

7. Budgeted Reserve for Contingency

- A.** Reserve for contingency requests in the General Fund, MSTU Law Enforcement and MSBU Fire Funds must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board will use the procedures and evaluation criteria set forth in this, and other policies. Such requests will be evaluated as to the:
- I.** Urgency of the request
  - II.** Scope of services to be provided
  - III.** Short and long-term fiscal impact of the request
  - IV.** Potential for alternative methods of funding or providing the service(s)
  - V.** Review for duplication of service(s) with other agencies
  - VI.** Review of efforts to secure non-County funding
  - VII.** Discussion of why funding was not sought during the normal budget cycle
  - VIII.** Review of the impact of not funding or delaying funding to the next fiscal year.
- B.** A reserve for contingency shall be calculated and budgeted by the Office of Management and Budget at a level not less than 5% of the General Fund, MSTU Law Fund, and MSBU Fire Fund operating revenues, respectively, and an amount not greater than 10% of the total budget and in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 129.01(2)(c) for each operating fund. If the reserve for contingency falls below 50% of the minimum level, the reserves shall be reestablished over a period not to exceed three fiscal years.
- C.** The reserve for contingency shall be separate from any unallocated fund balances.
- D.** The County's budget will be amended at such time as the Board of County Commissioners authorizes the use of contingency reserves (F.S. 129.06(2)(b)). All requests for the use of any reserve for contingency as referenced in 7.B. shall be accompanied by information prepared by the Office of Management and Budget showing the year-to-date activity of the reserve account as well as the current account balance and the net effect on the account balance.