



County of Milwaukee
Office of the Sheriff

David A. Clarke Jr.
Sheriff

Date: January 12, 2017

To: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Richard Schmidt, Inspector, Office of the Sheriff

Subject: **Request to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Brentwood Animal Hospital to provide primary and emergency veterinary services and care for Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office canines.**

Pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Chapter 56, the Sheriff is requesting referral to the proper board committee for authorization to execute a professional services contract to provide law enforcement animal primary and emergency veterinary services and care for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office canines.

Background

In November, 2013 the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office entered into a contract with Brentwood Animal Hospital to provide primary care services to our active law enforcement animals (canines) at a discounted price. The final extension of that contract ended on December 31, 2016.

Brentwood proposes to discount charges by 5% and 10% from usual and customary rates additional for most procedures, except for vaccines and prescription diets due to their small markups. Brentwood incorporated its first price increase in September 2016 since the beginning of the original contract. For the period of January through July 2016 the average annualized veterinary cost per canine was \$1,286 that equates to approximately \$23,000 per year. The requested annual contract amount maximum is \$24,999. The K-9 Unit Commander must approve any amount exceeding the maximum.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office maintains approximately twenty (20) security dogs at the Milwaukee County Jail, Expressway Patrol and General Mitchell International Airport for Airport Security. It is necessary to have a veterinary service available for routine exams and non-emergency care treatment including medications for each canine. The Sheriff is requesting a three (3) year contract from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 with two (2) optional one year extensions. The contract will automatically renew unless the Sheriff notifies the Contractor of intent not to renew the contract 90 days prior to the December 31st expiration date.

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Request

It is requested that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approve the Sheriff's request to execute this professional services contract to provide primary and emergency veterinary services and care for canines of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office.



Richard R. Schmidt, Inspector

Senior Commander

Office of the Sheriff, Milwaukee County

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