

BEFORE THE SPECIAL MASTER  
IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HERNANDO COUNTY, a political  
subdivision of the State of Florida,  
Plaintiff,

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Doug Chorvat, Jr., HERNANDO County Clerk of the Circuit Court  
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vs.

Case No. 2021-25482

MELISSA NEWBERRY,  
Defendant.

SPECIAL MASTER'S ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Special Master for hearing on October 6, 2021, after notice to the Defendant, on Citation #25482-H issued by the Plaintiff, HERNANDO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, 19450 Oliver St., Brooksville, Florida 34601, to the Defendant, MELISSA NEWBERRY, 7307 Westview Court, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613. The citation, with the date and time of the hearing inscribed thereon, was mailed to the Defendant by certified mail, return receipt requested and was Covid 19 delivered at the Defendant's address. The Defendant appeared pro se and the Plaintiff was represented by KYLE J. BENDA, ESQ., Assistant Hernando County Attorney.

A hearing was conducted by the Special Master into the allegations brought by the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff presented witnesses and evidence and the Defendant was afforded an opportunity to cross examine those witnesses, review the evidence presented, and present witnesses and evidence on her own behalf. The Defendant argued on her own behalf.

At the beginning of the hearing the Defendant stated that the pen for her pig, a Woodpine Rooter, was put together piece by piece. Beginning today she is building a new big pen that fits the pig's size.

**UPON THESE FINDINGS, it is therefore ORDERED:**

1. Regarding citation #25828-H and the charge of having one public nuisance animal, the Defendant, MELISSA NEWBERRY, is found GUILTY of having one public nuisance animal in violation of Hernando County Code of Ordinances Section 6-26.

a) Because the Defendant is working to correct the situation the fine for this violation is withheld.

2. That pursuant to authority granted by Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-54(k) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances and Section 162.09(2)(d), Florida Statutes, the Defendant is hereby ordered to pay administrative and investigative costs on behalf of the Animal Services Department in the amount of \$35.00, on behalf of the County Attorney in the amount of \$70.00, and certified mailing costs in the amount of \$15.10 payable to the Hernando County Animal Services Department.

3. **The total of penalties and costs due and payable to the Plaintiff, Hernando County Animal**