



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Sheriff-Coroner  
**Department No.:** 032  
**For Agenda Of:** 04/02/2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner, (805) 681-4290  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Rich Brittingham, Lieutenant, (805)-681-4133

**SUBJECT:** **Transfer of Ownership of Retiring Sheriff's Canine "Odin"**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the retirement and transfer of ownership of Sheriff's canine, "Odin", to Senior Deputy Philip Farley for the sum of One Dollar.
- b) Determine that this action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 153 78(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:**

This item is before your Board to approve the retirement and transfer of Sheriff's canine (K-9) "Odin" to his partner Senior Deputy Philip Farley. Odin has served the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office for approximately 7 ½ years and has been assigned to Senior Deputy Farley during this entire time. Odin is nine years old.

Odin graduated from patrol school in July 2016 and began working patrol. In February 2017, Odin completed detection school and became an Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) detection canine. Odin has since served the County of Santa Barbara in different capacities.

Senior Deputy Farley was recently promoted out of the K9 Deputy position and requested permission to purchase Odin. Senior Deputy Farley will assume all responsibility for Odin, to include food, housing, medical treatment/bills, etc.

**Background:**

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

Handlers historically purchase retired canines. Senior Deputy Farley has expressed an interest in purchasing Odin. Senior Deputy Farley will execute a standard release and indemnification agreement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: N/A

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: The department will not incur any cost for the transfer of ownership. For the time being, other existing canine units will cover the beat vacated by Odin's retirement. The Sheriff's Benevolent Posse donated \$20,870 to cover the cost of a new canine and all training and certification. This donation was approved by the Board on January 23, 2024. This new dog/team will also be EOD certified. There will be no cost to the General Fund for the addition of the new dog and retirement of Odin.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of the minute order to the Sheriff's Department, Attn: Lt. Rich Brittingham.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Hold Harmless, Indemnification, and Transfer Agreement

**Authored by:**

Rich Brittingham, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office