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Dear Members of Council and Taxpayers of Fairfield:




I am pleased to present for your consideration the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. This year's allowable tax increase is 1.62% based upon the published CPI (Consumer Price Index) for political subdivisions in South Carolina.

This year's budget recommendation continues a strategic goal of right-sizing County expenditures but, at the same time, addresses the service needs of the citizens, as well as laying foundations for future quality of life enhancements.

Building upon a "no-tax" increase budget of FY14-15 (in fact a millage reduction occurred), the FY15-16 Budget uses as its base no increases in revenue required to sustain the operational needs of the County.

There is, however, a recommended increase in capital spending, but that spending is "one-time" spending. Furthermore, the capital spending is mostly recommended for a few major ticket items needed for County operations and public safety assurances.

The following are **not** included in the Administrator's Recommended Budget:

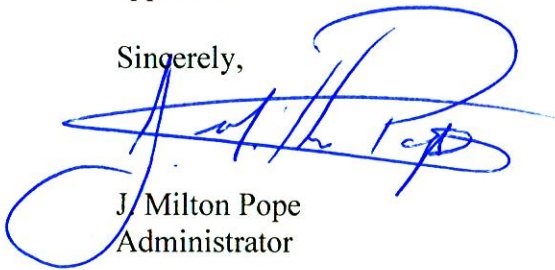
-  Increased taxes required for General Fund operation (based on estimation from the County Auditor),
-  No new FTE's,
-  Increased taxes for debt service.

Some major items that **are** recommended are as follows:

- ✚ Replacement of Detention Center roof,
- ✚ Southeastern EMS Substation,
- ✚ Public Safety equipment for the Sheriff,
- ✚ County technology upgrades,
- ✚ DSS HVAC upgrades,
- ✚ Solid Waste equipment,
- ✚ EMS equipment,
- ✚ 2% COLA for County employees,
- ✚ Recommended road maintenance fee.

This budget recommendation assures that the services of the County will continue to be delivered and position the County for future opportunities while maintaining a strong fiscally responsible approach.

Sincerely,



J. Milton Pope
Administrator

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Cc: Citizens of Fairfield County (via County Website)
Mrs. Shryll Brown, Clerk to Council
Mr. Davis Anderson, Fairfield County Deputy Administrator
Mrs. Laura Johnson, Fairfield County Comptroller