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memorandum

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To: Board of Regional Commissioners
Leo G. Cakounes, Chairman
From: Mary T. McIsaac

Re: Supplemental budget request

The Finance Director, thru Jack T. Yunits, Jr., County Administrator, hereby submits an Ordinance for a supplementary budget for FY2019. The budget seeks to fund the Fire Training Clean-Up Fund, the Children's Cove budget and transfer funding in the Health Department budget.

The Fire Training Clean-Up Fund was created to isolate the cost of clean-up efforts overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The County is working diligently with the DEP and its Licensed Site Professional (LSP) and is committed to providing a long-term solution to the issues at the Academy site. At this time, we are confident that we are able to set aside a significant sum over the next few years to build this fund to a sustainable level. It is important to note that we have already built into our operating budget the settlement costs related to the water quality issue. We feel that these additional costs cannot be funded in the same manner and therefore we request the sum of \$500,000 from the County's reserves to be transferred to the Fire Training Clean-up Fund.

In FY2019, the County's budget for the Children's Cove operation was reduced when funding was anticipated to be awarded to subsidize the department's efforts. The department was awarded a grant of funds from the Victims of Crime Act, a Federal program. The grant was anticipated to be approximately \$198,000. The original award and a subsequent award gave the Cove less than anticipated by \$23,536 and therefore we are requesting the sum of \$23,536 be appropriated from the County's reserves to restore the budget for the Cove's expenses not funded by the grant.

During FY2019 departments are working toward more efficiencies in their operations and reducing personnel costs where appropriate. The recent retirement of a permanent employee in the Department of Health & Environment has resulted in the review of the position and the recommendation that the scope of work be contracted out and the permanent position not be filled. The savings in the department's budget can fund contracted work and therefore we are requesting the sum of \$29,000 be transferred from the Health department's salary account to a contractual account to fund a contract for services.

Thank you for your consideration.