

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Transfer of K-9 Ownership - Oedipe

PRESENTER: Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. K-9 Disposition Agreement

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Sheriff's Department is requesting the Board approve the transfer of ownership of K-9 Oedipe to his handler, Crystal Riley. K-9 Oedipe 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. Crystal Riley has been his sole trainer, partner, and handler for the duration of his career. Crystal Riley is aware of the inherent risks associated with retired service K-9s and 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 K-9 Oedipe as well as to assume all responsibility for feeding, care, and veterinary expenses.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the attached K-9 Disposition Agreement to transfer the ownership of K-9 Oedipe to his handler, Crystal Riley, 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 K-9 Disposition Agreement to transfer ownership of K-9 Oedipe to his handler, Crystal Riley.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

K9 DISPOSITION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this the _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between Crystal Riley 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 Belgian Malinois canine (K-9), hereinafter "Oedipe", whose date of birth is December 23, 2018 and further identified by microchip number 250269606993820, 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 Oedipe from service with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office due to Oedipe having reached the end of his potential service life and nearing the end of his life expectancy, and

WHEREAS, Crystal Riley has been the sole trainer, partner, and handler of Oedipe for Oedipe's entire service career. Crystal Riley 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 Oedipe 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. Crystal Riley shall pay to Henderson County the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar,
2. Henderson County shall transfer ownership of K9 Oedipe to Crystal Riley, and
3. Crystal Riley shall indemnify and hold harmless Henderson County from any and all claims or cause of action arising out of the K9 Oedipe.

This the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Sheriff Lowell Griffin
Henderson County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Crystal Riley
Henderson County Sheriff's Office