



Rutherford County

Legislation Text

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Request for Additional School Resource Officers (SRO)

Summary:

Sheriff Chris Francis and Board of Education Chairman Phillip Morrow will present a request to add seven (7) new SROs to the County's total Full Time Employees. The number may increase to eight (8) as Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy may request an additional officer. Funds to cover the employees and purchase additional vehicles and officer equipment will need to come from Rutherford County School's local appropriation budgeted in FY 2022-2023, possibly State SRO Funds, and the Sheriff's Department's drug seizure and/or other Sheriff's Department eligible and uncommitted revenue lines. The unknowns at the moment are what will be the ongoing/recurring expenses going forward (e.g., fuel, equipment replacement, future vehicle replacement, impact to risk management/liability policy, etc.).

Cleveland County recently conducted a survey of surrounding counties to compare SRO billing processes. A copy of the survey is attached.

Budget:

N/A

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Recommended Motion:

Discussion and possible action.