

August 2, 2021

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Rd.
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Re: Agenda Item 8c

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Sheriff Kendall. I understand that you have been directed, by Judge Ann Moorman, to vote on whether or not there is a conflict with the Sheriff. I urge you to vote "no conflict". The path you are on, threatening to hold him personally responsible, (as in "lose his house and assets") if he goes over budget, is incomprehensible to me. By voting "no conflict", you can gracefully back out of this reprehensible act. It appears as though this action would not hold up in court as State Law requires, for the purposes of public safety, that Sheriffs' budgets be fully funded. The Sheriff's budget is underfunded. He asked for over 1.1 million in overtime for the upcoming budget. The amount on the budget is zero. Revenues are "estimated" by the executive office and budget line items are discounted based on expected revenue. If those "estimates" come in under what is expected, then there is a budget deficit. Matt Kendall has broad public support and deserves to be treated well by the Board. If you back off from this threatening action, you can help to restore a civil dialogue and a positive working relationship with the Sheriff.

Best regards,

Ron Stark
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