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Dear Commissioners:

The Richland County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits the following budget for fiscal year 2023. This budget may not cover unforeseen expenses such as a major critical incident or emergency.

We have compiled a budget essential for the effective day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office while maintaining an acceptable level of safety, not only for our Deputies, Correction Officers, Civilians and 9-1-1 Dispatchers, but also for the citizens and visitors of Richland County.

As we identify ways to be more efficient, I commend our employees who continue to perform at a high level. We submit our budget requesting funding to maintain current staffing levels while maintaining expected levels of continuity of services. For this to occur, it is important the salary line item be calculated with all authorized positions funded. Specifically, the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and School Resource Officers (SRO) positions. The SRO's are funded through the school year by the respective schools with the summer wages to be funded by the Board of Commissioners. The current SRO contracts are set up for automatic renewal. The CSEA Deputies continue to be funded at sixty-six percent (66%) of the hours worked completing contracted work along with the associated equipment costs for the hours worked. The remainder of their salary and equipment would continue to be funded by the Board of Commissioners. We have taken off the funding for the Environmental Deputy through our contract with Solid Waste Management and they are paying the wages for this position.

We have requested the purchase of six (6) new cruisers to maintain an effective rotation of our Law Enforcement fleet. The new cruisers would be replacing vehicles that have high mileage or have been dead-lined due to major parts failure.

We have increased our request in the Law Enforcement training line item due to we will not receive any funding in our CPT line item for the 2023 year from the State.

It also may be noted that we do receive funding for our School Resource Officers and Child Support Enforcement Agency Officers that goes into the General Fund. This is a significant amount of money, in 2022 alone we have brought in approximately \$319,000.00.



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Our Law Enforcement equipment requests for 2023 include, but are not limited to, the replacement of our expiring Body Armor issued to law enforcement personnel, Body Cameras, equipment and supplies for the addition of two (2) canine teams, an off-road vehicle (UTV) and trailer for off-road incident responses. We will apply for reimbursement of the Body Armor purchase through a grant.

The projected retirements in the LE Division, for calendar year 2023, are an estimated liability of \$130,216.82.

The budget request for the jail is an operating budget to maintain the Bureau of Adult Detention "Compliant Jail" status.

The medical service line item request has decreased due to the contract agreement with the current medical provider. The rise in our Jail equipment line item includes the construction of a fence around the Jail perimeter at an estimated cost of \$225,000.00.

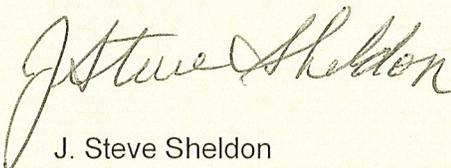
Our requests pertain mostly to retention and hiring as staffing is a critical need in the jail.

Please see the itemized lists we have attached explaining our requests for the jail.

The budget request for 9-1-1 is attached. Our request is to promote a supervisor on each shift with the currently authorized staffing of sixteen (16) Dispatchers. Other 2023-line item expenditures, to include Phase II, have been returned to normal levels, as the 911 Center Relocation Project is completed.

My staff and I are open to meeting with the Board of Commissioner's at any time, if you should have any questions.

Respectfully,



J. Steve Sheldon

