

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 10, 2022
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: Denita R. Ball, Chief Deputy, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
Subject: Request to Create 9 Deputy Sheriff 1 Positions
File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Office of the Sheriff requests to create the following positions:

9.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff 1, Pay Grade 17BZ

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Wis Stats 59.17
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	MCGO 17.05(1)
Specific Adopted Budget:	2022 Adopted Budget

BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency and signed Executive Order #72 directing the State Department of Health Services to "take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in the State."

On March 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued two Administrative Orders, one postponing all civil and criminal jury trials through May 22, 2020, and the second suspending most in-person proceedings.

After these Orders were issued, Court operations took the necessary steps to reopen courts within the required health precautions. The closure of the courts and the slow reopening during the pandemic has left a large backlog of cases to address. As of January 2022, Milwaukee County faced a backlog of approximately 2,600 misdemeanor cases, 1,700 felony cases, and 925 criminal traffic cases.

Milwaukee County estimates it will take 2-3 years to clear the identified backlog and resume resolving cases within the state and national time standard.

In March 2022, Milwaukee County was awarded \$15,879,000 in state American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to relieve this backlog with \$14,600,000 earmarked for expanded court operations. Of these funds, \$1,683,504 is committed to MCSO to support 9.0 Deputy Sheriff 1 positions and \$841,752 of their overtime costs.

Related File No's:	22-476; \$14,719,000 is state ARPA grant
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

FISCAL EFFECT

County Board resolution 22-476 authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance to process appropriation transfers to recognize and increase revenues and expenditures by \$14,719,000 for the purposes of expanding courthouse operations to address the criminal case backlog and to establish a pilot night court program.

POSITION INFORMATION

Action	FTE	Title	Pay Range	Annual Salary Range
Create	9.0	Deputy Sheriff 1	17BZ	\$57,699 - \$75,462

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Denita R. Ball, Chief Deputy

PREPARED BY:

Pat Carravetta, Public Safety Fiscal Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Denita R. Ball, Chief Deputy

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Denita R. Ball, Chief Deputy Sheriff

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Denita R. Ball, Chief Deputy, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk