



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Bryan McGoldrick, DVM, et al. - action for monetary damages.

Recommended Action:

Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Bryan McGoldrick, DVM, et al. and associated businesses.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

This is a case for monetary damages as a result of failure to remit proceeds from the sale of Pinellas County animal licenses.

In 2020, Dr. McGoldrick and the businesses he is affiliated with, Royal Pets Market & Resort St. Pete and Royal Pets Veterinary Center Palm Harbor entered Pinellas County's License Reseller Program allowing them to resell Pinellas County animal licenses at a discounted rate. The County provided Dr. McGoldrick and the previously mentioned Royal Pets facilities with license certificates, tags and prepaid envelopes for the submission of paperwork and payment, however collectively, over \$18,000.00 of collected license fees have not been remitted to Pinellas County.

Multiple attempts have been made to collect the monies owed to Pinellas County, to no avail. Dr. McGoldrick, Royal Pets Market & Resort St. Pete and Royal Pets Veterinary Center Palm Harbor have been removed from the program.

This authorization includes bringing suit against all defendants for all claims that are or may become necessary to fully litigate this action.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Doug Brightwell, Director, Animal Services

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A