

May 17, 2017

MEMO TO: Ashe County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Sheriff Terry Buchanan
RE: Asset Forfeiture Funds

I am requesting that \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) be transferred from Asset Forfeiture Funds into the training line item in the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement budget for the fiscal year ending June 2017.

Asset Forfeiture money is received from the US department of Treasury and NC Department of Revenue, due to narcotics investigations and controlled substance tax. It is my understanding that these funds can be used to supplement specific line items within our department's budget. Those line items include training (travel, registration fees, reimbursement and meals) and personal protective equipment (vehicles, ammunition, firearms).

During the last several weeks we have identified the need for additional training and equipment. That training will specifically assist our personnel in travel, meals and registration expenses associated with investigations and management courses. Through our recent transition period we have retained new personnel and reallocated other personnel to new positions. Those personnel changes will require the proper training, including less lethal training, to reduce liability to the Sheriff's Office and to Ashe County.

The regulations governing asset forfeiture money specify how these funds can be allocated at the Sheriff's discretion.

Ann Clark

From: Sandy Long
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Jessica Vogler
Cc: Ashley Lambert; Ann Clark
Subject: RE: Transfer of Funds

Jessica,

1. I moved the funds in the Communications budget that you asked me to move.
2. When I was signing the invoices Ashley is working on, there were two in there to the Wildlife Club. We have never paid memberships for officers before that I can find. We do give Ashe County Wildlife Club a contribution each year equal to the taxes they pay on the wildlife club property which amounts to over \$2,000 I believe. In return for that, it is my understanding the Sheriff's department can use the wildlife club whenever they need to. If the officers have been members before, they must have paid the memberships personally. I told Ashley to hold off on those until you all can check into it.
3. I have a memo somebody left on my desk asking requesting \$10,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Funds. That is not something I can do until the Commissioners approve it. Sam and I talked about that with the Sheriff and R. Clayton when they were over here talking with us about the budget. They have to get with Ann Clark and get on the Commissioner's Board meeting agenda and get them to approve a budget amendment before any of that money can be moved and spent. Will you please remind them that they must do that part first; and that the purchase order cutoff for this fiscal year has already passed so they need to wait until after July 1st to request to spend those funds and to do the budget amendment anyway.

Thanks

Sandy

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From: Ashley Lambert
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Subject: FW: Transfer of Funds

Jessica said they would be smaller purchases. No PO needed. Thanks

Ashley Lambert
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From: Jessica Vogler
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Ashley Lambert <ashleylambert@ashcountygov.com>
Subject: Transfer of Funds

Hello,

Phil Howell(director over Dispatch) has requested 300.00 in funds to be moved from 10-4391-352-00 to 10-4391-490-00 to be used for the purchase of equipment in dispatch this budget year.

Jessica Vogler

Executive Assistant to the Sheriff

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