



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014, 9:15 A.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Board adopted a resolution to retire drug interdiction K-9 dog “Jak” and transfer ownership of Jak to his handler, Dennis Smith, a Deputy Sheriff Investigator. Jak has performed his duties faithfully and diligently. He is 9 years old, has arthritis in his knees and spine and is no longer physically able to perform as a drug interdiction K-9 dog. Jak was specifically trained in certain law enforcement procedures and may behave unpredictably and possibly in an aggressive manner as a result of such training; therefore, he presents a risk to the health and safety of the general public if presented for sale to or adoption by citizens unfamiliar with the specialized training Jak received. Such risk to public health and safety is not present when a K-9 dog is transferred to the care and keeping of his or her handler. This would allow Jak to retire to a familiar environment in the care of his handler who is very familiar with his training and would transfer Jak in a manner that does not endanger public health and safety. The resolution, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-266(d), would allow the Sheriff’s Office to retire and transfer ownership of Jak to Deputy Smith, upon the deputy’s accepting custody of the dog and assuming all liability and responsibility for the care of the animal for the remainder of his life. The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended adoption of this resolution and the transfer of ownership of “Jak” to Deputy Sheriff Dennis Smith.

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