

County of Milwaukee
Office of the Sheriff



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DATE: October 14, 2019
TO: Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Boards Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.
Supervisor Schmitt, Chair Finance and Audit Committee
Teig Whaley-Smith, Director, Department of Administrative Services
FROM: Pat Carravetta, MCSO, Public Safety Fiscal Administrator
SUBJECT: Notification of Revenue Deficits in Excess of \$75,000

Policy Issue

County Ordinance 56.02 requires department administrators to submit a report to the County Executive, Finance and Audit Committee and the Department of Administrative Services when potential revenue deficits of \$75,000 or more are identified.

Object	Description	2019 Budget	2019 Projected	Variance
3514	COMMISSIONS ON EXECUTIONS	\$300,000	\$200,000	(\$100,000)

Commissions on executions includes the fees collected for Sheriff foreclosure sales conducted by the Sheriff's Office. There has been a decline in the number of foreclosure sales causing the decrease in the fees collected.

ACCOUNT 3514 – COMMISSION ON EXECUTIONS		
YEAR	BUDGET	ACTUAL RECEIVED
2013	\$725,000	\$614,516
2014	\$680,000	\$432,667
2015	\$510,000	\$351,722

2016	\$357,000	\$296,360
2017	\$362,000	\$264,140
2018	\$298,000	\$288,305
2019 (Projected)	\$300,000	\$200,000

Corrective Action:

None. The number of foreclosure sales is not under the control of the Sheriff. Sales are affected by economic conditions.

Object	Description	2019 Budget	2019 Projected	Variance
3566	UTILITY FEES - TELEPHONE	\$1,500,000	\$1,350,000	(\$150,000)

In 2015 the FCC issued new guidelines and rates effective February 2016 rescinding all connection fees and the rate per minute was set at \$.14. The FCC ruling to reduce the inmate telephone rates was overturned and the County Board authorized an increase to \$.25 per minute in the 2018 budget. The 2019 budget was reduced because phone usage did not meet expectations in 2018.

In 2019, in order to make maintenance and repairs in the CJF 60 inmates have been moved to the HOC in order to close pods. Estimated commissions from phones were reduced to reflect the decrease in usage. During 2018 and 2019 pods were shut down in order to paint, replace current lighting to high efficiency lighting, flooring replacement, duct cleaning, and any other repairs/maintenance that may be needed. During 2019, the following pods were shut down:

6A from 1/14/19 to 2/15/19
6B from 3/18/19 to 4/19/19
6D from 5/28/19 to 6/21/19
4D from 10/4/19 to present

During these maintenance periods 60 inmates were moved to the HOC. It is necessary to transfer these inmates so that they would have access to phone and commissary while at the HOC. All commissions on these services would be collected by the HOC.

ACCOUNT 3566 – UTILITY FEES – TELEPHONE		
YEAR	BUDGET	ACTUAL RECEIVED
2013	\$580,000	\$888,323
2014	\$840,000	\$970,081
2015	\$1,000,000	\$1,080,840
2016	\$1,150,000	\$950,215
2017	\$750,000	\$659,907
2018	\$1,615,076	\$1,216,162
2019 (Projected)	\$1,500,000	\$1,350,000

Corrective Action:

When the maintenance is complete at the CJF the phone commissions should return to budgeted levels.

	Revenue	Budget	July Estimate	Variance
2299	Other ST Grants & Reimb.	598,063.00	650,000.00	51,937.00
2699	Other Fed. Grants & Reimb.	557,482.00	660,000.00	102,518.00
4999	Other Misc. Revenue	73,800.00	125,000.00	51,200.00
		1,229,345.00	1,435,000.00	205,655.00

Revenue surpluses from other sources will assist with alleviating these deficits. Overall revenue for the MCSO is estimated to deficit \$27,369 in 2019.

Recommendation:

This is an informational report required by Section 56.02 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances and requires no action.



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