

FY 2026 Proposal for Sheriff's Office

I would like to talk about the salaries section first. I have very little control over this section due to the State Compensation Board paying salaries and benefits. The increase of \$29,321 for salaries was due to the General Assembly salary increases. The Sheriff's Office has 16 full-time and 5 part-time employees. Of those positions, 1 deputy (animal control), 3 dispatchers, and 5 part-time employees are paid by the county only. Salaries and required benefits are a large portion of the increase.

On the rest of the proposed budget, you will see a slight increase. I want to explain.

I have been keeping better records, and we can show with better accuracy how the Office is doing on each line item.

Postage	increase of \$150 mainly due better records
travel	increases of \$1500 due to inflation
dues	increase of \$2100 # of employees
supplies	increase of \$1000 due to inflation
Vehicles	increase of \$8000 due to inflation
body armor accruals (5years)	Increase of \$500 due to inflation
capital outlay	decreases of \$10,000
taser annual accrual (7 years)	decrease of \$2000
Total	\$1,399,363.00 2.5 % increase

FY 2026 Proposal for Animal Control

I want to keep you all informed about all the things the Sheriff's Office provides for the county and community.

The animal shelter and Animal Control Officer are part of our responsibilities.

We have been providing service for the county, not overworked but steady.

The Highland Humane Society has been and will continue to be a great partner, working alongside us.

The average intake for the shelter has been roughly 30-35 animals a year for the last 6 years

I have provided you with a proposal and will explain.

Catching devices	\$800
Rabies Vaccination for Deputies (8)	\$3200
Exercise cage 20x20	\$700
Repair to shelter building	\$2000
Electrical service and maintenance	\$3900
Total	\$10,600