



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 10, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator
SUBJECT: (Waive further reading/Adopt) Ordinance adding Sections 2.29.01, 2.29.02, 2.29.03, 2.29.04, and 2.29.05 to the Nevada County Code pertaining to the Care and Disposal of Unclaimed Property in the Possession of the Sheriff

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt ordinance.

FUNDING: There is no additional funding required with this Ordinance. The revenue would be recorded with the Sheriff's Administration business unit or as otherwise determined appropriate by Sheriff's Chief Fiscal Administrative Officer or designee.

BACKGROUND: BACKGROUND: California Civil Code Section 2080.4 authorizes the creation of an ordinance to provide for the care, restitution, sale or destruction of unclaimed property in the possession of the Sheriff. Any such ordinance shall include a 90 day holding period. Thereafter, and with five (5) days published notice, any such property may be sold at public auction by the Sheriff or be transferred to the County Purchasing Agent for public sale. Property may also be transferred to the Purchasing Agent. If the Purchasing Agent determines that any such property is needed for public use, such property may be retained by the agency and not sold.

Over the years, the Sheriff's Office has accumulated unclaimed property, most commonly as part of Coroner's cases, where the decedent has no known next of kin, or where the Sheriff's property unit has received no response to notices sent to the last known address to claim the property. These items are currently stored indefinitely and could bring potential revenue to the Sheriff's Office.

This ordinance will provide guidance for the care, restitution, sale or destruction of unclaimed property that is unrelated to property seized as evidence in a criminal investigation or property held for safekeeping. This item was originally brought for introduction on November 26, 2024.

Initiated by: Robert Jakobs
Approved by: Shannan Moon