

Resolution No. 2025-3-3B

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE MORGAN COUNTY  
JAIL COMMISSARY FUND**

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code (IC) 36-8-10-21 provides for the establishment of a Commissary Fund into which funds from commissaries at the Morgan County Jail shall be deposited, and from which the Morgan County Sheriff ("Sheriff") or their designee may expend funds for those items enumerated in IC 36-8-10-21(d); and

**WHEREAS**, IC 36-8-10-21(d)(1-8) provides explicit categories of expenditures permitted to be used without appropriation by the county fiscal body at the sole discretion of the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee. This ordinance shall not be construed to modify the list of statutory permitted uses as listed in (1) thru (8) and that may be modified by the State from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, IC 36-8-10-21(d)(9) further provides that commissary funds may also be spent for any other purpose that benefits the Sheriff's Department and is mutually agreed upon by the county fiscal body and the county sheriff; and

**WHEREAS**, to aid in the administration and the efficacy of the Commissary Fund, the Sheriff proposes to the county fiscal body, the Morgan County Council ("Council"), additional uses for Commissary monies, for the Council's consideration, to recognize as approved uses; and

**WHEREAS**, uses that fall outside of the list below can still be considered by the Council at a public meeting of the body;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morgan County Council as follows:

The expenditure of Morgan County Jail Commissary Funds for the use and purposes outlined below are hereby approved as agreed upon uses meeting the intent of IC 36-8-10-21(d)(9):

**AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES**

**Employee-Related Expenses**

- Expenses related to employee recognition, appreciation, awards, activities, and expressions of sympathy and remembrance for current, retired, and deceased employees.
- Reimbursement for damaged employee property, damaged in the course of their employment.
- Expenses for job-related mental health services for Sheriff's Office employees.
- Expenses for advertising and recruitment of job applicants.
- Expenses for providing uniforms when not covered by a uniform allowance, safety gear, and other required equipment for employees.
- Expenses related to promoting health, mental well-being, and morale, including fitness equipment, educational materials, and training supplies.

### **Community Engagement**

- Expenses for advertising community events that promote the Sheriff's Office.
- Expenses associated with Sheriff's Office community meetings and/or events, including but not limited to products, food, equipment, location rental, and event insurance.
- Expenses for public safety outreach and educational campaigns, including printed materials, digital content, and promotional items.
- Expenses associated with public service announcements.
- Expenses for community partnerships aimed at crime prevention and public safety.
- Expenses for emergency response preparedness, including stockpiling supplies and conducting drills.

### **Operational Support**

- Expenses for installation, maintenance, and service of Sheriff's Office equipment.
- Expenses associated with renting specialized equipment.
- Expenses for contracting with professional consultants.
- Matching funds for grants that benefit the Sheriff's Office.
- Expenses for the repair, replacement, or acquisition of department vehicles, technology, and other operational tools.
- Expenses related to maintaining and upgrading jail facilities and infrastructure.
- Expenses for shipping and logistics related to department equipment or evidence.

### **Inmate-Related Expenditures**

- Haircuts for trustees and indigent inmates.
- Expenses associated with rewarding inmates for positive behavior and participation in programs.
- Expenses for special events and educational programs for inmates.
- Reimbursement for lost or damaged inmate property.
- Expenses related to improving inmate recreational and rehabilitative opportunities, such as fitness equipment, educational materials, and vocational training supplies.

### **Training and Investigations**

- Expenses related to crime scene incidents where employees must remain on scene for extended periods, including food and refreshments.
- Expenses for hosting training events for employees and other law enforcement agencies, including food and refreshments.
- Reimbursement for investigation-related expenses, including travel and specialized forensic tools.
- Reimbursement for expenses related to training.
- Expenses for training programs aimed at reducing recidivism and promoting public safety.

### **Other Allowable Expenditures**

Any other purpose that benefits the Sheriff's Department and does not exceed \$1,000 without prior approval from the Council.

**THIS RESOLUTION** shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Morgan County Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Morgan County Council on this 3rd day of March, 2025.

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