



Memo

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners
FROM: Hazen Blodgett, Town Manager
DATE: May 8, 2014
SUBJECT: Budget Message and Manager's Budget for FY 2014-15

Attached is the proposed budget for the Town of Matthews Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15. The budget reflects the national economy with slow revenue growth. The proposed budget of \$19,442,656 is less than a 2% increase over the FY 2013-14 budget. We are continuing to witness the decline of some local taxes like cable, telecommunications, beer/wine, and electricity. In the FY 2014-15 budget we have budgeted \$221,000 less revenue from these sources. This is a trend we expect will continue.

There is no tax rate increase proposed in this budget. The tax rate will remain at \$0.3175 per \$100 of property evaluation. At this point we are not showing an increase in the existing \$15 annual car tag fee. However, the Board will hear a presentation on the new pavement condition survey at the May 27th meeting. After which time staff may recommend an increase. The budget includes a 2% salary increase pool based on performance for employees.

The strategic framework and seven town goals are the primary building blocks for this budget. Staff feels this budget is a step in the right direction to build our Fund Balance over a five-year to meet our standards as set in the Fund Balance policy.

This budget invests in our people as well as the purchase of equipment that has been delayed as we waited for revenues to improve. This budget strives to maintain the level high of service our citizens have come to expect.

This budget is the result of a great deal of hard work from a number of people, particularly Assistant Manager Jamie Justice, Finance Director Christine Surratt, Assistant to the Manager Annette Privette-Keller and all the Town department heads.