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Memo To: Greene County Board of Commissioners

From: Kyle J. DeHaven, County Manager

Re: 2017/2018 Budget Message

Date: June 19, 2017

Today we are providing you a copy of the proposed 2017/2018 budget for your review and consideration. The highlights of the budget are as follows:

1. The tax rate remains the same at \$.786 per \$100 valuation.
2. The estimated valuation for real and personal taxes is estimated at \$959,600,000.00.
3. The collection rate is estimated at 97.5% which generates an estimated tax revenue of \$8,580,000.00, which includes current and previous years' Ad Valorem and NCVTS Ad Valorem.
4. A one cent (\$.003) fire tax increase is proposed for the Jason fire district.
5. A 6% increase for water and sewer rates is proposed for all County water/sewer sales to offset increased costs for production and purchase.
6. A 5% salary increase is proposed for County employees.
7. The County has taken action to address the issue of low wages among its employees with the COLA increase, but low wages continue to be an issue in all departments.
8. Funding for the Greene County Schools and Lenoir Community College will remain the same as the FY 15/16 budget year. The Neuse Regional Library has asked for a 3% increase in funding from prior year.
9. A planned appropriation to the Recreation Capital Project Fund remains in the budget.
10. An Ambulance and Elections Equipment will be purchased from funds saved previously in Capital Reserves. This represents the Counties initiative to promote planned spending.
11. Funds to retrofit and renovate County Buildings in conjunction with grants to increase efficiencies and decrease costs over time are included in response to previous deferred maintenance issues.

This proposed budget was difficult to prepare. Increased obligations and costs to supply/provide services to the citizens, as well as the need to more competitively compensate staff, are major factors. Revenue projections have increased due to an increase in the charges for services provided. Expenditures have increased due to a proposed increase in employee compensation and the general cost of doing business. A 5% raise for employees was entered in the budget, their second Cost of Living Increase in ten (10) years, in an attempt to bring their pay and benefits in line

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with other comparable jurisdictions. This will aid in the retention of existing employees, although there is still much work to do to make salaries more competitive with surrounding jurisdictions. This budget continues on a conservative path designed to improve the County's overall financial health.

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