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MEMO

To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
Laura Tschabold, County Administrator

From: Tim Svenson, Sheriff 

Date: January 4, 2018

Re: FY1718 Discretionary Allocation Increase – Court Security (010-086)

As we have discussed, the Sheriff's Office has been dealing with an operational issue within our Court Security division for the last 7 months. On May 31, 2017, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in United State v. Sanchez-Gomez that the use of "restraints" on pretrial inmates was not allowed unless the Court ruled that the inmate was a specific threat to the court or community at the time they appeared.

Since the ruling was handed down, our Corrections Division has been working with our local judges and have come up with a process that provides a hearing that is held prior to bringing the inmate to court. If the court rules "no restraints," then we will bring the inmate to court, unrestrained, with a 2-deputy minimum. This has significantly increased the amount of staff time in court with inmates.

As I explained in our face-to-face meetings and my Mid-Year Update presentation, this additional amount of time takes away from the other things Court Security does for campus security. It has caused a strain on an already short-staffed division and has increased the amount of time jail deputies must leave the facility to assist in court.

I am asking the Board for an allocation of additional \$60,000 in discretionary funding in the Courthouse Campus Security Budget, 010-086, to allow for an increase in 1.0 FTE, to be filled by a full-time sworn Jail Deputy in order to address the staff-intensive operational change required by law.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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cc: Ken Huffer, Deputy County Administrator
Becky Weaver, Finance Manager
Jeremy Ruby, Acting Captain, Corrections Division

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
1-11-18 by Board Order
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