

5/14/24 Litigation Report – Request for Authority to Initiate or Defend

This list does not include the following types of cases: (1) Workers' Comp (OJCC); (2) garnishments, (3) foreclosures, (4) Probate, (5) misdemeanor citations, (6) any bankruptcy cases that might involve debts owed to Alachua County; or (7) employee procedures and Collective Bargaining Agreements.

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| 1. | Alachua County, Petitioner, vs. Charles
McCloskey, Respondent
Case #2024-CC-_____ | Diana Johnson
Corbin Hanson |
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The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee to take legal action against Charles McCloskey, a resident in Alachua County. Following complaints received about the animals' welfare, Alachua County Animal Enforcement Officers visited a homeless camp at 3900 NE Waldo Road, where they found 2 adult dogs and 10 puppies. The Officers observed the dogs were being kept in inadequate conditions that did not meet the standards of Alachua County Code Section 72.10(b), including those requiring adequate food, adequate water, and adequate shelter for animals. On April 27, 2024, pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes, an Animal Enforcement Officer lawfully removed the dogs from the Respondent's custody. A Petition Seeking Relief for Custody of Animals was timely filed in the County Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida. The law requires such Petition to be filed within 10 days after the animal is seized, or the order to provide care is issued. Under Alachua County Code 21.41(e), the County Attorney is authorized and directed to take legal action on behalf of the County as to protect the rights of the County in any legal action or to seek emergency relief, pending an opportunity to request required approval of the Board.