

ORDINANCE

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE MERIT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Merit Commission by statute serves as the body for certification for possible employment and promotion for Deputies and Correctional Officers, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, the County by statute (55 ILCS 5/3-8006 and 55 ILCS 5/3-8007) funds such operations as needed, and that includes various required tests which must be purchased; and

WHEREAS, due to the current need for testing due to normal turn-over and retirement rates, there is a need for a budget amendment for an additional \$10,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the budget therefore needs to be amended accordingly and this was not known when the budget was prepared, and thus was not included.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Vermilion County Illinois that the County Auditor be authorized and instructed to amend the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 by transferring money in the amount as below to facilitate payment for operations of the Merit Commission.

001.320.00.04371 TESTING \$10,000

And the totals be adjusted accordingly.

PRESENTED, APPROVED AND ORDAINED by the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois at the August 14, 2018 A.D. Session.

This amendment takes two thirds majority for passage.

DATED this 14th day of August 2018 A.D.

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Michael T. Mason
Chairman, Vermilion County Board

ATTEST:
Cathy Jenkins
Clerk of the County Board

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Budget Amendment – Merit Commission

APPROVED BY FINANCE/PERSONNEL:

Steven Fourez Y N A 8/06/18
Chairman Date

Wesley Bieritz Y N A

Robert Boyd Y N A

Todd Johnson Y N A

Becky Stark Y N A

Crisi Walls Y N A

Bruce Stark Y N A

**Request for Amendment
Fiscal Budget
2017 - 2018**

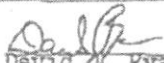
Dept: Vermilion County Merit Commission

Date: _____

Account Number	Account Description	Original Appr.	Additional	To Read
<u>001.320.00.04371</u>	<u>Testing</u>	<u>\$10,600</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>20,600</u>
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Narrative:

See attached Narrative

Department Head: 
 David P. Ryan, Chairman

Approved By:

_____ Committee

Finance Committee

_____ Chairman

_____ Chairman

Dated: _____

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Narrative:

In preparing this budget, I clearly under-estimated the amount of testing that would be necessary this year. We have scheduled but not yet paid for an unanticipated promotional round of testing for sergeant, lieutenant and captain in the corrections department based on a somewhat unexpected turnover. Currently, the Merit Commission has \$5,000 in outstanding bills for testing for entry level deputies and correctional officers this year. We have given an extra test for entry level deputies and correctional officers this year; it is becoming extremely difficult to find qualified candidates to take the test. Unfortunately, this is a nation-wide phenomenon. Locally, in the early 90's, it would be common for 60 applicants to appear for entry level deputy testing and 40 to report for testing for entry level correction officers. This past go-around, we had 8 people for the written deputy testing and 5 appear for the correctional officer testing. Our current sheriff has, through careful screening and the exercise of good judgment, built an extraordinarily professional department; it is imperative that he be given as many qualified candidates to choose from for openings in the road deputy department and the corrections departments.