



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

File #: 23-4906, **Version:** 1

Vote to approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendment

Introduction & Background: During the fiscal year, the budget must be amended as changing conditions warrant. The fiscal year 2022-2023 budget ordinance authorizes the County Manager to transfer funds within a department without limitation. The Manager may also transfer amounts of up to \$5,000 between departments of the same fund and transfer amounts up to \$50,000 from contingency with a memorandum report of such transfers to the Board. The Board must approve all other transfers.

Discussion & Analysis: The attached proposed amendments must be approved by the Board of Commissioners for fiscal year 2024.

The Sheriff's Office has discovered an issue related to their current mental health services contract, specifically that court ordered mental health evaluations (MHE's) are not explicitly state as covered in the contractual agreement. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office feels that since these MHE's are court ordered, they should be managed by the Court Programs department.

For the past 3 years, the General Fund operating budget has included all funds for MHE's in the Sheriff's Office (Detention Center) budget. In order to ensure that we are operating within the bounds of the existing contract and to transfer the management of all court ordered MHE's, this budget amendment will transfer \$3,000 from the Detention Center budget to the Court Programs budget to allow for sufficient funding for mental health evaluations for the remainder of this fiscal year. In future fiscal years, these funds will be requested by the Court Programs department as part of their annual operating request.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: N/A

Budgetary Impact: This item moves \$3,000 in currently appropriated funds from the Sheriff's Office (Detention Center) budget to the Court Programs budget. There are no additional funds requested.

Recommendation/Motion: Approve budget amendment as proposed by staff.