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Honorable Paul Beeman
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JUDGE PAUL L. BEEMAN
DEPARTMENT 1

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report Finding 3 of May 31, 2013

The City of Dixon's response to the above-referenced report is as follows:

Finding 3- Animal Control functions in Solano County are fragmented and confusing to the public.

Recommendation 3- The Solano County Sheriff's Office provide all animal control services for all cities and unincorporated areas of Solano County using funds generated from dog licensing and funds currently being paid by the cities to private companies for existing animal control contracts.

Response to Finding 3 by the City of Dixon:

The City agrees with the finding.

Response to Recommendation 3 by the City of Dixon:

The City disagrees with the recommendation. Currently the City of Dixon participates with Solano County with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and funding agreement to fund Dixon's pro rata share of construction costs for the new and upgraded animal shelter. Our current animal control contractor uses the County animal shelter for disposition of captured animals. An MOU with the County also covers the City's pro rata share of operational costs of the shelter based on the number of animals received at the shelter.

It is the role of the City Council to decide which operations remain in-house. If a City function is to be outsourced, Council policy will dictate which contractor will provide the service through the competitive bidding process.

Respectfully,

Jack Batchelor Jr.
Mayor, City of Dixon

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