

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator
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DATE: April 15, 2016

RE: Budget Reductions/Adjustments

As a result of the budget discussion conducted at the work session on April 13, 2016 we have adjusted the FY 2017 budget estimates and propose the budget (reductions)/additions as described below:

Beginning Budget Deficit	\$1,205,261
Board Meeting Agreements:	
Restore water coolers	\$ 4,370
Eliminate Johnson Grass Outreach	\$ (5,035)
Reduce Sheriff's Vehicles by 1	<u>\$ (38,938)</u>
Net Deficit	\$1,165,658
Additional Recommended Adjustments:	
Remove Phase 3 EMS Positions (4 positions)	\$ (238,055)
Group Life Insurance Increase (mandatory)	\$ 1,661
VRS 1.7% Level Savings	\$ (181,472)
Reduced Capital Reserve Contribution	\$ (408,048)
Add SRO Grant Matching Funds (grant contingent)	\$ 26,142
2% Pay Increase for All Staff	<u>\$ 123,958</u>
Net Deficit	\$ 489,844

The tax rate increase to fund the deficit of \$489,844 is \$.0343 resulting in an overall real estate tax of \$.8596 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This resulting budget will provide the following new items:

Fully Fund School Request	\$391,781
Maintain an Annual Capital Reserve Contribution	\$400,000
Add 8 New EMS Positions	\$572,091
Provide a 2% Pay Increase	\$123,958
Provide Matching Funds for a SRO Grant	\$ 26,142
Provide Personnel Additions & Certification Raises	\$102,951
Provide for Other Expenses	\$ 86,900

The position additions include those outlined in the April 13th Work Session Agenda package, Tab 1, page 7; an Assessment Assistant in the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, a part-time Clerk in the General District Court, and a Parks & Rec Assistant. The School Resource Officer is conditional upon the receipt of the grant. Other expenses include Solid Waste software, painting the Eastville Inn, new tires for the landfill loader, Jail and Sheriff's computers and a computer for the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue. If the new EMS positions are reduced to 4 (reduction to only Phase 1), a savings of \$238,055 would be realized.

The final net deficit of \$489,844 does not include the addition of a code compliance position and expenses (\$158,165), the addition of a Building Inspector position (\$48,000) and any other expenses you may add or restore. Such actions would result in an increase to the final tax rate or require cuts.

If you have any questions or require additional research or information, please contact John J. Andrzejewski at 757-678-0440 ext.550.