

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: August 19, 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing

Department: Department of Public Safety
Submitted By: Department of Public Safety
Submitted For: Division of Animal Care and Control

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

- A) Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Professional Consultation and Emergency Services in the areas of veterinary medicine with Veterinary Emergency Group, LLC (VEG) for relief veterinary services at their facility increasing the contract by \$60,000 for an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the period retroactive to June 16, 2025 through November 14, 2025; and
- B) a Budget Transfer of \$40,000 in the General Fund to transfer funds from lapsed salaries to professional services to cover the increase to the contract amount.

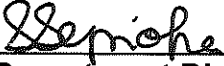

Summary: On November 15, 2022, the County entered into a Contract with VEG for overnight emergency veterinary services (R2022-1383) which provided for an extension for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms. On August 22, 2023, the parties entered into the First Amendment to the Contract that changed the do not exceed amount to \$120,000 (R2023-1135). On November 7, 2023 the parties entered into the Second Amendment to the Contract that extended the Contract for an additional one-year term and did not change the scope of work (R2023-1653). On November 19, 2024, the parties entered into the Third Amendment to the Contract to extend the Contract for a one (1)-year term (R2024-1588). This Amendment increases the not to exceed amount of the Contract to cover the increased use of VEG's veterinary services due to staffing shortages at the Division of Animal Care and Control (ACC) and an increase in animal welfare/special investigations cases involving animals in need of emergency after hours and overnight care. The Contract with VEG enables the County to continue providing overnight and after-hours emergency veterinary care to animals. **Countywide** (SF)

Background and Justification: The Contract with VEG provides for overnight and after-hours care for sick and injured animals impounded by ACC. Due to staffing shortages at ACC and an increase in animal welfare cases resulting in the removal of animals in need of emergency veterinary care after hours and/or overnight, it is necessary to increase the not to exceed amount of the Contract. The increase from \$120,000 to \$180,000 will allow VEG to continue to provide needed veterinary services to sick and injured animals through the end of the Contract, on November 14, 2025.

Attachments:

- 1) Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Professional Consultation and Emergency Services in the Areas of Veterinary /Medical Services with VEG -(3)
- 2) Budget Transfer 0001

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Recommended By:	<u></u>	<u>7/18/25</u>
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:	<u></u>	<u>8/2/25</u>
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
Personal Services					
Operating Expenses	40,000	20,000			
Capital Outlay					
Grants & Aids					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
Net Fiscal Impact	40,000*	20,000*			

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0	0	0	0	0
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No x
Is this item using Federal Funds? Yes _____ No x
Is this item using State Funds? Yes _____ No x

Budget Account Exp No: Fund 0001 Dept. 660 Unit 2230 Obj. 3101 Prog.
Rev No: Fund Dept. Unit Rev. Prog.

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fund: 0001 – General Fund

Unit: 2230 – Animal Care-Clinic Operations

***The increase to this contract will be funded from lapsed salaries.**

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Yuse Chua 7/1/25

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Lise M. ...
OFMB
7/21/2025
JA 7/21
V3 7/23

Brenda Snacko 84.7.24-25
Contract Dev. And Control 7/27/25

B. Legal Sufficiency:


Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
CONSULTATION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF
VETERINARY/MEDICAL SERVICES**

This Fourth Amendment to the Contract is made as of the 19th day of August, 2025, by and between Palm Beach County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, and Veterinary Emergency Group, LLC., a Foreign Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the ENTITY, whose Federal I.D. is 82-2020171.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2022, the parties entered into a Contract for Professional Consultation and Emergency Services (R 2022-1383); and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2023, the parties entered into the First Amendment to the Contract, which provided that ENTITY is entitled to payment for overnight emergency veterinary services in an up to an amount not to exceed \$120,000 (R2023-1135); and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, the parties entered into the Second Amendment to the Contract, which extended the Contract for an additional one-year term (R2023-1653); and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024 the parties entered into the Third Amendment to the Contract, which extended the Contract for an additional one-year term (R2024-1588); and

WHEREAS, due to staffing shortages at the Division of Animal Care and Control and increase in animal welfare cases resulting in the removal of animals in need of emergency veterinary care after hours and/or overnight, it is expected that the not to exceed amount of the Contract will be exceeded prior to the expiration of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to increase the amount paid to ENTITY for overnight emergency veterinary services to an amount not to exceed \$180,000 through the remainder of the Contract ending on November 14, 2025, to allow ENTITY to continue to preceded needed emergency veterinary services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the above named parties hereby mutually agree to amend the Contract as follows:

1. The whereas clauses provided above are true and correct and incorporated herein.
2. ARTICLE 3- PAYMENTS TO ENTITY, paragraph A is replaced with the following:
The total amount to be paid by the COUNTY under this Contract for all services and materials including, if applicable, "out of pocket" expenses (specified in paragraph C below) shall not exceed a total contract amount of One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000). The CONSULTANT shall notify the COUNTY's representative in writing when 90% of the "not to exceed amount" has been reached. The CONSULTANT will bill the COUNTY on a monthly basis, or

as otherwise provided, at the amounts set forth in Exhibit "B" for services rendered toward the completion of the Scope of Work. Where incremental billings for partially completed items are permitted, the total billings shall not exceed the estimated percentage of completion as of the billing date.

3. All other provisions of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

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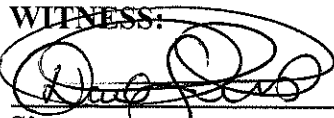
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the COUNTY and ENTITY has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

ATTEST:
JOSEPH ABRUZZO
CLERK AND COMPTROLLER
COMMISSIONERS:

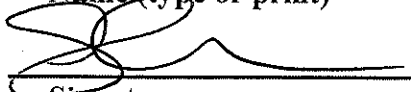
PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Maria G. Marino, Mayor

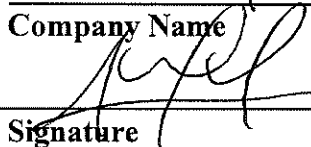
WITNESS:

Signature

David Sanchez
Name (type or print)


Signature

Shaneal Greaves
Name (type or print)

ENTITY:
Veterinary Emergency Group
Company Name


Signature

Maria Jose Lopez
Typed Name

Medical Director
Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY

By: 
County Attorney

(corp. seal)

APPROVED AS TO TERMS
AND CONDITIONS

By: 
Department Director

25-0869

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
EXPENDITURE BUDGET TRANSFER

BGEX 06182500000000000001444

FUND 0001 - General Fund

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	UNIT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED as of 06/18/2025	REMAINING BALANCE
EXPENDITURES									
0001-660-2230-1201	Salaries & Wages	Animal Care-Clinic Operations	1,641,431	1,641,431	0	40,000	1,601,431	931,834	669,597
0001-660-2230-3101	Professional Services	Animal Care-Clinic Operations	156,000	156,000	40,000	0	196,000	154,540	41,460
	Total Expenditures				40,000	40,000			

SIGNATURES

DATES


Initiating Department/Division

7/1/25


Administration/Budget Department Approval

7/24/2025

OFMB Department - Posted

BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At Meeting of: 8/19/2025

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners