



To: Budget Committee/Blount County Commission
From: Jarrod Millsaps, Deputy Chief BCSO
CC: Fin. Dir. Brian Baldwin; Jeff French, Chief Deputy BCSO
Date: 10/27/2023
Re: **Smart phones approved in FY23-24 Budget**

Budget Committee Members and Commissioners,

The funds for the capital expenditure of Smartphones were approved during the budget process, to be funded in the FY23-24 budget, Fund 101.

Due to the new process for appropriating capital expenditures in this year's budget (FY23-24), we are bringing the request to you, asking you to approve the appropriation for the switch to Smartphones.

This is to replace deputies' old flip phones that are without internet, with only "call" functionality, not allowing them to have the appropriate applications for the technology-based activities needed/required to do their job effectively/efficiently; they are using their personal phones to accomplish these job-related tasks.

The amount approved was \$52,500. The estimate is for approximately \$60,000 annually. We will cover the additional monies needed out of our normal operating budget...101-54110. This will be a recurring cost.

Thank you,

Jarrod Millsaps, Deputy Chief Administration