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The Honorable Kevin B. Morrison
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Suite 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Morrison:

Please find our responses below to the Fiscal Year 2020 questions from your office.

1. What was the reason for the Axon contract being paid out of Operating Funds instead of Capital Funds?

The Sheriff's Office requested capital funding in Fiscal Year 2020 to pay for the Axon contract. Since the capital funding request was denied, the Sheriff's Office identified operating funding to pay for the Axon contract.

2. Did we create a new Research Department in the Sheriff's Office? Are there any new positions in the Research Department?

There are no new FTEs in Research or Business Intelligence. Research and Business Intelligence were previously contained in the Bureau of Information Technology. In order to increase transparency, we moved these units into different business units this year.

3. Did we create a new Community Corrections Department? Are there any new positions in the Community Corrections Department?

No, previously Community Corrections was included in the DOC budget. Community Corrections includes Electronic Monitoring, the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) and Restoring Neighborhoods Workforce (RENEW). There are no new FTEs in Community Corrections. The participants in these units are not housed inside the jail. In order to increase transparency, we moved these units to a different business unit.



4. If there are additional positions in question 2 or 3, where did we get them?

There are no additional positions added to these areas.

5. Why does the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Book indicate an increase in the Sheriff's Office FTE's?

The Sheriff's Office FTEs have remained the same at 5,866. There is an increase in FTEs due to an additional 25 positions from grants and special purpose funds such as HIDTA, ETSB and Child Support.

6. Please provide a breakdown of increases in the Sheriff's Office budget from Fiscal Year 2013 to Fiscal Year 2020?

The Sheriff's Office budget increased by approximately \$154.3M from Fiscal Year 2013 to Fiscal Year 2020. This was due primarily to the shift of insurance benefits in Fiscal Year 2017, which totaled approximately \$107M. There were Board-approved salary and other pay increases (premium differential pay, overtime, COLA, etc.) of approximately \$29M. Additional increases included County-estimated worker's compensation of approximately \$14.1M. There was approximately \$16M in improvements for Information Technology, Capital Equipment, EM maintenance, additional vehicles, body cameras and tasers. There has been a decrease in vendor contractual services of approximately \$12M.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley Curry".

Bradley Curry
Chief Operating Officer