



Sheriff Eric Flowers

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

October 1, 2025

The Honorable Joseph Flescher, Chairman
Indian River Board of County Commissioners
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960-3388

Re: FY25/26 Budget Amendment

Dear Chairman Flescher:

I am requesting a FY25/26 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$99,000 to purchase the following non-recurring, one-time purchases for maintenance of the correctional facility in relation to F.S.125.01(1)(c):

1. Stainless steel inmate security toilets (\$18,000) - needed to replace the existing porcelain toilets in the medical inmate cells as required per FMJS and accreditation standards and to replace other porcelain toilets, which are leaking.
2. Willow locks and electronic swipes (\$68,000) - the electronic swipes correspond with the Willow locks to replace the aging locks that currently need to be upgraded in the Print Shop. The current locks have been unreliable and have created numerous power outages as recently as last week causing undo stress on our control systems and creating costly repairs. The new locks are more cost efficient to purchase, replace and repair and will allow our system to be safer and more reliable.
3. Warehouse Refrigeration (\$13,000) – this is the original equipment from when the building was built in 2007. The metal diamond plate flooring has buckled due to the constant freezing and thawing over the years, causing ice to form under the original flooring. While a common issue in warehouse environments, this has caused a dangerous work environment which could cause someone to trip and fall.

Please place these items under Constitutional Officers for the October 7, 2025 board agenda for discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Flowers".

Eric Flowers
Sheriff

