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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 20, 2024

DATE: January 17, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Captain S. Iacoboni, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Dennis Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Accept a donation of a K-9 dog (Otto), equipment, handler training, and travel costs valued at [\$31,374.98] from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) accept a donation, valued at \$31,374.98 from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Washoe County K9 Partners will donate a WCSO K-9 dog, equipment, and training for a new WCSO K-9 handler. Equipment donated will include a fully trained narcotics K-9 from the prestigious Vohne Liche Kennels, lodging, travel and per diem for a WCSO K-9 Master Trainer and a new K-9 handler along with miscellaneous gear to outfit the K-9 and K-9 Unit.

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

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9's are utilized to detect and locate illegal narcotics and to be proficient in locating evidence and contraband such as firearms or other weapons. The narcotics training fosters the ability of the canine to detect the odors of drugs including, but not limited to, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine. They have been highly successful as a unit, seizing over a million dollars in drug-related currency and thousands of pounds of illegal substances including fentanyl, methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine.

FISCAL IMPACT

New K-9 Handler will, per WCSDA contract, receive an additional 10% special pay. Ongoing costs would be covered by the existing Sheriff's Office budget authority in cost center 150830.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accept a donation of a K-9 dog, equipment, handler training, lodging, and travel costs valued at [\$31,374.98] from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to accept a donation of a K-9 dog, equipment, handler training, and travel costs valued at [\$31,374.98] from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit.