



Sheriff Eric Flowers

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

May 5, 2021

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

Re: 1. FY21 Optional Sales Tax Reallocation – Correctional Facility
 2. DEA Equitable Sharing Fund, County Fund 121 – Reserve DEA Equitable Share
 3. Law Enforcement Trust Fund, County Fund 112 – Special Law Enforcement

Dear Chairman Flescher:

Item #1: The Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year ending 9/30/2021 has \$100,000 allocated to the Correction's Medical Housing Design/Construction. At this time, there are critical improvements that are needed to be done to other areas of the facility, specifically, the kitchen in order to become compliant with Health Department standards. Please find attached the obtained quotes for the flooring portion of the Kitchen project. The decision was made to select the Plexi-Chemie quote of \$79,470. There will be additional work for plumbing, electrical and propane gas assistance, all of which the costs are unknown at this time.

I respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the reallocation of the full \$100,000 funds so that these critical improvements can be completed.

Item #2: According to the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Equitable Sharing Program, law enforcement agencies are allowed to spend forfeited funds for purposes that directly supplement the appropriate resources of the recipient law enforcement agency. These funds are the direct result of our deputies' diligent law enforcement efforts and are derived mainly from drug-related offenses. None of the funds are derived from county tax dollars.

Pursuant to the rules of the DOJ, I am requesting that \$55,502 from the DEA Equitable Sharing Fund to be used to equip our Special Investigations Unit.

Item #3: Florida Statute 932.7055, the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, provides that proceeds and interest earned from the forfeiture of real or personal property shall be used for providing additional equipment and may not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the law enforcement agency. These funds are the direct result of our deputies' diligent law enforcement

efforts and are derived mainly from drug related offenses. None of the funds are derived from county tax dollars.

Pursuant to the above statute, I am requesting that \$30,000 from our Law Enforcement Trust Fund be used to purchase law enforcement protective equipment which is essential in the replacement of old, aged out protective equipment. The requested amount also allows for donations to select charities.

Please place these items under Constitutional Officers for the May 11, 2021 board agenda for discussion.

Sincerely,



Eric Flowers
Sheriff

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