



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

JIM SKINNER, SHERIFF

July 11, 2019

Hon. Chris Hill, County Judge
Hon. Susan Fletcher, Commissioner
Hon. Cheryl Williams, Commissioner
Hon. Darrell Hale, Commissioner
Hon. Duncan Webb, Commissioner

Re: Sheriff's Updated Request for FY 2019 Budget Amendment

Dear Hon. Hill, Fletcher, Williams, Hale, and Webb:

According to its agenda for Monday, July 15, the Commissioners Court is set to hear my request for an amendment to my office's FY 2019 budget for three groups of M&O line items and one special-project budget. I am now updating the amounts I need to request in light of additional information.

Food in the CCDF

I am asking for a budget amendment to these line items for food in the Collin County Detention Facility:

- 0001-50030-0001-64-30-0000-626110 Main Jail or Jail Ops
- 0001-50030-0007-64-30-0000-626110 Jail Café
- 0001-50050-0001-64-30-0000-626110 Minimum Security

As we've discussed, several factors have caused increased costs for jail food, including (1) an increase in the inmate diet's calorie count in 2017; (2) higher prices under a new jail-food contract (cost + 3–6%),¹ which reflect general increases in food prices;² (3) Purchasing's

¹ See Food Supplies and Service for Jail Operations, no. 2018-257 (Court Order No. 2018-577-07-23 (July 23, 2018)).

² See USDA, Food Price Environment (visited July 11, 2019) ("Over time, food price inflation has outpaced many other major categories."), <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-price-outlook/food-price-environment-interactive-visualization/>. In a fixed-price contract, the vendor assumes the risk of increases in the cost of inputs for the goods or services sold. See, e.g., *Agility Def. & Gov't Servs. v. United States*, 115 Fed. Cl. 247 (2014) (citing 48 C.F.R. § 16.202-1 ("A firm-fixed-price contract provides for a price that is not subject to any adjustment on the basis of the contractor's cost experience in performing the contract.")). In contrast, the buyer assumes the risk of price increases in a cost-plus contract, like contract 2018-257.

discontinuation of spot purchases in April 2018;³ and (4) the fact that CCDF has served more meals each year between FY 2016 and YTD FY 2019.

I ask for an amendment of \$381,094–\$500,000 for FY 2019 for these three jail-food line items.

Inmate Transport

I am asking for a budget amendment to the line item for inmate transport, 0001-50001-0001-64-30-0000-626530. In December 2017, the Commissioners Court signed a contract with U.S. Corrections, LLC,⁴ and this vendor charges \$1.35/mile, \$1/mile for each additional prisoner, and \$400 for courthouse or specific-date-and-time pickups, compared to the previous vendor's prices of \$0.75/mile and \$150 for courthouse pickups.⁵ I understand, however, that the previous vendor wasn't eligible to serve as a county vendor when its contract ended in 2017.

I ask for an amendment of \$66,064 for FY 2019 for this line item.

Out-of-County-Housing Costs

I am asking for a budget amendment to Jail Ops budget line item 0001-50030-0001-64-30-0000-626445 for the costs of housing inmates out of county. As we've discussed, I've been forced to house inmates outside the county to comply with state jail standards and law since February 27, 2019. The growing inmate population—especially of felony inmates and inmates with mental-health problems—has forced these steps.

I ask for an amendment of \$241,920 (20 beds in Wise County) and \$34,650 (10 beds Franklin County) or \$276,570 total for FY 2019 for this line item.

GPS Monitoring (PTR)

I am asking for an amendment to the special project budget for GPS monitoring (for the pretrial release of arrested persons), 0001-50030-0004-64-30-0000-626440. The number of persons participating in this form of pretrial release has substantially increased in FY 2019.

I ask for an amendment of \$70,000 for FY 2019 for this line item.


³ See Commissioners Court Order No. 2011-332-05-23 (May 23, 2011) (granting an exemption under Section 262.024(a)(8), Local Gov't Code, for spot purchases or "opportunity buys").

⁴ See Court Order No. 2017-1021-12-18 (Dec. 12, 2018) (IFB No. 2017-223).

⁵ See Court Order No. 2012-643-09-17 (Sept. 17, 2012) (IFB No. 04215-12).

As always, we appreciate your help with these public-safety matters as the County grows.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jim Skinner
Collin County Sheriff