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Date: February 27, 2026

To: Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Re: Funding For Severe Weather Sirens -- Moved to 911's Budget

Commissioners:

Effective 2026, responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the County's severe weather sirens was realigned to the 911 budget, given that Central Dispatch operates these systems directly from its radio consoles. This financial accounting was previously handled by the Emergency Preparedness budget.

A \$5,000 allocation was added to 911's budget as expenditure line item 261-325-932 for this purpose. Because weather siren expenses are not eligible for funding via 911 surcharge revenues, the planned funding source was ambulance millage funds. However, as 911's 2026 budget—and our corresponding millage funding request—had already been submitted prior to this realignment, the \$5,000 revenue was not received.

To address this shortfall and ensure proper financial stewardship and audit compliance, I am requesting a transfer of \$5,000 from the ambulance millage to 911's revenue line item 261-325-699.004 ("Transfer in – Siren Maintenance – 210 Ambulance Fund"). This dedicated line item was established by the Treasurer specifically to provide transparent tracking of this item for the County's annual audit and any future State audits of 911 expenditures.

Any unexpended balance in this line item at year-end will be offset against our subsequent millage funding request for the following year.

I am available to provide additional details or respond to any questions you may have in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this adjustment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Elkie".

Kim Elkie
Director