

COMMISSION AGENDA:

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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
County Small Claims Case No. 15-000204-SC

DATE: March 24, 2015

NOTICE: 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 to recover possession of four (4) dogs that were held at Animal Services pending a dangerous dog investigation, classification, and appeal of classification. Since filing the instant action, Plaintiff transferred ownership of three (3) of the dogs to a rescue organization based out of Kentucky, and the one (1) remaining dog was returned to Plaintiff.

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

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