

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Transfer of Ownership of K9 Rento

PRESENTER: Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. K9 Disposition Agreement

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Sheriff's Department is requesting that the Board approve the transfer of ownership of K9 Rento to his handler, Jerad McFalls. K9 Rento has served the citizens of this county well but is nearing the end of his potential service life and the end of his life expectancy. Jerad McFalls has been his sole trainer, partner and handler for the duration of his career. Jerad McFalls is aware of the inherent risks associated with retired service K9s is willing to accept such risks and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Henderson County from any and all claims or any cause of action whatsoever arising from K9 Rento as well as to assume all responsibility for feeding, care and veterinary expenses.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the attached K9 Disposition Agreement to transfer the ownership of K9 Rento to his handler, Jerad McFalls pursuant to NC General Statute 20-187.4 which permits any governmental unit to transfer ownership of any service animal to the handler of said service animal at the time at which the service animal is no longer able or fit for further service.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissioners approve the attached K9 Disposition Agreement to allow his handler, Jerad McFalls to purchase K9 Rento and ownership be transferred.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

K9 DISPOSITION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this the _____ day of _____, 2021, by and between Jerad McFalls and the County of Henderson, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina and body politic and corporate, hereinafter "Henderson County".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Henderson County is the owner of a certain Dutch Shepard canine (K-9), hereinafter "Rento", whose date of birth is August 8, 2013 and further identified by microchip number 528093490022122, and

WHEREAS, NC General Statute 20-187.4 permits any governmental unit to transfer ownership of any service animal to the handler of said service animal at the time at which the service animal is no longer able or fit for further service, and

WHEREAS, Henderson County is desirous of retiring K9 Rento from service with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office due to Rento having reached the end of his potential service life and nearing the end of his life expectancy, and

WHEREAS, Jerad McFalls has been the sole trainer, partner, and handler of Rento for Rento's entire service career. Jerad McFalls is aware of the inherent risks associated with retired service K9s is willing to accept such risks and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Henderson County from any and all claims or any cause of action whatsoever arising from K9 Rento as well as to assume all responsibility for feeding, care and veterinary expenses.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Jerad McFalls shall pay to Henderson County the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar,
2. Henderson County shall transfer ownership of K9 Rento to Jerad McFalls, and
3. Jerad McFalls shall indemnify and hold harmless Henderson County from any and all claims or cause of action arising out of the K9 Rento.

This the ___ day of _____, 2021.

Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Jerad McFalls
Deputy Sheriff
Henderson County Sheriff's Office