

Good Afternoon Council President Brady and Council Members. Brandy Carney, Chief of Public Safety and Justice for the County.

Thank you for allowing me to address you today.

Tomorrow each of the agencies within my Public Safety and Justice cluster will be presenting their budget individually to you, and will be ready to answer any specific or detailed questions you have about their operation. They have also been asked to follow your recommendations for timeline and agenda, and will specifically cover items such as FTEs and vacancies.

The PS and J cluster includes the Sheriffs Office (and Jail), Medical Examiners Office, Clerk of Courts, and the Dept of Public Safety and Justice. Finally, although the Consumer Affairs falls under the Fiscal Office for their budget, operationally they are included within my (they) public safety and justice cluster

The PS and J total budget is approx. \$175 Million, with 1612 FTEs. The budget is made up of General Fund approx.. \$145 M, some Levy funds, State and Federal Grant Funds and a number of other Special Revenue or Enterprise funds (Wireless, \$5 fee, etc.)

Overall, we are very pleased with the proposed budget in front of you. It does not present any issues which would require eliminating any existing programs, initiatives or services.

The Sheriffs Office and the Medical Examiner budgets both include a proposed increase, and I do expect both to have visible and noteworthy outcomes (throughout the upcoming year) from those increases.

The SO includes increasing the number of Deputy's to an additional 35 Deputies. (Currently have 180 approved and 162 filled, hoping to have the remaining 18 vacancies filled by end of this year). Both Deputy and CO hiring has been prioritized in the County throughout the year and many agencies are actively working to hire and maintain the staff needed. The increase would take us to 215 Deputies. This is a huge need and the new staff will be used to add additional LE to Common Pleas Courtrooms (explain).

We are also requesting a budget increase to support jail efforts. In addition to covering new contract increases such as the Metro Health presence in the jail, the

increase will allow the of hiring Correction Officers Supervisory, and support staff in the jail. We are currently budgeted for 675 CO's and this would increase that number to 725. New jail positions will allow us better ability to supplement positions throughout the entire jail operation, as we are working to cross train all of the Cos. (explain) Having this additional compliment of COs will allow effective manning of housing units, reduction of red-zoing, appropriate security for medical and nursing staff. Finally we can better serve the Courts by being able to quickly move inmates up to the courtrooms. This in turn aids the judges in reducing their docket, and ultimately reducing the population overall within the jail. As many of you know, one of our priorities throughout this year is and will continue to be reducing our jail population.

The ME Office is also requesting an increase. The added personnel are for scientific or medical positions that work on Trace Evidence, Toxicology, DNA work, Crime Scene processing and also ballistics review within our lab. Having more of these positions staff will allow for quicker access to the results of the detailed tests again they perform, which ultimately mean less time individuals wait in jail for results, once again supporting our priority of decreasing our jail population.

Also included in the budget proposed are support for high priority NEW initiatives and projects including 2.5 million for Diversion planning and 1 million for bail reform. While the latter is in the CP Courts budget and not mine (ps and J), bail reform is something we will all continue to prioritize over the coming years, and will include additional countywide reforms and initiatives. This again is another way we will be able to decrease our jail population.

Centralized Booking is a priority as we to move forward. Having a consolidated process for booking for the entire county is a way to better manage our entire Criminal Justice system. Part of this includes appropriately diverting individuals with substance abuse or mental health issues into treatment, rather than sending them to jail upon arrest. We all want these individuals receive the MH and/or Drug Addition services they need from professionals, rather than sending them to jail, and hopefully stop their cycle of crime and incarceration. Once again, the diversion process cuts our jail population now and hopefully for decades to come (forever).

final two agencies, PSJS and the Clerks Office both have a proposed 5% reduction. However, the current consensus among myself and the other Directors is that those budgets can still be appropriately managed and spent, as long as there are not any new and/or significant unplanned initiatives arise.

Finally, new projects and initiatives that have recently started, and will continue to be maintained without any requested increases. For the sake of brevity, I'll just mention a few.

In our Witness Victim Service Center this year we held our first camp hope in August. 22 kids attended a five-day overnight camp. Each of these kids have been exposed to significant violence, such as domestic violence or rape. Camp hope was a regular summer camp for these kids, but with trauma informed messages of hope. Morning meditation and yoga, morning lessons of things such as coping skills and discussions about maintaining hope and aspirations. Challenged to do new activities \like swimming, ropes courses. We had evening camp fire that asked each child what they learned about hope that day. I wanted to have Public Safety built into the program also. Many of the kids may not trust public safety because of the situations they've been in, or they may not ever think about the possibility of them being in a career in safety. So, we had local ps leaders such as police and fire chiefs come out and talk to the kids about who they are and what they do, but also explain how to get into a career in PS and what that means. The leaders stayed with the kids and talked also directly with them, forging new important relationships. The camp was extremely beneficial, and we've already gotten approved by the State of Ohio to fund the camp totally for next year and increase the number of kids to 30. This is just one of the many new initiatives we've done and will continue to do, along with maintaining all of our other programs, and new efforts in the future.

In closing, Overall both myself and the majority of the PS team are very happy with the budget that is in front of you, and thank all of you and your staff for their dedicated and hard work.

Downtown: 1843

Euclid – 12

BH – 71

Total - 1926

The jail costs for all 3 facilities combined through September for 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

2018 Costs for all 3 facilities through September was \$54,575,749.00

2019 Costs for all 3 facilities through September was \$64,832,772.00

2018 Downtown only through September was \$52,097,844.00

2019 Downtown only through September was \$59,697,901.00

The 2018 budget for all 3 facilities was \$78.1M

The 2019 budget for all 3 facilities is \$98.2M