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Jim Skinner, Sheriff

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Judge Self and Commissioner's Court
Collin County Administration Building
2300 Bloomdale Road
McKinney, TX 75071

RE: Patrol Reorganization – Remaining Patrol Officers and Vehicles

Dear Hon. Self, County Judge, and Hon. Fletcher, Williams, Thomas, and Webb, Commissioners:

In August, you generously approved my request to fund the reconfiguration and enlargement of the Patrol Section, in the Sheriff's Office in the FY 2018 budget year. My staff and I appreciate your—and then-commissioner Chris Hill's—support. As part of the arrangements, you put the funding for five patrol deputies and four patrol sedans in a contingency account, pending the completion of a series of interlocal agreements with smaller cities and MUDs. We have successfully negotiated all of the agreements, except for three, which total 1.25 fractional shares. Thus, I am asking you now to release this shortfall, or **\$181,091.45**, from the contingency account to fund the remaining part of the plan.

In my proposal, I expected that a group of smaller cities or MUDs would provide \$611,236 as part of the financing. But we had not negotiated all of the interlocal agreements by the August 14–15 budget discussions and voting. In the end, one city was unable to finance an interlocal in FY 2018 (although I hope that it will sign one for FY 2019). Another signed an interlocal for law-enforcement services with another city. And a third entity—technically, a conservation, utility, and reclamation district—decided that signing an agreement for the provision of law-enforcement services represented a new and unacceptable risk that it would avoid by not signing. The County's law-enforcement-liability carrier declined to add the entity as an additional insured, and I decided not to ask you to have the County self-insure the risk of litigation against the entity. As a result, I am short 1.25 shares.

Under the interlocal agreements, the cities or MUDs would have paid the following reimbursement figures:

| | <u>Contract Amounts</u> |
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| Deputy | \$76,377 |
| <u>Sedan</u> | <u>\$68,496</u> |
| Total | $\$144,873 + (\$144,873 / 4 = \$36,218.25) = \$181,091.25$ for a 1.25 share |


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Under the FY 2018 budget figures, a new patrol deputy's (556) full compensation is \$78,916, and a new deputy's start-up costs are \$12,383. Also, a model year 2018 fully equipped sedan is \$76,671. So, the total amount it will take to pay, train, and equip two new deputies FY 2018 and to purchase two sedans is **\$335,940** ($\$78,916 + 76,671 + \$12,383 = \$167,970 \times 2 = \$335,940$). I've attached paperwork that lists the training and equipment for a new deputy and the equipment, including a stalker radar, for a new sedan. The cost figures come from the FY 2018 Sheriff's Office's budget.

Again, you set aside most of this \$335,940 in a contingency account. I am short only 1.25 fractional shares, which is \$181,091.25 in reimbursement. If you'll recall, we had to offer the reimbursement figures in the interlocal agreements with the most accurate information we had in the second quarter of calendar year 2017. Also, I asked only one of the cities to reimburse the County for a new deputy's start-up training and equipment costs, and this city has signed an agreement. The cities and the conservation district, who did not sign, were never asked to pay this reimbursement.

Again, my staff and I appreciate your support. We successfully negotiated interlocal agreements with various cities and MUDs for 70% of the planned reimbursement funds. But we fell short by 1.25 fractional shares, or \$181,091.25. In light of the public-safety significance of the plan to reconfigure and enlarge the Patrol Section and to form balanced 12-deputy platoons, I now ask you to release sufficient funds from the contingency account to make up for this shortfall. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,


Jim Skinner
Collin County Sheriff