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Mrs Faye,

I hope all is well. Thanks for making time for me on the agenda this Monday.
I would like to request the Commissioners consider funding a part time clerk for the probate court.

Year to date, we have seen a 12% increase in written citations compared to last year:

1/1/16-7/11/16 = 6056
1/1/17-7/11/17 = 7721

This increase in workload has created major setbacks for our office. We are weeks behind on simply imputing these citations into our system due to the volume. There are approximately 500 citations from the past two weeks we are attempting to enter into our system right now. With this increase, we have seen an increase in fines and forfeitures.

Year to date, we have seen a 11% increase in the amount of funds the court has collected.

1/1/16-7/11/16 = $1,103,564
1/1/17-7/11/17 = $1,390,916

The $287,352 increase has also lead to more bookkeeping and receipting.

The Legislature has now enacted more mandates that says those who miss court must be given another opportunity to appear and those who cannot bond out of jail must have a hearing thus putting an additional burden on the court and my staff.

In summary, with 3 FTE and 2 PTE we are still in need of additional help due to the increased caseload and mandates from the Legislature. I am requesting an additional PTE with a cap of 20 hours per week at an hourly wage of $8.00. I feel this position could be filled through the High School's work based learning program or a Wiregrass student. Forgive me for not including this request in my FY 18 Budget Proposal. I was optimistic we could maintain for another year but now I'm afraid we cannot.

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