



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 26, 2015

To: Tom Burke, Director
Finance and Risk Management

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Robert Johnson, Budget Manager
Finance and Risk Management

Re: **Constable's Budget**

I recently discussed the Constable's budget with Administrative Constable Vince Roberts, and he expressed concerns regarding their current budget. Apparently, in preparing his budget, Mr. Roberts overlooked approximately \$10,000 in budgeted mileage for one Constable.

An additional area of concern is \$7,200 budgeted for computer equipment. Mr. Roberts indicated the Information Technology Department swept these funds, and the Constable's Office has not received any benefit. This is a common complaint now that we are in the process of implementing a Countywide lease information technology program.

A two-percent reduction, approximately \$25,000, will be difficult to make for the Constables, but a one-percent reduction would be possible.

Please provide an analysis of the Constable's Office revenues over the last five years. Have the revenues increased? Are the revenues expected to increase when they relocate to the Public Service Center? This relocation will obviously result in additional cost for which the Constables have not likely budgeted. It would be appropriate to review their budget, the cost to relocate and other items they may not be able to fund.

Finally, Mr. Roberts indicates the office has been successful in attracting grants. Budget staff indicated the Constables' budget exceedance would be based on their budget without consideration of grants or grant revenue. This does not sound correct, and I would like to receive your comments regarding these concerns relative to the Constables' budget.

For next fiscal year, I would expect their revenues to increase, since they will be proximate to the Justice Courts and should be more obvious to users of their service.

CHH/anc