



## Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

### Richmond County Sheriff's Office – Budget Transfer Request

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<b>Department:</b>	Sheriff's Office
<b>Presenter:</b>	Chief Lewis Blanchard, Chief of Staff
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to approve transfer of funds between the Sheriff's Office FY 2025 personnel and operating budgets in the amount of \$313,340.00 for contracted positions.
<b>Background:</b>	The Richmond County Sheriff's Office has successfully filled many vacant positions in 2025. Some roles have been filled by seasoned law enforcement officers who are working on a contract basis.
<b>Analysis:</b>	Since contractors are paid from the operating budget instead of personnel accounts, the Sheriff's Office has requested to transfer funds from its FY 2025 personnel budget to operating to pay for the equivalent contracted positions that have been in place throughout 2025. In general, transfers between personnel and operating budgets must be approved by the Augusta Commission in order for the Finance Department to process them.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	Funds are available within the personnel budget lines.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	N/A
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve transfer of funds between the Sheriff's Office FY 2025 personnel and operating budgets in the amount of \$313,340.00 for contracted positions.
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	273031310-5111110

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