



October 25, 2024

The Honorable Michelle Stone, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34471

Dear Chair Stone:

The un-audited amounts returned to the Board of County Commission for fiscal year 2023-2024 are as follows:

Total County-Wide Budgets	\$ 2,265,247
Less Grant Funds	<u>\$( 266,612)</u>
Total County-Wide Funds	\$ 1,998,635
MSTU Budget	\$ 1,560,440
Less Grant Funds	<u>\$( 279,115)</u>
Less Law Enforcement Trust Fund	<u>\$( 0)</u>
Total MSTU Funds	\$ 1,281,325
<b>Total Unexpended Funds Returned</b>	<b>\$ 3,279,960</b>

Per my conversations with the County Administrator, I am respectfully requesting for the total general fund balance of \$1,405,231 to be used for the Jail capital improvement project. My Staff has been working with County Facilities on this project to assist with the needs and design of expanding the Marion County Jail. Your consideration and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I want to thank the Board for your continuing support for the Office of the Sheriff. I appreciate the excellent working relationship we have established. We continue to provide outstanding Law Enforcement and Detention services to our community which would not be possible without your help with the funding of the budget.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Billy Woods

- cc: Kathy Bryant, Vice Chair
- Craig Curry, Commissioner
- Matt McClain, Commissioner
- Carl Zalak, Commissioner
- Mounir Bouyounes, County Administrator
- Greg Harrell, Clerk of the Court
- Audrey Fowler, County Budget Director
- Jeremiah Powell, Budget/Finance

**Billy Woods, Sheriff**