

Memo

To: County Commission

From: Jeff Headrick

CC:

Date: March 6, 2019

Re: Budget Increase

The Blount County Highway Department estimated Local Sales tax as \$3,052,000 in revenue for the FY 2018-19. This was a conservative estimate and has come in each month higher than expected and is projected to exceed the original estimate by \$1.4 million.

We respectfully request to move \$400,000 to our capital fund (176) to help off-set current and future capital projects ie. Morganton Road.

We would like to move \$500,000 of this excess to asphalt to begin a long overdue paving project in Happy Valley. The total project will cost \$900,000. If you allow this increase we can begin the project as soon as the asphalt plants open in spring and finish after July with the FY 2019-20 budget. This project is necessary due to the dangerous conditions of the current surface, the time and money spent to patch the road and correct water issues, and the safety of the citizens and tourists.

We also request to move \$20,000 to the Trustee's Commission. With the increase in revenue our expense to the Trustee is higher and needs to be balanced with this increase.

Also, we request to move \$40,000 to diesel and \$15,000 to gasoline. This increase is a direct result of the additional paving we have accomplished this year and the increased winter work-load with the heavy rains and flooding.

Finally, we request to move \$25,000 to overtime. As mentioned above, the winter work-load has been drastically increased because of the heavy rains and flooding both during work hours and after. To avoid a shortage in our overtime line, this increase must be made. Blount County has been declared a level 3 state of emergency by TEMA for the flooding that took place the weekend of February 23rd. We expect to recoup some of this cost, but are not guaranteed nor can estimate that figure at this time.

This budget increase totals \$1 million.

Summary of Budget Increase Request

Move:

Revenue \$1 million

Increase:

Capital Projects \$400,000

Asphalt \$500,000

Trustee's Commission \$20,000

Diesel and Gasoline \$55,000

Overtime \$25,000