

RESOLUTION #

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF RETIRED K-9 "RYKE" TO HIS  
HANDLER, SERGEANT DUSTAN AULDREDGE

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WHEREAS, Ryke, a 9 year old Dutch Shepard, has served in the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit since 2012 and is ready to retire; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office's Sergeant Dustan Auldredge has been Ryke's handler for approximately the last four years of Ryke's service, having normal custody and control of Ryke during that time; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.4 authorizes transfer ownership of retired service animals to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the service animal during the service animal's public service if that individual agrees to accept ownership, care, and custody of the service animal; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of having Ryke's ownership transferred to him, Sergeant Auldredge has agreed to accept ownership, care, and custody of Ryke; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners finds that Ryke should be retired and that ownership, care, and custody should be transferred to Sergeant Auldredge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That it hereby authorizes the transfer of ownership of Ryke to Sergeant Auldredge in consideration of Sergeant Auldredge's agreement to accept ownership, care, and custody of Ryke.
2. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney