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# Office of the Sheriff

Jesse Jahner, Sheriff

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Chad Peterson, Chair  
Cass County Commission  
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Commission Chair Peterson,

Recently, Central Cass Superintendent Morgan Forness has been in contact with our Office in reference to implementing a K-12 School Wide Animal Assisted Intervention Program. The Program would utilize a K-9 to assist with mental health support services at the school. Mr. Forness would like our School Resource Deputy Jason Scott to work with and house the K-9 for the program. Mr. Forness has been working with a community partner to obtain and train the K-9. Mr. Forness has mentioned that they would be willing to help fund the program. The total cost of implementing the program would be approximately \$11,404.92. This cost would cover the program's equipment, food, and medical needs. I have included a breakdown of those costs with this request. It would be my suggestion that Cass County pay for the squad car equipment kennel to facilitate the K-9 in the amount of \$6,404.92. I believe it would be reasonable to pay for this equipment as it will be equipped in our vehicle. In addition, we could use both this equipment and the K-9 for other community outreach activities and events. I am not making any additional requests for budget increases as I believe we can absorb this amount in our current budget and through donations that we have received for these types of programs. Central Cass would pay an additional \$5,000.00 in care costs for the k-9. I believe this program will be beneficial and enhance our relationships with children at the Central Cass School and foster safe, positive relationships with our School Resource Deputy Program.

## Suggested Motion

"Move to approve the program and funding for purchasing of a kennel for squad car in the amount of \$6,404.92 to be used for the Animal Assisted Intervention Program for the Central Cass School."

Sincerely,

Jesse Jahner  
Sheriff

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**Canine Supplies**

DOG FOOD	\$	1,000.00
BOARDING	\$	650.00
VET SERVICES	\$	1,800.00
CONSULT AND EVALUATION	\$	300.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	\$	750.00
Equipment Replacement (leashes/toys)	\$	250.00
Kennel for Squad outfit	\$	6,404.92
Kennel for home	\$	250.00
	\$	<b>11,404.92</b>