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Christa Yoakum, Chair
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
555 South 10th Street
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Dear Ms. Yoakum,

Enclosed is the mid-year budget review for the Sheriff's Office, as requested.

The Sheriff's Office is not anticipating a budget shortfall from our approved 2022-2023 budget.

The office is requesting authorization to increase our approved staffing total, by hiring the 5th Deputy in the 6 in 6 initiative. The office has enough vacancy saving to cover the expenditures this fiscal year.

Within the next budget cycle, I am anticipating adding 1 new employee:

5th Deputy in the 6 in 6 initiative (funding for full year), \$64,351 salary, \$28,847 in benefits from General Fund

Future Capital Improvement Projects:

2021-Ongoing-- Weapons replacement sinking fund, total \$150,000
2021-2038-- Radio System sinking fund, total \$2,500,000
2021-2024-- CJIS upgrade, need a total of \$1,500,000 (\$1,000,000 already encumbered from Forfeited Assets)
2022-2024—New storage facility or move Lancaster Emergency Management out of 444 building.
2023-2024—Remodel main level office area, Forfeited Assets Funding
2023-2026—Training Facility at LSO Range

If I can answer any questions regarding the midyear budget review, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Ben Houchin
Chief Deputy