

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: July 27, 2010 - Consent

AGENDA NO: 55

SUBJECT: Approve and authorize the Sheriff to process the retirement of two canines, Jack and Yantz, owned by Monterey County and to allow the canine handlers to purchase their assigned canine for the sum of \$1.00 each in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Monterey and the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Sheriff to process the retirement of two canines, Jack and Yantz, owned by Monterey County and to allow the canine handlers to purchase their assigned canine for the sum of \$1.00 each in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Monterey and the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

The Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Monterey and the Deputy Sheriff's Association has the following paragraph in Section 4.1.7.f. regarding canine handlers:

If a canine that is owned by the Sheriff's Office becomes permanently disabled or is no longer able to perform its duties, as determined by the Sheriff's Office within its sole discretion, the Canine Handler shall be offered the first opportunity to purchase the canine at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00). If so purchased, neither the Deputy nor the canine will be entitled to any benefits described in this section, unless the Deputy is assigned another Sheriff's Office-owned canine. If purchased, the canine shall become the sole responsibility of the purchaser and the purchaser waives all claims against the County.

Jack and Yantz are trained general service canines being permanently relieved from law enforcement service. Both canines were purchased and placed into service with the Sheriff's Office in 2002 and have been steadily working. Although their handlers have changed over time the current handlers consider these canines's part of their family and are very happy to keep them. Both canine's are approaching their senior years and have earned retirement status. The Sheriff's Office is sorry to see the end of the program, which is solely due to budgetary matters.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved as to form.

FINANCING

There is no net County cost in the General Fund as a result of this recommendation.

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Date: July 14, 2010

Approved by:



Mike Kanalakis, Sheriff

Date: July 14, 2010