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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 29, 2016

DATE: November 2, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Lt. Greg Herrera, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Chuck Allen, Sheriff *Susan Schilling*

SUBJECT: Approve the Law Enforcement industry practice of selling older trained canines that have met their useful life, or upon retirement of the handler, to their handler for [\$1.00]. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Approve the Law Enforcement industry practice of selling older trained canines that have met their useful life, or upon retirement of the handler, to their handler for [\$1.00].

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The selection and training of K-9 units is a lengthy endeavor. The selected handlers attend an extensive 6-8 week on-site training at the kennel to become acquainted to their canine, and they train together as a team and to work within the selected function of the dog; such as drug detection, bomb detection, protection, etc. Upon return back to Washoe County Sheriff's Office, the dog and the handler have bonded and work together as one. The training continues on a daily basis. Upon the "retirement" of the handler or the canine, it is not practical, safe, or financially feasible to try and match them with a different partner in light of the expenses associated with that initial training and bonding period. The industry standard is to sell the dog to the handler for a fee of \$1.00. Washoe County Sheriff's Office currently follows and is seeking approval to continue with this practice.

AGENDA ITEM # 6.5.6.

FISCAL IMPACT

Received funding from the handlers would be deposited into the Washoe County Sheriff's Office budget 150200-485300.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approve the Law Enforcement industry practice of selling older trained canines that have met their useful life, or upon retirement of the handler, to their handler for [\$1.00].

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

Move to Accept the Law Enforcement industry practice of selling older trained canines that have met their useful life, or upon retirement of the handler, to their handler for [\$1.00].