



County of Milwaukee
Office of the Sheriff

Richard R. Schmidt
Acting Sheriff

Date: October 2, 2017

To: Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Boards Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.
Supervisor Peggy West, Chair Finance and Audit Committee
Teig Whaley-Smith, Director, Department of Administrative Services

From: William R. Lethlean, 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.

Background

Object	Description	2017 Budget	2017 Projected	Variance
1310	FINES & ST FORFEITURES	\$545,000	\$384,000	(\$161,000)

Due to the shortage of Sheriff Deputies revenue has fallen over the past years:

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EXPRESSWAY PATROL – ACCOUNT 1310 – FINES & FORFEITURES		
YEAR	BUDGET	ACTUAL RECEIVED
2013	\$470,000	\$447,787
2014	\$545,000	\$450,779
2015	\$475,000	\$351,114
2016	\$545,000	\$339,115
2017 (Projected)	\$545,000	\$384,000

A decrease in the 2017 budget of \$105,000 was requested but not adopted.

Corrective Action:

Most of the revenue from traffic citations goes to the state, courts and debt reduction by local and state ordinance. The Sheriff's Office receives only 9% of total traffic citation revenue.

During the month of April, Expressway Patrol introduced four (4) new Kustom Signal LaserCam 4 traffic enforcement units that offer greater range to target, faster acquisition time, image resolution of plates at longer distances and a comprehensive video record of tracking history. These units should be a major factor to increase the safety of driving on Milwaukee County expressways and also increase traffic citation revenue. Due to their effectiveness and impact upon daily Expressway Patrol additional units have been requested in the annual JAG Grant funding.

In September Sheriff Schmidt has instituted saturation patrols in expressway construction zones that will have a favorable impact on reducing this deficit.

Object	Description	2017 Budget	2017 Projected	Variance
2299	OTHER ST GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS	\$888,966	\$800,000	(\$88,966)

Reductions in state aided Department of Transportation projects, slowing of the Zoo Interchange project and reductions in the Department of Corrections inmate housing have created this deficit. The Hoan Bridge construction project is now complete and has resulted in reduced revenue.

ACCOUNT 2299 – OTHER STATE GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS		
YEAR	BUDGET	ACTUAL RECEIVED
2013	\$2,648,352	\$2,441,237
2014	\$2,109,069	\$1,7693,375
2015	\$2,125,854	\$1,552,498
2016	\$1,029,597	\$950,219
2017 (Projected)	\$888,966	\$800,000

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Corrective Action:

MCSO will continue to identify new similar programs as they become available and take advantage of any DOT programs as they become available.

Object	Description	2017 Budget	2017 Projected	Variance
3514	COMMISSIONS ON EXECUTIONS	\$362,000	\$270,000	(\$92,000)

The volume of Sheriff Foreclosure Sales continues to decline as do the number of billable Civil Process Executions. Civil Process Papers and Executions are now initiated by Court Designated "Indigents" and are not revenue generating.

ACCOUNT 3514 – COMMISSIONS ON EXECUTIONS		
YEAR	BUDGET	ACTUAL RECEIVED
2012	\$731,000	\$681,471
2013	\$725,000	\$614,516
2014	\$680,000	\$432,667
2015	\$510,000	\$351,722
2016	\$357,000	\$296,360
2017 (Projected)	\$362,000	\$270,000

A decrease in the 2017 budget of \$100,000 was requested but not adopted.

Corrective Action:

It will be difficult to realize an improvement in this deficit.

Object	Description	2017 Budget	2017 Projected	Variance
3566	UTILITY FEES - TELEPHONE	\$750,000	\$632,645	(\$117,355)

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. Revenue from inmate telephone services has been greatly reduced due to this ruling.

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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 (Projected)	\$750,000	\$632,645

Corrective Action:

A recent court ruling has partially reversed this decision and may allow the reinstatement of the original rate of \$.21 per minute if agreeable to the County. Any other significant change will be due to the average daily population in the CJF and how many telephone calls inmates will place.

Recommendation:

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



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