

Office of INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ATTORNEY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

DATE: July 31, 2020

SUBJECT: Extension of Memorandum of Understanding for Animal Shelter Services

BACKGROUND.

On March 17, 2020, Indian River County and the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County, Florida, Inc. ("Society") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Animal Shelter Services ("MOU"), which commenced on May 1, 2020 and lasts for six months. Under the MOU, Indian River County pays the Society \$36,000 per month for the services. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Animal Control Division and the Society and wish to extend the MOU for an additional six months. The proposed Extension will extend the MOU to May 1, 2021. Otherwise, all other terms of the MOU will remain in full force and effect.

FUNDING.

The proposed FY 2020/2021 budget has \$564,950 allocated for Animal Services in the General Fund. Funding of the MOU (8 months x \$36,000) is \$288,000 for FY 2020/2021 and will be transferred from Animal Services to Humane Society, which is also funded in the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney's Office recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the chairman to execute the Extension of Memorandum of Understanding for Animal Shelter Services.

ATTACHMENTS.

Proposed Extension of Memorandum of Understanding for Animal Shelter Services