

# HAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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I was asked to make a proposal for ways in which the new revenue from the "booze tax" could help my agency. This is a rough list I prepared based on information available to me at the time.

## Equipment:

- Our tasers are nearly 10 years old. Twice their lifespan. One of them is a hand-me-down from the Clay County Sheriff's Office. I would like to replace three tasers using the present tasers as trade-in.
- Install into each of the two remaining vehicles a prisoner partition / barrier. We have one which was a hand-me-down from the Miller Police Department which Jim Keeter modified to work in the silver vehicle. It will not fit in the next generation of vehicle. I would suggest buying a new partition for each vehicle as it is replaced.
- Protective vests to be worn over the uniform (minimized sizing errors and tailoring). There would be three of them. They have a life span of 5 years, mine is 12 years old and there are no others. Estimated cost: \$800 per vest or \$1800.
- Prisoner holding cell in the courthouse or holding chair for unruly prisoners. I was going to have one built from scratch (as authorized, with these funds would could buy an industry approved cell / chair / restraint system).
- Each of our PC's is aging and need to be replaced. That would be one server and four desktop stations. Estimated cost: \$800 per unit or \$3200
- Each of our laptops is a hand-me-down from the South Dakota Highway Patrol and Office of Highway Safety. They are used for accident reporting and other chores. They are running Windows Vista which is no longer supported. I would ask to replace each of them at a cost of \$1200 each or \$4800.
- I would like to replace one used shotgun with an new shotgun at an expense of \$600. The used shotgun could then be converted to less lethal for use with BB or bean bag rounds for about \$200. Total estimated cost is \$800.

## Wages:

- I would suggest moving the uncertified entry pay for deputy sheriffs to \$17 per hour and to \$19 per hour after certification. This adds \$1 from current entry pay and \$2 for becoming certified. A new hire who is certified would make no less than \$19. If the person has two years of experience, I would suggest paying that employee \$21 per hour to start.
- I would suggest moving the office manager entry pay to \$13 per hour. If the perspective employee is already 911 certified, the entry pay would be \$15 per hour. If the person had 2 or more years of related experience, this would also start at \$15 per hour.
- Part-time help would increase by \$1 per hour.

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- I would like to move call time from the current \$1.50 per hour to \$2.50 per hour. (the sheriff is currently excluded from receiving call time compensation).