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July 1, 2024

In early 2023 I reported to the County Board and requested funding for the addition of a second K9 to be supported by Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds. At that time I provided the following statistics related to drug activity in Franklin County. The board soon voted to fund the project in the amount of \$24,000.00.

\*Feb. 2022 - June 2023:

K9 Incidents - 62

Methamphetamine Seized - 1,293.7 grams (Street value @ \$60.00 p/g = \$77,622.00)

Currency - \$64,075.00 (SIDTF)

Since adding the additional K9, the Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the SIDTF and other Franklin County Municipal Agencies has generated the following statistics.

\*June 2023 - June 2024:

K9 Incidents - 134

Methamphetamine Seized - 2,623.44 grams (Street value @ \$60.00 p/g = \$157,406.40)

Fentanyl Tablets Seized - 270 (Street value @ \$25.00 p/p = \$6,750.00)

Cocaine Seized - 40.86 grams

It is my request that additional funding from the opioid abatement settlement be made available to add a third patrol K9 to the Sheriff's Office. I understand that this program is costly, but I am also keenly aware of the cost that our communities and county are suffering as a result of the drug pandemic. I have discussed this request with States Attorney Dinn and she has expressed her support of this additional K9. I am including an itemized list of associated costs related to the addition of the K9. I appreciate your consideration of this project and am available to answer any questions you may have.

\* Single Purpose K9 and Related Training / Lodging (3 weeks) - \$14,521.00

\* K9 Vehicle Cargo System / Heat Sensors / Vehicle Equipment - \$6,600.00

\* Residential Kennel - \$4,500.00

\* Misc. Equipment - \$500.00

Estimated K9 Investment: \$26,121.00



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Members of the Franklin County Board,

As you are aware, illegal drug use is a great issue in our county. Few families exist that have not in some way been negatively impacted by this nationwide crisis. As a recipient of Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds, the Franklin County Board has made great decisions in the use of this money. As you recall, during the first round of funding in early 2023, four projects were chosen by the board to financially support. They included the addition of a single purpose K9 for the Sheriff's Office (Feb. 2023), Take Action Today (treatment and recovery \$25,000), Franklin County CASA (treatment services - children \$10,000), and the Benton Police Department (investigative data software \$4345.00). The decision to spread funding among law enforcement and treatment / recovery services was, in my opinion, both reasonable and responsible and undoubtedly meets the intended use of the settlement agreement.

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Since that time, the Sheriff's Office has had two working K9's on our schedule. The handlers and dogs work closely with the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force as well as all municipal departments within Franklin County. Our policy is to accommodate, as best we can, all requests for the K9 not only for Sheriff's Office Patrol but all other police agencies working within Franklin County. We currently have K9 staffing 80 hours per week, however, that is only half the time of a 24/7 weekly schedule. The last 12 months have produced the following numbers:

\* June 2023 - June 2024 Activity (SIDTF to include FCSO and Municipal Franklin Co. Agencies):

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Cannabis seized: 407,339 grams (898 pounds)

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The existence of drug detection K9's at the Sheriff's Office is a key component to our strategy of combating the opioid crisis in Franklin County. Providing treatment resources within our jail facility also has significant importance. In conversation with Treasurer Vercellino and States Attorney Dinn it is my understanding that there has been additional funding received as a result of the abatement settlement with a current balance near \$100,000.00.

It is my request that additional funding from the opioid abatement settlement be made available to add a third patrol K9 to the Sheriff's Office. I understand that this program is costly, but I am also keenly aware of the cost that our communities and county are suffering as a result of the drug pandemic. I have discussed this request with States Attorney Dinn and she has expressed her support of this additional K9. I am including an itemized list of associated costs related to the addition of the K9. I appreciate your consideration of this project and am available to answer any questions you may have.

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This week I also received a call from Mariah Hayes. Mariah is the Director of Franklin County CASA. Mariah indicated that she was in the process of working on the 24/25 budget for her office and inquired about the existence of additional opioid funding. Mariah explained the great impact and importance of the previously received funding and requested that the board consider CASA as a partner in the use of funding to be utilized for the treatment of children impacted by parental opioid abuse. I informed her that I would include her request in this letter.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Kyle Bacon



# Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc.

7953 N Old Rt 31  
Denver, IN 46926

# Cost Quote

Date	Estimate #
6/26/2024	14918

Bill To
Franklin County Sheriff 403 E. Main St Benton, IL 62812

Ship To
Franklin County Sheriff 403 E. Main St Benton, IL 62812

P.O. No.	Terms	Due Date	VLK Rep	Contact #
	Net 30	7/26/2024	KMH	
Description	Qty	Rate	Total	
Single Purpose Narcotic Detector Dog Class. 3 Weeks Course Date: September 9th-27th Handler:	1	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Single Purpose. Pretrained Narcotic Dog. Guarantee: Effective from day of purchase. 100% Health for 6 months. Skeletal 12 months. If any genetic or hereditary problem is found during time of guarantee K-9 will be replaced. A vet report stating diagnosis must accompany K-9 on return. Trainability 3 months. Compatibility 1 month.	1	9,500.00	9,500.00	
Housing	20	70.00	1,400.00	
Choke Chain 20"	1	8.00	8.00T	
Tan 1" Leather Collar	1	8.00	8.00T	
6' x 3/4" Black Leather Lead	1	22.00	22.00T	
30' Black Long Line Lead	1	24.00	24.00T	
Kinetic 30K Power Dog. 35#	1	59.00	59.00T	
TAX ID # 35-2148814 All invoices paid by credit card are subject to a 4% service charge.		0.00	0.00T	
This estimate is good for ninety days. Thank you for your inquiry.			<b>Subtotal</b>	\$14,521.00
(765) 985-2274 Phone (765) 985-2595 Fax www.vohneliche.com			<b>Sales Tax (0.0%)</b>	\$0.00
			<b>Total USD</b>	\$14,521.00