



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
2. **Department:** Board of County Commissioners
3. **Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2026

4. **Requested Action:**

Approve the INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF FOR ANIMAL SERVICES.

5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

Described Below.

6. **Justification of Request:**

- During the April 7, 2025 meeting, the BoCC approved the transfer of Animal Control to the Sheriff, with an anticipated effective May 1, 2026, subject to an Interlocal Agreement.
- The Sheriff agrees to provide all animal services and enforcement within the unincorporated areas of Levy County, Florida, as required by law.
- The Sheriff further agrees to operate and maintain in good order any facility made available by the BoCC for the housing, management and disposition of animals, including but not limited to the County's Animal Services Facilities located at 12055 NE 69th Ln, Bronson, FL 32621.
- Funding: For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, BoCC shall provide the funds necessary to provide animal services to the Sheriff, to include Two-Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) on May 1, 2026, and the remaining balance of the BoCC's Animal Services Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 excluding completion of the capital facilities improvements pursuant to section 6, but including deductions for payment of any employee expenses pursuant to section 8 on or before July 31, 2026. Funding for future Fiscal Years shall be included in and processed as part of the Sheriff's annual budget request to the BoCC.
- Capital Facilities: The BoCC shall complete the renovations to Animal Services Facilities, as previously approved and authorized by the BoCC. If not already completed by May 1, 2026. The funding for these improvements will not be paid out of the Animal Services Operating Budget funding deductions described in Paragraph 5.
- Equipment Transfer: All vehicles and equipment assigned to Animal Services shall be transferred to the Sheriff pursuant to this Agreement and the BoCC's procedures for surplus property.
- Personnel: All current BoCC employees of the County's Animal Services Department shall have the option to apply to work for the Sheriff or be transferred