

Sheriff's Office

o **Line 2002 Small Equipment:** \$105,000 → \$165,000 (+57.14%)

o Is this **all** for pistols? Will there be a bid process for this?

Yes, the increase is primarily due to outdated pistols and updated to red dot optics.

All items will be sent out for bids if:

- The price goes over \$42,921, or
- The items is not on the state bid

- **Overall budget increase:** \$1,068,280

I'm showing the cost as following:

Operational cost changes:

Supplies: -\$21,597.00

Other Services Charges: +\$60,086 (driven by training, Meals and Lodging, dues and memberships)

Capital outlay: decreased by approximately -\$60,000

Net effect on operating budget: down by -\$28,111

Assumption: The \$1,068,280 increase is expected to be due to the Personal Services line items.

All salaries, we were told not to work on them, and it would be provided by the Comptroller.

Jail Operations & Maintenance

- Adding 8 new corporal positions

The detention is asking for 8-Corporals to replace the 8-Corporals they moved from the detention to the CRI building for operations, this is for the existing CRI not anything in the future.

- (2 per shift) due to CRI expansion.

Yes, Two positions from each shift in the Detention Center was taken to man the CRI building.

o Explanation requested: How will "rollover positions" cover these later in the year once fully staffed?

If the Detention gets fully staffed, the rollover positions will be permanent positions for the current CRI building.

- **Overtime:** \$620,000 – how much is CRI-related?

675 hours of Overtime year to date at the CRI building. This does not include the unknown amount of Overtime at the Detention Center due to the 8 Deputies being moved to the CRI building.

- Is this overtime due to vacancies - if we had vacancies filled, we'd have enough people without paying overtime?

The overtime is due to the vacancies to help cover shift coverage. If we were fully staffed the overtime would decrease, but there would still be a need for it due to sick time, vacation, and training.

200	GENERAL	130,00	145,90	12.23
1	SUPPLIES	0	0	%

Why is 100% of this item under the Jail M&O instead of the CRI part being charged to the CRI grant?

The addition of \$15,000.00 was an error on my part and should have been for the addition of the CMP.

- o Line 3006: Is this Karas medical contract? Mentions mental health for staff, but unclear on medical contract.

Not included in the contract but comes out of the same line item are for new hire psychiatric evaluations/physical, and yearly mental health check for all employees. Also, with passing of Arkansas House Bill 1505 this year the WCSO has to offer employees counseling when involved in a traumatic event.

- o Request:

- Bid jail medical contract in a timely manner for fair process.

The last bid was in 2022 and we can renew it annually. We are happy with the service being provided by KARAS and we have spoken to several other counties and they are not happy with the services provided to them by other medical providers.

Jail Maintenance Dept. 1418:

Line 4004 Machinery & Equipment (Other): \$667K – justification missing (says “See Attached

o (Capital Request”).

All capital request should be on page 3 / 6 in the maintenance budget.
see below:

Washington County Sheriff's Office 2026 Capital Request Summary

- **4004 – Machinery and Equipment**

Amount Requested: \$18,000

During the recent switchgear upgrade, Nixon Power identified that the main breaker on our generator is weak and difficult to reset. They recommended replacement to ensure the generator can continue to provide emergency power to the facility.

Amount Requested: \$175,000

We are requesting continued capital funding for the phased replacement of rooftop HVAC units. Most current RTUs were installed in 2003 and have been operating continuously for over two decades. The constant usage, coupled with increased heat loads from jail overcrowding, is accelerating the failure rate of compressors and coils. These aging systems rely on R-22 refrigerant, which is outdated and costly. New RTUs are more energy-efficient and use R-410A refrigerant, which is both more affordable and environmentally friendly. This funding will support our ongoing rotation plan, allowing several units to be replaced each year over a 15-year period. To date, we have replaced 25 units since initiating the plan in 2020.

- **4003 – Improvements Other Than Buildings**

Amount Requested: \$42,900

We began installing safety handrails last year and have completed B Pod, the Y area, and part of A Pod. This final phase will finish the project, adding handrails to elevated areas over 20 feet where needed for the safety of employees and contractors.

Amount Requested: \$15,000

The facility's exterior LED lighting, installed over a decade ago, has degraded over time. Output has dropped significantly, affecting visibility, camera performance, and the safety of the grounds. This funding will allow us to replace the aging lights.

Amount Requested: \$8,000

When the range was rebuilt, the berm height on the north side near the gate was lowered. We now need to install a concrete block wall to restore the original elevation. This will reduce wind impact and improve privacy from the public.

Amount Requested: \$143,712 Panels at the Covered Outdoor Range

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is requesting funds in the 2026 budget to purchase and install Troy acoustic panels at our covered outdoor law enforcement shooting range. This range is used regularly by deputies and range staff for firearms training and qualifications, and the panels will directly improve safety, communication, and overall operations.

The loud impulse noise created by gunfire, especially in a covered range, presents a significant risk of hearing damage to both deputies and instructors. While standard hearing protection is required, reducing the actual noise and echo at the source is a stronger, more effective approach. Troy panels are built to absorb that sound and are specifically designed for semi-enclosed training environments like ours.

Clear communication is another important factor. Echo and sound distortion can interfere with verbal commands during drills and live-fire exercises, which impacts safety and training effectiveness. The acoustic panels help improve speech clarity, allowing instructors to give real-time direction and corrections more efficiently.

Range officers and instructors are exposed to these environments far more often than the average deputy. Their repeated exposure to high-decibel noise makes them especially vulnerable to long-term hearing damage. Adding acoustic panels is a practical and preventative measure to protect their health and reduce liability for the County.

Although our range is on agency property and outdoors, the covered structure can still project noise into nearby areas. Installing the panels will help dampen that noise, improving community relations and supporting our efforts to be a good neighbor.

Troy acoustic panels are built to last. They're made from weather-resistant materials and are used by law enforcement agencies across the country. This investment would enhance our training infrastructure while requiring minimal upkeep over time.

This project is about more than comfort or convenience. It's about protecting the health of our personnel, improving training conditions, and maintaining positive relationships with the public. We respectfully request the Quorum Court's support and approval for this funding. Additional information, including vendor quotes and installation details, is available.

CMP (Covid Mitigation Project) Related Capital Needs

4004 – Machinery and Equipment

Amount Requested: \$474,000

Amount Requested: \$88,000

A new property room is under construction as part of the CMP project. Due to earlier budget reductions, the planned movable shelving was removed from the project scope. This shelving is essential for the space to function properly.

Amount Requested: \$31,000

The security electronics room has doubled in equipment since the move-in and will grow further

with ongoing additions. To protect the technology and maintain its performance, we need additional climate control.

Amount Requested: \$200,000

We are seeking funding to procure camera systems and a video server dedicated to the Covid Mitigation Project (CMP). Although these items were removed from the original bid, they are essential for maintaining safety and security within the project area.

Amount Requested: \$110,000

Due to CMP development, we must relocate our carport and storage area. The new location requires installation of base and gravel over a 250' x 150' area, as well as electrical service for vehicle charging and lighting.

Amount Requested: \$45,000

New Warehouse Equipment

- **Shelving Units:**

We are requesting the purchase of 10 large industrial-grade shelving units for our warehouse to improve storage capacity, efficiency, and organization. Currently, when supplies arrive on pallets, staff must fully break down each pallet and find space for the items throughout various areas in the facility. This process is not only time-consuming and inefficient, but it also complicates inventory management and leads to misplaced or damaged supplies.

Installing high-capacity shelving will allow us to store items vertically, maximizing available square footage and keeping supplies organized and easy to locate. The ability to keep bulk inventory stored safely off the ground means we can place larger supply orders when advantageous, helping reduce per-unit costs and minimize shipping. In addition to the large pallet shelving, this request includes smaller shelving units and racking for tools, parts, and loose materials that require secure, compartmentalized storage.

Improved organization will also speed up daily operations by reducing the time staff spends searching for or moving items. More efficient storage and retrieval systems will help limit work disruptions, support preventive maintenance schedules, and reduce waste due to misplaced or expired items.

The estimated cost for the shelving and racking systems is approximately \$21,000, based on current vendor quotes. operational demands and improve overall warehouse safety, accessibility, and efficiency.

- **Electric Pallet Jack and Stacker:**

Our current manual equipment slows down warehouse operations and increases physical strain on staff. An electric pallet jack will speed up workflows and reduce injury risks. The estimated cost for Electric pallet jack and stacker is approximately \$20,000

- **Dock Leveler:**

We are requesting a dock leveler to bridge the gap between our loading dock and delivery trucks. This addition will ensure safe and efficient movement of goods in and out of the facility. The estimated cost for dock leveler is approximately \$4,000

Together, this equipment will modernize our material handling process, increase efficiency, reduce workplace injuries, and allow us to safely store and retrieve items from any level.

Each of these capital requests addresses a specific need related to facility safety, operational efficiency, and staff wellbeing. We respectfully request the Quorum Court's consideration and support for these items in the 2026 budget.