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Re: Budget Review

After further review, I have identified a potential reduction for the Sheriff's Office FY17/18 budget. In reference to the new positions that have been budgeted for, I can delay hiring until later in the fiscal year saving \$501,629. It takes a minimum of twelve months, with the background, academy, and field training until these new deputies would be on their own. This will take them well into the following budget year until we realize the additional manpower. However, I must caution you that this would have to be fully budgeted for next fiscal year in addition to the other increases expected for FY18/19 with the second phase opening of the infirmary and additional staffing.

Although I am not in favor of this cut, I understand the BOCC would like to reduce the millage and reduce some of the tax burden from the taxpayers, as would I. We are facing the potential for large growth in a relatively short amount of time. This coupled with the unknowns of the upcoming legislative session and the homestead exemption still to be voted on in 2018, concerns me and requires a lot of planning and forethought on all of our parts.

I look forward to hearing from you and discussing further.

Sincerely,


Bill Prummell
Sheriff