CITY OF COFFEYVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE	12-20-12	
RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NUMBER	R-12-121	
AGENDA TITLE	**A resolution to allow the Coffeyville Police Department to initiate a police canine program and purchase a used canine equipped patrol vehicle from the Kansas Highway Patrol.**	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Police Department	
PRESENTER	Anthony Celeste, Chief of Police	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	$35,700.00
	Budget Line Item:	230-5-000-875 230-5-000-428 230-5-000-490 230-5-000-850 010-5-023-478 010-5-023-520
	Balance Available	
	New Appropriation Required:	[ ] Yes [X] No
PURPOSE	As in any community where drugs are present, the drug trade delivers numerous problems into our community. The addition of a police canine unit to the Coffeyville Police Department will provide another tool to combat crime and improve the quality of life for our residents, business, and visitors.	

BACKGROUND	Police canine programs have been used for many years within the law enforcement community. The programs have a long record as an effective law enforcement tool. CPD has previously had a successful canine program that was not continued upon the retirement of our last canine.
SPECIAL NOTES	Forfeiture funds may be used for the majority of the program's initial startup costs. See Attached Proposal
ANALYSIS	See Attached Proposal
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS	N/A
BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	N/A
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Chief Celeste recommends approval of this contract.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	CPD Canine Program Proposal

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-121

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COFFEYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE A POLICE CANINE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF A CANINE EQUIPPED PATROL VEHICLE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Coffeyville, Kansas, that the Coffeyville Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to initiate a police canine program to include the purchase of a used canine equipped patrol vehicle from the Kansas Highway Patrol utilizing forfeiture funds.

Adopted this 20th day of December 2012.

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David George, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Price, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Paul Kritz, City Attorney

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The Coffeyville Police Department has faced many new and existing challenges within our community. The number of incidents in both the violent crime and property crime categories has fluctuated over the past ten years; but despite these fluctuations, there have not been a significant overall increase or decrease in Part One violent crimes[1]. Fortunately we have seen a modest decrease in Part One Property Crimes over that same period of time. Part One crimes are defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting and include murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

While 911 call volumes have decreased over the last few years, we have seen a relatively steady crime rate, while the State of Kansas, and US as a whole, have seen a steady decrease in Part One Crimes[2]. Although understanding the crime trends are sometimes difficult, the Coffeyville Police Department has begun to implement an intelligence-led style of policing. This has been evident in our crime analysis implementation, field interview reporting system, Neighborhood Watch Program initiative, in-service training program improvements, and policy reviews and updates.

While objectively looking at crime in Coffeyville, tangible evidence shows problems associated with drug use and the drug trades continue to impact our community. Montgomery County is poised to finish 2012 as having the third most number of Methamphetamine labs seized within the State of Kansas. Over the last year we have also seen a significant increase of newly designed synthetic narcotics come into our community.

The Coffeyville Police Department employs many tools to combat crime and drugs[3]. The collective cooperation of law enforcement agencies throughout Montgomery County is one program that does make a positive impact on the local drug trade. The aggressive utilization of the forfeiture statutes are perhaps some of the most effective tools in reducing criminal activity, and the DARE program focuses on teaching our children good decisions. One investigative tool that has been proven in many communities as an effective asset is that of a patrol canine.

The department is requesting to implement a police canine program which will provide for one patrol canine. The canine would be purchased and trained through the Kansas Highway Patrol's canine program. The estimated startup cost of implementing this program is approximately $35,700.00 for the first year, with an annual anticipated cost of $1500.00. The department does already have much of the necessary equipment

1. See Table A, City of Coffeyville Uniform Crime Reports
2. See Table B, Uniform Crime Report Index – Crime Rate per 1000
3. See Table C, City of Coffeyville Drug Cases

from past canine programs, however the primary expense would be for a dedicated canine officer vehicle. The Kansas Highway Patrol regularly offers for sale fully equipped Chevy Tahoe canine patrol vehicles in good condition with reasonably low mileage. These vehicles generally range from $18,000.00 to $21,000.00. Fortunately due to our very proactive officers and utilization of the forfeiture statutes, the police department has the ability to use $32,400.00 towards this startup cost, leaving the difference of $3,300.00 in anticipated startup costs that would not qualify for the usage of forfeiture funds. The additional drug cases and forfeiture proceedings as a result of the canine program would likely exceed these expenses.

Canine Program Goals

1) *Enhance the search and discovery of illegal narcotics.*
   The use of canines to locate narcotics is a valuable ability. Canines can locate hidden narcotics using their superior olfactory skills. These narcotics can be hidden in false vehicle compartments, behind false walls or any other area in which small or large quantities can be concealed.
2) *Provide a safe alternative to building and large area searches.*
   The use of canines to search buildings and homes is perhaps the most utilized of all the abilities they possess. A large warehouse, office building, house or school which has been burglarized, or in which the alarm has been activated, are places where the canine is most functional.
3) *Provide a tool for tracking fleeing criminals or missing adults/children.*
   Providing that conditions for tracking are suitable, the canine can track human beings through a combination of human scent and ground disturbance. Tracking is used mostly in locating and following a suspect's trail from the scene of various crimes, such as burglary, robbery, prowling, etc.
4) *Provide a tool for crime scene searches.*
   The canine can point out objects within a specific area that are foreign to the ground. Canines can be very useful in recovery of physical evidence in brush and tall grass.
5) *Apprehend fleeing or combative suspects.*
   Occasionally the canine may be called upon to apprehend and contain a fleeing suspect. This can prevent the use of greater force to subdue a fleeing or combative suspect. At any point before the apprehension, if the suspect gives up, the canine can be recalled without apprehension.
6) *Build community relationships.*
   Utilizing canine demonstrations for the public, community organizations, and our DARE program is a great way to build community partnerships.

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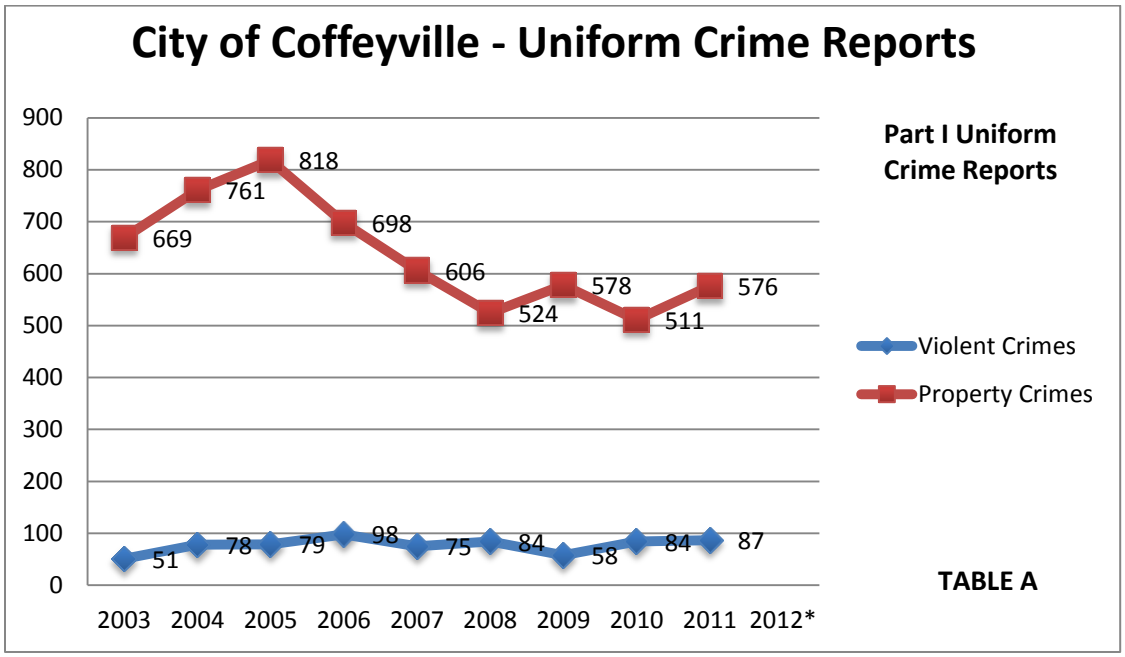

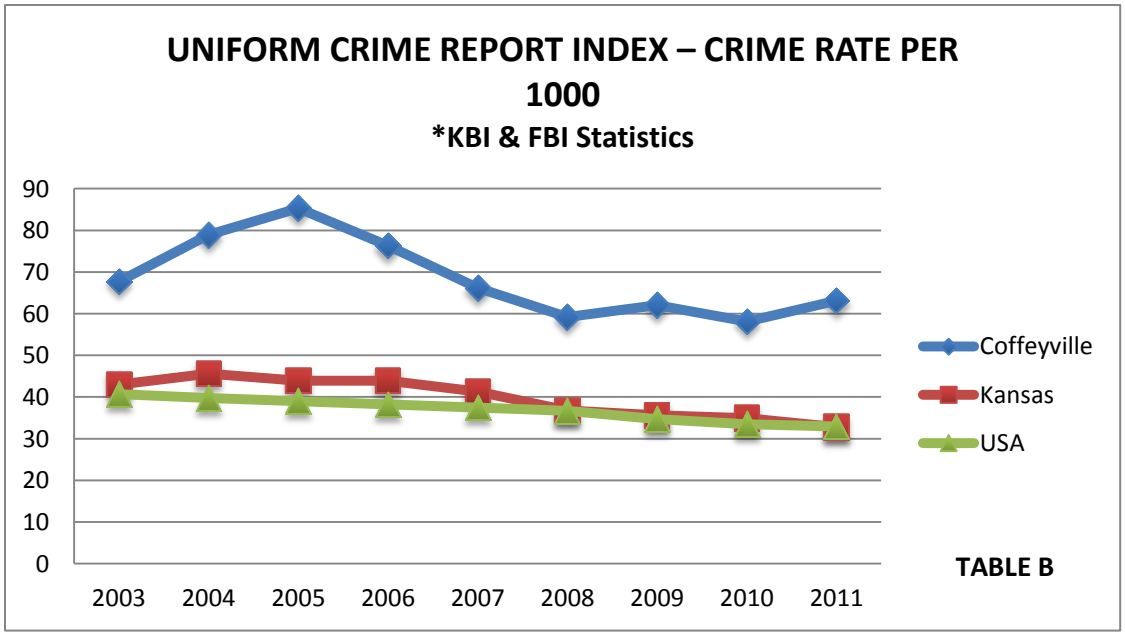

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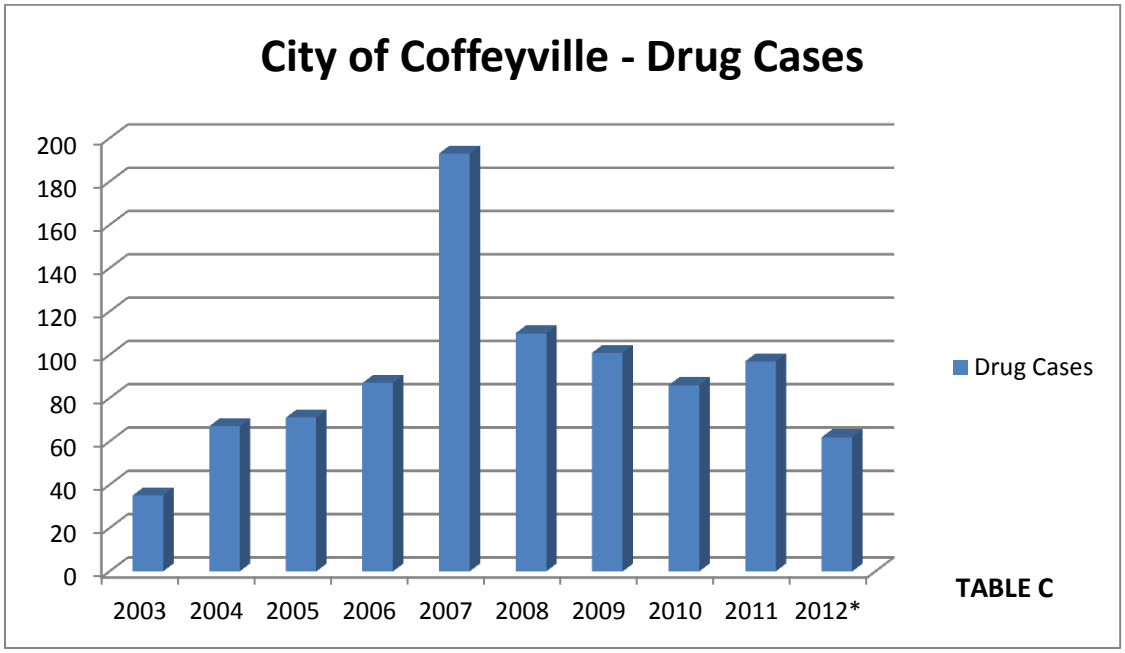

TABLE C

Coffeyville Police Department
Police Canine Proposal

Police Canine Program Cost		
Canine		$8,000.00
Vehicle		$21,000.00
Kennel Equipment		$0.00
Training Equipment		$0.00
Initial Training Costs		
	Canine School	$0.00
	Officer Boarding	$2,000.00
	Per Diem	$1,400.00
	Overtime	$1,800.00
Annual Costs		
	Veterinarian Costs	$1,000.00
	Dog Food	$500.00
Year 1 Total Cost		$35,700.00
Eligible Forfeiture Funds		$32,400.00
Yearly Anticipated Costs		$1,500.00

An estimated $32,400.00 is available for expenses related to the startup costs of a canine program. The remaining $3,300.00 startup expense and following yearly expenses would be funded through the police department's budget, funded by the General Fund.