



November 7, 2018

The Honorable Bridget Gainer
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Responses to Questions from Budget Hearing on October 23, 2018

Dear Commissioner Gainer:

During Sheriff Dart's budget hearing on October 23, 2018, we indicated we would respond to your questions in writing. Please find our responses below.

**1. Should the Sheriff's Office invest in GPS for the Electronic Monitoring program?
What are the costs and benefits of GPS?**

The Sheriff's Office is actively exploring options to invest in GPS while remaining fiscally responsible and promoting public safety. We are assessing costs and benefits of active GPS, passive GPS and Radio Frequency (RF). We are also exploring a partnership with the University of Chicago to pilot a program with GPS and RF for a targeted subset of the EM population. We expect any GPS option will require additional staff and funding.

**2. What will happen to pregnant detainees in CCDOC custody on January 1, 2019
when the new legislation takes effect?**

Public Act 100-0630 takes effect January 1, 2019 and requires that every pregnant detainee likely to deliver her child in custody, as deemed by her medical provider, shall be ordered by the court to an alternative to custody unless, after a hearing, the court determines the release of the detainee would present a real threat to any person or the public.

This legislation was proposed by the Sheriff's Office and we are the first jurisdiction in the country to provide for this custodial review. The Sheriff's Office will work to ensure that any pregnant detainee in custody when the legislation takes effect receives a hearing in court to assess alternative custody options in a timely manner.

You also discussed the possibility of a new RFP for a program for pregnant detainees during the Sheriff's hearing. We look forward to collaborating with you on this matter. Please let us know when you're available to discuss further.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to address comments during the public hearings on October 29th. You questioned why the Sheriff's Office budget has seemingly increased even though the jail population has decreased. The reduction in population in 2017 has led to a substantial decrease in expenses and headcount for the Department of Corrections, which is detailed in the attached "DOC Budget and Expenditure Comparison" spreadsheet.

Furthermore, as you know, the County transferred fringe benefit costs from fixed charges accounts to agencies' individual budgets in 2016 and 2017. This reallocation accounts for an annual \$100M increase to the Sheriff's Office total budget since that time.

Thank you again for your continued support during this year's budget process. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bradley Curry".

Bradley Curry
Chief Operating Officer

cc: Honorable John P. Daley, Finance Chairman
Cook County Board of Commissioners

DOC Budget Expenditures 2017 versus 2019 request

| | 2017 Spend | 2018 Projection | 2019 Request | Reduction since 2017 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Salaries (2% County approved COLA) | \$ 265,826,148.32 | \$ 253,334,348.00 | \$ 253,547,913.00 | \$ (12,278,235.32) |
| Fringe Benefits^ | \$ 78,249,635.00 | \$ 71,772,265.00 | \$ 72,592,868.00 | \$ (5,656,767.00) |
| CBA Benefits (County approved) | \$ 2,852,910.00 | \$ 2,777,910.00 | \$ 9,244,691.00 | \$ 6,391,781.00 |
| Overtime | \$ 30,049,334.07 | \$ 6,773,839.00 | \$ 9,500,000.00 | \$ (20,549,334.07) |
| Operating* | \$ 18,002,490.00 | \$ 19,545,165.00 | \$ 18,388,617.00 | \$ (1,542,675.00) |
| Total | \$ 394,980,517.39 | \$ 354,203,527.00 | \$ 363,274,089.00 | \$ (33,635,230.39) |
| DOC Budgeted Positions | 4267.7 | 3870.8 | 3730 | -537.7 |

^Note: Fringe benefits were not budgeted in department budgets prior to 2016.

*Reduction in Food Service, Wearing Apparel and Consumables, however decrease offset by increase in Electronic Monitoring Account