

COMMISSION AGENDA:

11.18.14 #18d.

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the  
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney *JLB*

SUBJECT: Notice of New Lawsuit and Defense of the Same by the County Attorney  
in the Case of Charlene Serjeant v. Pinellas County Animal Services and  
Bernie McCabe, State Attorney  
County Case No. 14-007821-SC North

DATE: November 18, 2014

RECOMMENDATION: THIS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED LAWSUIT WAS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DEFEND THE SAME.

DISCUSSION: Plaintiff filed a Statement of Claim in Replevin alleging Pinellas County Animal Services has wrongfully retained possession of her four dogs after a dangerous dog hearing on September 24, 2014.

The County Attorney's Office will defend and bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

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