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# AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Mayor McNeill, Lansing City Council  
FROM: Tim Vandall, City Administrator  
DATE: May 10, 2024  
SUBJECT: Leavenworth County Humane Society

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The City Council heard a presentation and proposal from the Leavenworth County Humane Society at the March 28th work session. The proposal in March was to contract exclusively with LCHS for animal impound services for \$63,000. While the Council was supportive of LCHS, the feedback received was to continue working on the contract to find a number that was feasible for all parties.

Total costs for all impound services between LCHS and Leavenworth Animal Control totaled approximately \$21,000 in 2024. The City has been without an Animal Control Officer for three years due to the labor shortage and the part time nature of the position. Continuing to contract with LCHS for animal services alleviates some of the issues associated with having the Animal Control Officer vacancy. When staff met with representatives from LCHS, it was believed that \$42,000 was reasonable to keep them as a viable organization. The contract also includes language verifying they will accept animals from Lansing and reduced the original contract date from five years to three years.

Policy Consideration: N/A

Financial Consideration: This will increase total costs for animal control services from \$21,000 to \$42,000; however, some of the increase is offset by the long-term vacancy in the Animal Control Officer position.

Action: Approval of contract with Leavenworth County Humane Society.