



County of Milwaukee  
**Office of the Sheriff**

Earnell R. Lucas  
 Sheriff

**DATE:** September 12, 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
2013	\$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.

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 Estimate	\$1,500,000	\$1,350,000

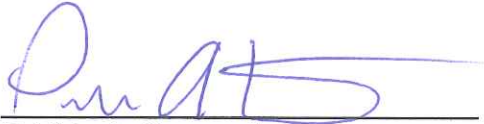
Corrective Action:

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

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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