



Sheriff Eric Flowers

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

November 13, 2025

Indian River Board of County Commissioners
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960-3388

Re: Revised FY25 Reversion Memo - Final

Honorable Chairman Flescher and the Board of County Commissioners:

In an effort to end our ongoing budget disagreement and refocus our collective efforts on service to the citizens of Indian River County, I would like to propose the following solution:

I have returned \$1,162,956.16 in excess funds to the General Fund and \$254,995.00 in excess funds to the Optional Sales Tax Fund for a total of \$1,417,951.16 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Of this amount, there are outstanding FY25 purchase orders totaling \$495,664.63. The General Fund portion is \$240,669.63 and the Optional Sales Tax Fund portion is \$254,995.00

Additionally, the Honorable Clerk of Court, Ryan Butler, returned \$592,379.60; the Honorable Property Appraiser, Wesley Davis, returned \$469,529.71; and the Honorable Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan, returned \$56,330.84. In total, this equates to \$2,536,191.31 of unexpected and unbudgeted funding for Indian River County.

I propose that the \$2,536,191.31 returned to you be allocated to the Indian River County Sheriff of which \$2,040,526.68 would be for the FY26 budget and the remaining \$495,664.63 would be for FY25 outstanding purchase orders, broken out between the General Fund and Optional Sales Tax Fund, as indicated above.

Finally, I am requesting that \$963,808.69 be funded from the County's reserves to help purchase equipment that is not anticipated to recur annually.

As I have said, I never wanted to file a lawsuit against you and want to work together to keep our community a great place to live, work, and play. The amount I am requesting in this revised letter still represents a figure which would cause an operational hardship on the public safety services provided by the Sheriff's Office. However, for the betterment of our community, if the Board approves this request, I will agree to withdraw both the appeal and writ of mandamus.

We were all elected to serve Indian River County and this solution provides a viable resolution to our dispute.

I am requesting this matter be placed on your meeting agenda for November 18, 2025.

Sincerely,

Eric Flowers
Sheriff



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