



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: December 17, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director(s)
Contact Info: Sgt. Jarrett Morris ext. 14146

SUBJECT: Transfer of Ownership of Retired Sheriff's K9

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors

- a. Approve the retirement and transfer of ownership of Sheriff's K9, "Magnum vom Englishhaus" to Deputy Michael McNeil for the sum of One Dollar; and
- b. Determine that this action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), which exempts organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

K9 "Magnum" was placed into service with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office in May 2013, when he was approximately 14-months old. Magnum was assigned to canine handler, Deputy McNeil. During Magnum's career, he worked as a patrol canine, a tracking K9 and a narcotics detection K9, assigned to the Sheriff's Office Patrol Operations Division.

Based on collaboration between Deputy McNeil, the Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, and Sheriff's Command Staff, it was determined that Magnum has reached the end of his law enforcement service life. He will be officially retired on January 1, 2020.

Deputy McNeil has requested permission to purchase Magnum. Deputy McNeil will take on the responsibility for the care and associated costs related to Magnum's health.

Background: The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the care and feeding of departmental K9s. The department is also liable for the actions of the K9s. Once sold to the handler, these responsibilities rest with the new owner.

The handlers historically purchase retired K9s. Deputy McNeil has expressed an interest in purchasing Magnum and he will execute a standard release and indemnification agreement, approved as to form by County Counsel.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Other existing K9 teams will cover the patrol duties, narcotic detection and tracking vacated by the retirement of Magnum. Our agency will be acquiring another canine of the same breed in February 2020. This canine will be trained in the same skill set as Magnum.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the minute order to the Sheriff's Office, Attn: Sgt. Jarrett Morris

Authored by:

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