

Legislation Text

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Department

Sheriff

Requested Action (Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)

Request approval for an immediate increase funding for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$6,265,157.89, concentrating on the deficits forecast in FY2022 budget. The raise in funding addresses significant challenges due to inflation related to fuel, inmate food, personnel cost, inmate medical care and inmate transportation. This also addresses substantial issues associated with a compensatory and overtime problem causing significant attrition in jail and courthouse operations, leading to a noticeable misalignment with similar law enforcement agencies in recruiting efforts and security. (APPROVED AS AMENDED)

Requirement for Board Action (*Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement*)

O.C.G.A § 15-16-10 it is the duty of the Sheriff to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the security of the County Courthouse and any courthouse annex.

Strategic Priority Area related to this item (If yes, note strategic priority area below)

Justice and Safety

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background (First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)

Scope of Work: The Sheriff's Office recommends approval due to inflation, "The Great Resignation," and unanticipated operations such as Operation Home Defense. Funding these priority items of emergent need compensate for recent courthouse operations related to high profile hearings and trials address, inmate expenses and other significant challenges. This also brings us into alignment with other law enforcement

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agencies as a tool to retain critical employees by compensating them upfront rather accruing a large 480-hour compensatory leave balance. Specifically, this increase in funding will be used for operational expenses related to fuel, inmate food, inmate medical care, inmate transportation, and overtime.

Community Impact: This increase will allow the Sheriff's Office to better protect and serve the community.

Department Recommendation: The Sheriff's Office recommends approval

Project Implications: The increase in funding will allow the Sheriff to perform his Constitutional duties

Community Issues/Concerns: None to the knowledge of the Sheriff's Office

Department Issues/Concerns: None