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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

DATE: Wednesday September 10, 2025
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Steve Johnson, Director, Forensic Science Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the donation of miscellaneous lab equipment and supplies [approximate value of \$52,925.00] to the Criminal Justice Department and Science Departments of the University of Nevada, Reno from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Approve the donation of equipment and supplies no longer being used from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division to the Criminal Justice Department and Science Departments of the University of Nevada, Reno. These items have been posted on the Washoe County Surplus for more than 30 days: no County divisions claimed these items. The Washoe County Purchasing & Contracts Manager has approved the donation list.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability - Efficient Delivery of Regional Services, Economic Impacts – Meet the Needs of Our Growing Community, and Supports a Thriving Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 15, 2015, The Board approved Item 6B, Donation of miscellaneous lab equipment and supplies [approximate value \$300.00] to the University of Nevada, Reno from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division.

On October 8, 2013, The Board approved Item 9H(1), Donation of unused lab equipment [approximate value \$1,826.00] to the Washoe County School District from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division.

On August 14, 2012, The Board approved Item 6K(2), Donation of an unused Spectrophotometer [approximate value \$500.00] to the Washoe County School District from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On June 12, 2012, The Board approved Item 8L(1), Donation of an unused MP4 Polaroid camera and accessories [approximate value \$100.00] to Dilworth Middle School (STEM Academy) from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division.

On September 14, 2010, The Board approved Item 5.P.1., Donation of Equipment from the Washoe County Forensic Science Division to the Center for Undergraduate Research Experience in the Department of Biology at University of Nevada, Reno.

BACKGROUND

The Forensic Science Division has outdated and no longer used laboratory equipment and supplies to donate to the Criminal Justice Department and Science Departments of the University of Nevada, Reno. Due to the purchase of updated equipment, the equipment and supplies are no longer of use to the Forensic Science Division. The donation of these items to an educational institute within the County is a benefit to the community and the growing partnership between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Criminal Justice Department and Science Departments of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Quantity	Description/Model	Serial Number	Estimated Value
1	Nikon D300	3163097	\$500.00
1	Nikon D300	3163438	\$500.00
1	Nikon D300	3182412	\$500.00
1	Nikon D300	3163439	\$500.00
1	Nikon D300	3163415	\$500.00
1	Nikon D100	2307286	\$140.00
1	Nikon D80	3004838	\$300.00
1	Nikon Coolpix L830	30199340	\$180.00
1	3600 HS Minolta	2043755	\$50.00
1	Hoya Orange (G) 52mm		\$50.00
1	Hoya Orange (G) 52mm		\$50.00
1	Tiffen 52mm UV Protector		\$30.00
1	Tiffen 52mm UV Protector		\$30.00
1	Tiffen 52mm Orange 16		\$30.00
1	HOYA 55mm 80A		\$75.00
1	Nikon SW-15H		\$25.00
1	Nikon SW-15H		\$25.00
1	Nikon SZ-4TH		\$15.00
1	Nikon SZ-4TH		\$15.00
1	Nikon SZ-4FL		\$15.00
1	Nikon: (TN-A1 & TN-A2; FL -G1 &FL- G2)		\$15.00
1	Nikon: (TN-A1 & TN-A2; FL -G1 &FL- G2)		\$15.00
9	Nikon Li-ion 7.4V 1500mAh		\$20.00

2	Nikon Li-ion 7.4V 1400mAh		\$20.00
1	Nikon Quick Charger MH-18a		\$10.00
1	Nikon Quick Charger MH-18		\$10.00
1	Flashpoint		\$20.00
4	Tupperware approx. 9IN X 5.5IN		\$5.00
1	Basic Gas Chromatography Book		\$50.00
1	Individualization: Principles & Procedures in Criminalistics Book		\$50.00
1	Footwear Evidence Book		\$50.00
1	Fingerprint Detection with Lasers Book		\$50.00
1	Criminalistics (6th edition) Book		\$50.00
1	Criminal Investigation (4th edition) Book		\$50.00
1	Interpretation of Bloodstain Evidence at Crime Scenes Book		\$50.00
1	Forensic Science: An introduction to Criminalistics Book		\$50.00
1	Criminalistics: Theory and Practice Book		\$50.00
1	Crime Scene Photography (2nd Edition) Book		\$50.00
1	Criminal Investigation (2nd edition) Book		\$50.00
1	11in X 17in Sketch Boards		\$10.00
1	Black Reflective Safety Vest		\$20.00
4	Sirchie LPP Field Kits		\$30.00
3 boxes	Qorpack Bottles		\$20.00
1 set	Trajectory Boards		\$10.00
1 set	Numbered placards -1 set		\$5.00
1	Foster & Freeman MVC 1000 Fuming Chamber	1146	\$2,000.00
2	Leica EX4D Stereoscope		\$1395.00 each
1	Konica Minolta DiMage Z3, 4 mega pixels, 12X zoom		\$20.00
1 set	Angle Blocks		\$25.00
3	Fisher Scientific PCR Workstation		\$2,500.00 each
2	Eppendorf epMotion Liquid Handlers	5075011615 507501513	\$7,500.00 each
4	QIAcube Extraction Robots	6980 7909 7918 7920	\$5,000.00 each
1	Model 10-140 Incubator		\$300.00
1	Ohaus E11140 Balance, Range 10mg-2000mg		\$500.00
2	Leica Stereoscope		\$500.00

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with donating these items to the University of Nevada, Reno. The equipment to be donated is outdated and therefore has minimal market value. However, the positive impact on undergraduate education at the University of Nevada, Reno, and the continual development of the partnership between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division and the Criminal Justice Department and Science Departments of the University of Nevada, Reno will be of great community value.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the donation of miscellaneous lab equipment and supplies [approximate value of \$52,925.00] to the Criminal Justice Department and Science Departments of the University of Nevada, Reno from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the donation of miscellaneous lab equipment and supplies [approximate value of \$52,925.00] to the Criminal Justice Department and Science Departments of the University of Nevada, Reno from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division."