
From: Robert Boschen <boschen-robort@levyclerk.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Terry Witt
Cc: Jared Blanton
Subject: FW: Public records request 1-12-21

Terry;
The amount Jared refers to in boldface below is –

\$ 576,990.00

Rob
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From: Jared Blanton <blanton-jared@levyclerk.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Terry Witt <tuu105@yahoo.com>
Cc: Robert Boschen <boschen-robort@levyclerk.com>; Danny J. Shipp <levyclerk@levyclerk.com>; Levy County Commission District 1 <district1@levycounty.org>; Levy County Commission District 2 <district2@levycounty.org>; Levy County Commission District 4 <district4@levycounty.org>; Levy County Commission District 5 <district5@levycounty.org>; Wilbur Dean <dean-wilbur@levycounty.org>; Anthony Parker <parker-anthony@levycounty.org>; Ali Tretheway <tretheway-ali@levycounty.org>; levyfinanceDistro <levyfinance@levyclerk.com>; Bobby McCallum <bmccallum@levyso.com>
Subject: Re: Public records request 1-12-21

One thing I'll add is when I say "we've got needs on the money" this is just meant to reflect fiscal, not legal, constraints. I know I've got big ticket items coming. So I don't look at the \$10m in capital Fund as "free" in the loosest sense.

Jared Blanton, CPA, MBA
Finance Officer
Levy County Clerk & Comptroller Danny J. Shipp

On Jan 13, 2022, at 2:33 PM, Jared Blanton <blanton-jared@levyclerk.com> wrote:

Terry:

I'm copying other interested parties to this discussion to hopefully save me time later.

On the larger Countywide Law Enforcement/Public Safety Communication Infrastructure need: Can't set aside funds in total until I know the price tag, as I've said many times, we're still awaiting that price tag. I have no idea whether we'll even have enough funds to cover, but with loosening of the Feds' rules on the next wave of money coming, it's looking more encouraging...but we still need to know our own ballpark price tag. The Board has a consultant working towards figuring out that need, I think.

But again, any "stimulus money" we have received so far, as I said below "...were used to replace already spent monies, and as such, merely replaced fund balance in the General

Fund. We have no Federal requirement to any longer distinctly track those funds - the money was considered spent on Sheriff wages in FY's 2020 and 2021."

This means: The money went to Reserves in 2020 and 2021: you can forget about seeing those broken out separately again. Imagine your rich aunt secretly gave you \$50k in her will for taking care of her garden while she was alive. You had no idea and were just doing it because it's the right thing to do. She passes away. You get the money. It's in your savings account. You no longer have to earmark that money unless you just want to or have a project. Your work for what she gave you the money for is done. It's a gift for work already done, work you did with no expectation of reimbursement. Likewise, we have no rules requiring us to separate those funds we received back on Sheriff wages so we don't. I could say some of what we put in for LCSO Equipment was from that money or I could say it's from other Reserve sources. I don't have to distinguish whatsoever. Once we know our own project prices we will set aside some for our own planning purposes from the existing Reserves, but not due to Fed rules, because we've met those requirements, it would appear (until we fail an audit, in which case most small governments will be in the same stew). Make sense?

For the 911 Center Building: Some funds we've been saving back from Sheriff Reversion, those amounts were directed to be earmarked by the Board years ago. and are therefore in an expense cost center in Fund 301 **(Rob could get you that number, I'm currently out sick and working a minimal day remotely until I feel stronger)**, but if a whole building is needed, those funds will also likely be short of the actual need by a fair bit. If we are able to renovate existing facilities then it looks better.

Jared Blanton, CPA, MBA
Finance Officer
Levy County Clerk & Comptroller Danny J. Shipp

On Jan 13, 2022, at 2:08 PM, Robert Boschen <boschen-robert@levyclerk.com> wrote:

Terry;

This is a question that should be addressed to our Finance Officer. He would be more up-to-date on any such assignment of funds.

Sincerely,

Rob

-----Original Message-----

From: Terry Witt <tuu105@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 2:02 PM
To: Robert Boschen <boschen-robert@levyclerk.com>
Subject: Re: Public records request 1-12-21

Thanks. Much appreciated. However, I thought the county had "stimulus money" set aside to pay for the conversion to the more sophisticated 911 call center hardware and software. The cost is supposed to run in the millions, or is that money embedded in the figures you gave me and not broken out or tracked

specifically for the 911 project?

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, 12:56:28 PM EST, Robert Boschen <boschen-robert@levyclerk.com> wrote:

Mr. Witt;

Attached is your requested information.

I hope you have a good day and rest of the week.

Sincerely,

Rob

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jared Blanton <blanton-jared@levyclerk.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 10:50 AM

To: Robert Boschen <boschen-robert@levyclerk.com>

Cc: Terry Witt <tuu105@yahoo.com>; Danny J. Shipp
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Subject: FW: Public records request 1-12-21

Rob - please send Terry a spreadsheet of all of the Budgeted Reserves in Expense budget (Use only). All funds.

Terry - Many of these reserves from various funds Rob will send you are restricted. However, there is no number for "unspent Covid-19 Stimulus funds". Those were used to replace already spent monies, and as such, merely replaced fund balance in the General Fund. We have no Federal requirement to any longer distinctly track those funds - the money was considered spent on Sheriff wages in FY's 2020 and 2021.

Jared Blanton, MBA, CPA

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-----Original Message-----

From: Terry Witt <tuu105@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 3:51 PM
To: Jared Blanton <blanton-jared@levyclerk.com>
Subject: Public records request 1-12-21

My request is for a breakdown of all reserve funds and reserve for contingency funds in the current 2021-22 Levy County Commission budget. I also want to know how much unspent Covid-19/stimulus funds are in the the 2021-22 budget. Can I assume from our previous discussions that you don't consider the stimulus money to be reserve funding?

Thanks,
Terry Witt
Spotlight reporter

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