

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Sheriff Robert D. Spoden
INITIATED BY



Sgt. Wayne Hansen
DRAFTED BY

**Public Safety and Justice
Committee**
SUBMITTED BY

April 16, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

Approving Vendor for K-9 Purchase

- 1 **WHEREAS**, resolution #12-8A-084 authorized spending \$12,500 of Equitably Shared Funds for the
- 2 purchase of a K-9 and the associated training for the deputy and the dog; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, choosing a reliable, knowledgeable, solid vendor, is key to a successful K-9 program; and,
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, the purchase of a K-9 is the purchase of both a professional service (training) and a
- 7 purchase of a good; and,
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, the County's Purchasing Ordinance states, "Purchases of professional services are exempt
- 10 from bidding requirements;" and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office researched K-9 vendors and their associated training programs; and,
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office recommends purchasing a K-9 from Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. of
- 15 Sanford, NC.
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- 17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 18 this 9th day of May, 2013 that a purchase order be issued to Tarheel Canine Training
- 19 Inc. of Sanford, NC, in the amount of \$11,945.00.
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- 21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that payment be made to the vendor upon approval of the Sheriff.

13-5A-326

Respectfully submitted,

Public Safety and Justice Committee

Purchasing Procedural Endorsement

Ivan Collins
Ivan Collins, Chair

Reviewed and approved on a vote of
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Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Henry Brill
Henry Brill

Brian Knudson
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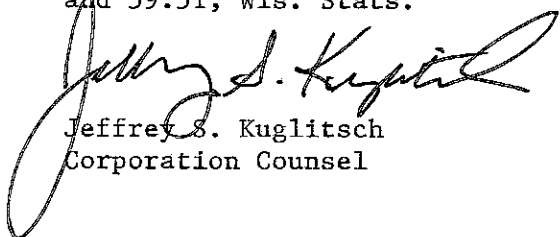
Sufficient funding is available in the Sheriff's Equitably Shared Funds account, A/C 21-2195-0000-67171, for the cost of the K-9 and associated training.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Resolution #12-8A-084 authorized spending \$12,500 of Equitably Shared Funds for the purchase of a K-9 and the associated training for the deputy and the dog. A vendor was not specified in the resolution.

The purchase of a K-9 is also a purchase of a professional service, and not just the purchase of goods. Section 2.219 of the County's Purchasing Ordinance deals with professional services. "Purchases of professional services are exempt from bidding requirements, but are subject to all other purchasing policies and procedures."

A professional service is defined as follows: "Professional Services - shall mean unique or technical functions performed by independent contractors whose primary occupation is the rendering of these services."

The following general information was excerpted from the web site PoliceOne.com. The article was written by Jerry Bradshaw.

Properly trained and deployed K-9s have a direct impact on reducing crime in the areas where they are deployed. A dog's olfactory capability to locate hidden contraband, as well as dangerous hidden suspects, can save officer's time and exposure to potentially life threatening situations. A police dog isn't just a dog. The dog must have the temperament suitable for K-9 work.

The first step in choosing a vendor is to check references. A good vendor is one who solves problems and stands behind their guarantees. Dogs are living beings, they sometimes get sick and die, and your vendor should have a solid health and trainability guarantee.

Normally, if a dog must be returned for either health or trainability, the vendor will replace the dog with another suitable prospect during the class. The keys to a solid vendor are honesty, integrity and service, both before and after the sale. Vendors should be knowledgeable about dogs whether they are selling green dogs, trained dogs, or both.

The Sheriff's Office took the following steps while searching for a K-9 vendor. Sgt. Wayne Hansen, a former K-9 handler, researched four vendors.

In searching for the proper vendor/training facility, it is important that the handler and dog have great compatibility. The vendor should employ different types of training methods that include passive alerts, using real drugs for controlled training, dog aggression, and obedience.

Sgt. Hansen spoke with Sgt. Christine Boyd of the Madison Police Department. She said her agency has bought five dogs from Tarheel Canine Training Inc., and they are very pleased. She said that Jerry Bradshaw heads this company, and he is terrific in his training methods, and he supports the above mentioned traits. Mr. Bradshaw teaches handlers on "Science Behavior Training" of dogs. This class teaches the handler "why" dogs do what they do. This method strengthens the handlers' training techniques after they leave the school.

Sgt Boyd found that Tarheel Canine had good dogs, and they stand behind them with a two year guarantee for medical. The overall cleanliness of the facility was a big factor as well. She is very pleased with all the aspects that Tarheel can offer.

Sgt. Hansen chose Tarheel Canine Training Inc. based on their reputation for the training they offer both at the school and on a monthly basis, if needed. Tarheel's health guarantee of the K-9 is better than any other that he researched. The price for Tarheel's K-9, the training, the housing, and the equipment, all total less than what is budgeted.

Tarheel Canine provides a health guarantee and a performance guarantee. The health guarantee covers any congenital illness or infirmity that will prevent the K-9 from performing as a police dog for a full two years after the purchase of the dog. The performance guarantee covers the actual productivity of the trained K-9.

The Sheriff's Office determined that Tarheel Canine Training Inc., of Sanford, North Carolina, was the most responsible vendor.

The cost for the dog, training, handler course, certification, in-service training, annual recertification, housing, and dual purpose equipment kit is \$11,945.00.