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#### **AGENDA COVER MEMO**

**AGENDA DATE:** 

October 31, 2007

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

**DEPARTMENT:** 

Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY:

Rob Rockstroh

AGENDA TITLE:

ORDER /\_\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE MATTER OF CHANGING THE NAME OF LANE COUNTY ANIMAL REGULATION AUTHORITY TO LANE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, CREATING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LANE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LCASAC) AND DIRECTING

STAFF TO BRING FORWARD MODIFICATIONS TO LANE CODE

AND LANE MANUAL

#### I. MOTION

Order / \_\_\_\_\_ In The Matter Of Changing The Name Of Lane County Animal Regulation Authority to Lane County Animal Services, Creating And Appointing Members To The Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee (LCASAC) And Directing Staff To Bring Forward Modifications To Lane Code And Lane Manual

# II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The scope of services at Lane County Animal Regulation is greater than the name implies. Lane County provides services above and beyond regulation and the name should indicate this expanded scope. This order will also create and appoint members to the Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee (LCASAC) as directed through Board Order 07-10-3-12. Concurrent with this request for a name change to more accurately indicate the breadth of services provided and the creation of the LCASAC, Lane Code and the Lane Manual need to be reviewed and changes should be made which encompass the breadth of services, the creation of the LCASAC and any other changes as directed by the Board.

## III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

# A. Board Action and Other History

The Board has had regular updates on Animal Regulation services, including work sessions on November 30, 2005, October 25, 2006, February 21, 2007, and September 19, 2007. These sessions have included issues such as shelter remodel,

Authority web site lists the goals of the program as:

- Prevention of animal neglect, cruelty and irresponsibility through public education and training of animal laws, ordinances, and codes
- Improvement of animal-related public health and safety programs through public education and training
- Enforcement of animal laws, ordinances, and codes with discretion, fairness, and equality
- Provision of high standards in shelter care for the animals in our possession
- Promotion of adoptions through progressive programs within the shelter, offsite adoption locations, media, and through the use of technology
- Placement of all adoptable animals in a safe and loving home
- Creation and maintenance of stable resource opportunities
- Maintenance of progressive and positive relations with the community, offering community involvement and volunteer opportunities
- Support and implementation of the No Kill philosophy as resources allow
- Elimination of the euthanasia of healthy adoptable animals
- Provision of a unified, harmonious, and safe working environment

As evidenced by these goals, Lane County Animal Regulation Authority has a broader mission than just regulation. Changing the name to Lane County Animal Services would reflect this broader mission.

In response to the Board's direction, this order will also create the Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee (LCASAC). This committee will advise the Health and Human Services Director and the Board of County Commissioners on matters of current animal service operations, program improvements, model and state of the art animal welfare, care control programs and facilities after a review of regional and national facilities. Staffing for the committee will be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. The committee will meet monthly. Seven people will serve on the LCASAC. Each commissioner will appoint a member and the LCASAC will appoint the two at large members. Commissioner appointments are as follows:

Commissioner Dwyer: Scott Bartlett

Commissioner Fleenor:

C.T. Fulkerson

Commissioner Green:

Tamara Barnes

Commissioner Sorenson:

Jennifer Biglan

Commissioner Stuart:

Debi McNamara

### THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, the scope of services at Lane County Animal Regulation Authority is greater than the name implies; and

WHEREAS, a name change from Lane County Animal Regulation Authority to Lane County Animal Services will better reflects the fact that services such as adoption are goals of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Save Adoptable Animals Task Force recommended and the Board of County Commissioners approved the creation of an advisory committee on animal services; and

WHEREAS, The Lane Manual and Lane Code should be reviewed to ensure that they are both in line with the scope of services, direction of the Board and reflect the creation of the Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that Lane County Animal Regulation Authority is renamed Lane County Animal Services, and it is

FUTHER ORDERED that a seven (7) member Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee be created to advise the Director of Health and Human Services and the Board of County Commissioners on animal services issues; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the following members be appointed to the Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee for the period November 1, 2007 through \_\_\_\_\_\_ (to be determined by the Board of Commissioners at the time of the meeting).

Scott Bartlett C.T. Fulkerson Tamara Barnes Jennifer Biglan Debi McNamara appointed by Commissioner Dwyer appointed by Commissioner Fleenor appointed by Commissioner Green appointed by Commissioner Sorenson appointed by Commissioner Stuart