. Upon signature, a signed copy will be provided to Counsel Doyle and Brightside Animal Shelter.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the hearing concluded at 9:41 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angie Powers". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Recording Secretary,

Angie Powers, Administrative Assistant