



CITIZENS' COMMENT FORM

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VALUES YOUR PARTICIPATION

Please fill out one form at the beginning of the meeting for each agenda you wish to address and submit to the Deputy County Administrator. When the Board comes to that item/portion of the agenda, the Chairperson will call speakers to the podium from these forms. General comments will be heard during citizens comments as listed on the agenda.

Please PRINT all information.

Name: Louis Johns

Address: 10132 Langan Street Zip: 34608

Indicate Agenda Item Number: 14300

Brief description of your comments:

Speaking about the transfer of animal
services to HCSO, and general citizens
comment

Limited agenda time and the need to conduct meetings in an orderly fashion require that you adhere to the following guidelines for Citizens' Comments:

- A three-minute time limit per speaker will be adhered to.
- Time may not be yielded to other speakers.
- The Chairman has the right to limit discussion if the subject is outside of the authority of the Board of County Commissioners or if the discussion regarding an issue is repetitive.
- The Chairman has the authority to request Board approval for an extension of time if he/she deems it appropriate.
- This form is not needed for scheduled public hearings.

Taxes will go UP
Fake Graphs + charts

We do not need a corrupt sherrif in charge

Please don't do it.

County should enforce spay & neuter and fine people that do not spay and neuter their pets, they could also require residents to register their pets for a fee (NC for example charges 10\$ a year for animal registration) county could keep track of owners and fine those // find animal abusers .. big money ⓘ for the county if those would be implemented it would also cut down on unwanted and dumped animals

I believe improvements/changes need to be made to current HCAS operations, but transferring responsibility to HCSO is not the answer.

Seems Beth Navarud is doing backdoor dirty politics before she leaves office. Seems she set the agenda for a time key speakers are not available. This item needs to be scheduled when EVERYONE of importance is available to speak for the good of the shelter and the dogs. We are their voice. Stop this nasty political crap and do what's right. Enough is enough!

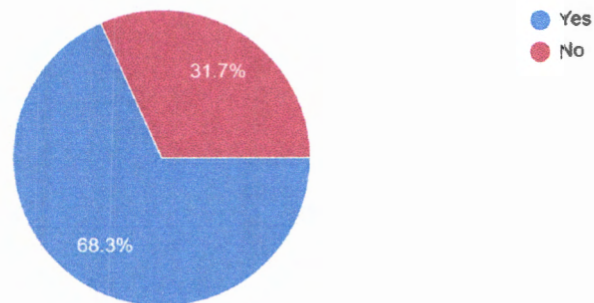
I think it needs to stay it's own separate Entity...especially with fact that HCSO is already stretched thin and have other more important things to focus on and contend with...the animals need their own focus on that and that alone.

The law offices have their plates already full, as do animal services. Dont combine, perhaps find ways for better funding, for more volunteers, facilities, spade, neutering .

I do think we are too lenient on offenders of animals.

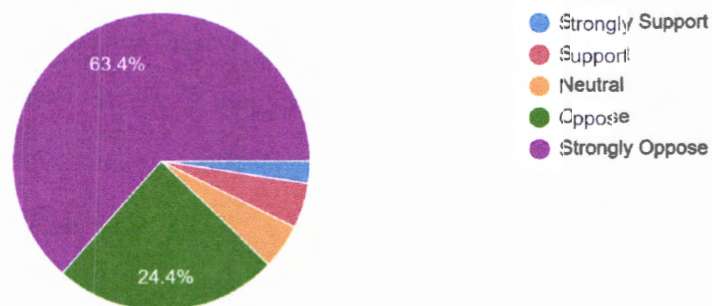
1. Are you aware of the proposal to transfer Animal Services to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office?

41 responses



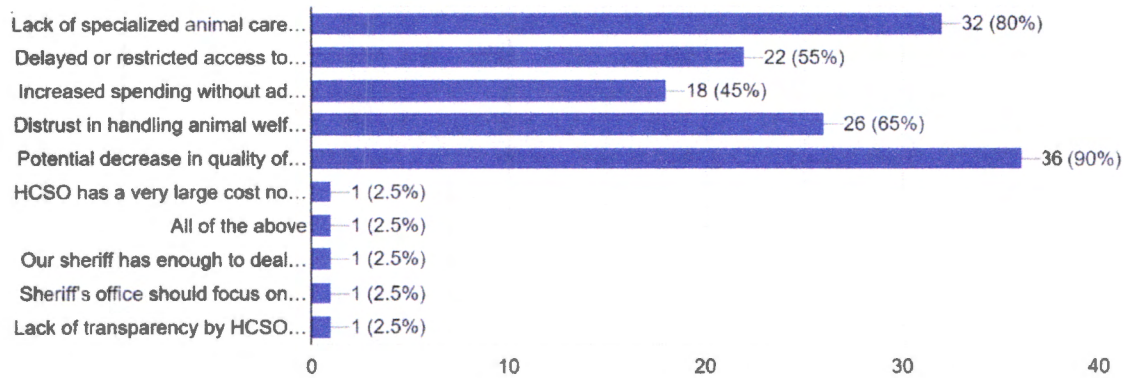
2. Do you support or oppose the transition of Animal Services to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office?

41 responses



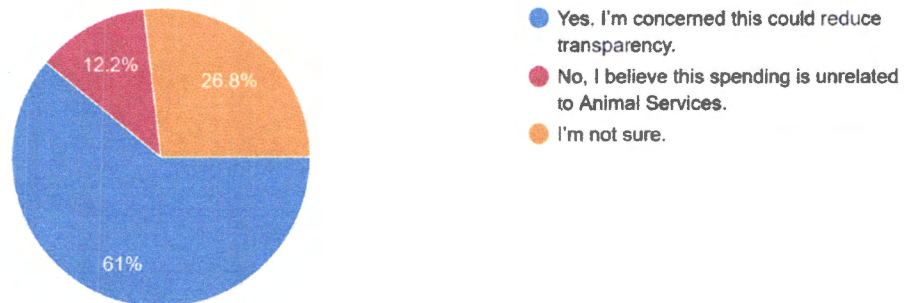
3. What concerns do you have about this transition? (Select all that apply)

40 responses



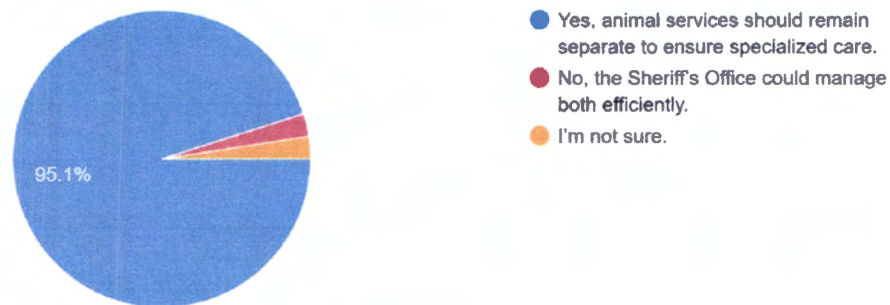
4. Do you believe the \$12 million dollars spent by HCSO on encrypting communications raises concerns about public transparency in animal services if transferred?

41 responses



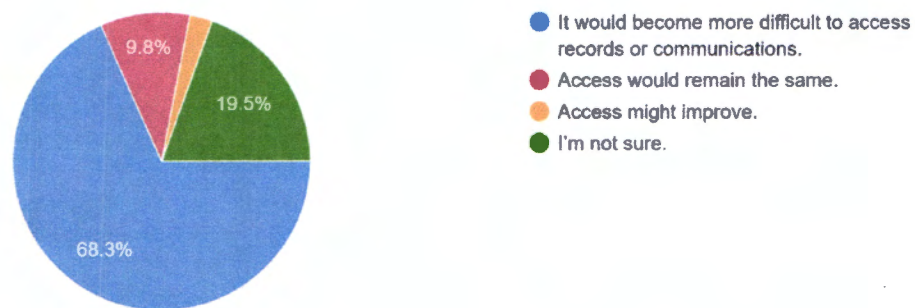
5. Do you believe animal services should remain a separate entity to maintain focus on animal welfare?

41 responses



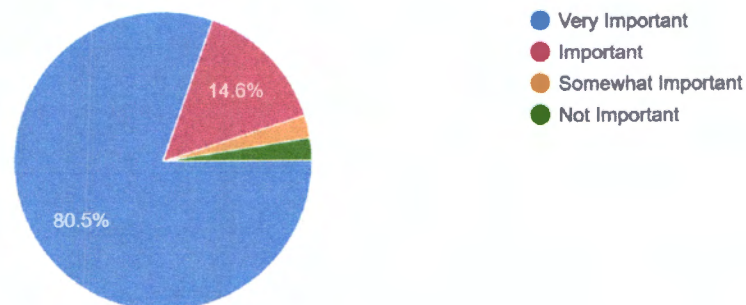
6. How do you think the public's access to information (e.g., public records requests) would be impacted by this transition?

41 responses



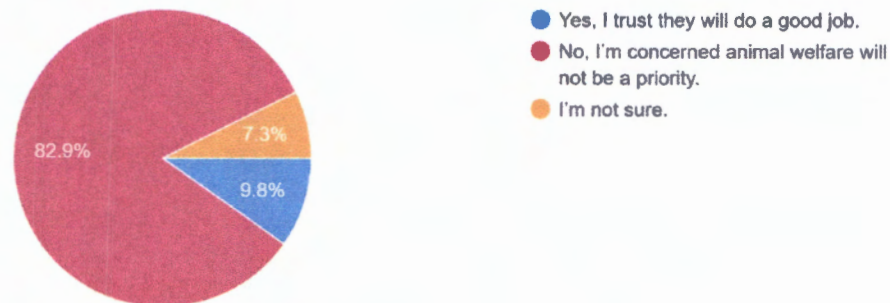
7. In your opinion, how important is it for animal services to remain community-focused and independent from law enforcement?

41 responses



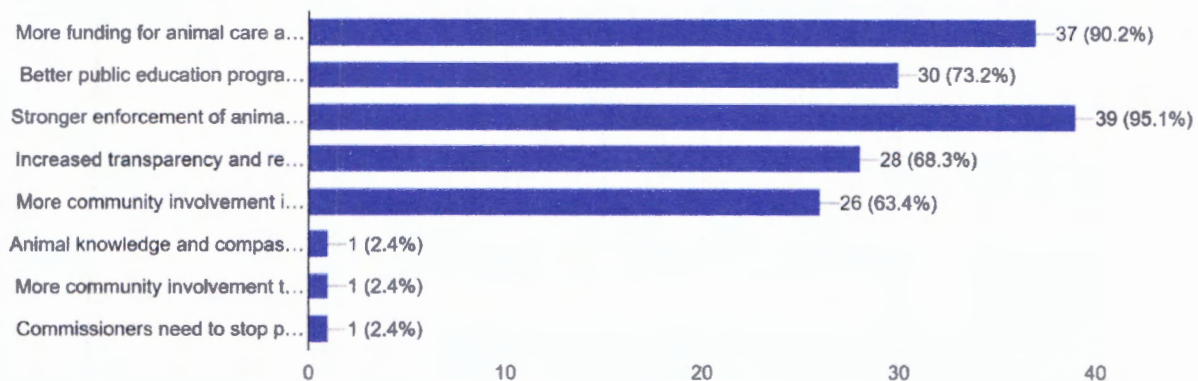
8. Do you trust that the Sheriff's Office will prioritize animal welfare and community education if they take over Animal Services?

41 responses



9. What improvements, if any, would you like to see in the current Animal Services system? (Select all that apply)

41 responses



10. Any additional comments or suggestions regarding the potential transfer of Animal Services to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office?

Current sherrif? no concerns. always does a great job

The Sheriff's office dropped the ball with the animal cruelty case with the illegal killing of horses. This is not who should be in charge of taking care of innocent animals with no voice.

We just need to know our pets are safe and unharmed.

HCSO has enough to handle and not enough deputies now. They are not educated enough to handle the Animal Services.

Do you support the BOCC turning over Hernando County Animal Services to Hernando County Sheriffs Office?

☐ Yes



☒ No



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103 comments 11 shares 409 votes

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Required question

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