

## County of Milwaukee Office of the Sheriff

Richard R. Schmidt Sheriff

Date:

September 21, 2018

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	2018 Budget	2018 Projected	Variance
3566	UTILITY FEES - TELEPHONE	\$1,615,076	\$1,300,000	(\$315,076)

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 and increased the annual 2018 budget to \$1,615,076.

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 (Projected)	\$1,615,076	\$1,250,000		

## Corrective Action:

The increased telephone rate has raised revenues in 2018 but not to the degree that was anticipated in the adopted budget. There is little that can be done to raise revenues in this area.

Other revenue sources will generate surpluses that will eliminate the deficit in inmate phone revenue. General Transportation Aids (GTA) revenue was under budgeted and will have a \$332,294 surplus.

Overall revenue for the MCSO is estimated to surplus \$276,770 in 2018.

## Recommendation:

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

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Public Safety Fiscal Administrator

Steve Cady, Research & Policy Analyst

cc: Supervisor Anthony Staskunas, Chair, Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee Allyson Smith, Committee Coordinator, Judiciary, Safety & General Services Janelle Jensen, Committee Coordinator, Finance & Audit Erica Hayden, Research and Policy Analyst