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FY-14/15 Impact Statement

In general terms, the FY-14 budget provides no increase for wages that may result from the ongoing union negotiations. Additionally, an important clerical position in the jail was eliminated as a result of insufficient funding.

The always volatile employee medical benefit line item has been set at the FY-12 level in hopes that we do not have a repeat of the FY-13 debacle.

One of the more serious deficiencies in the FY-14/15 budgets is the loss of any funds for capital projects. Despite the fact the Hancock County Jail is only 14 years old, it still requires ongoing capital projects to keep it in a workable condition.

Lastly, the FY-14 budget is only made balanced by nearly \$60,000 in revenue from boarding federal inmates which may prove risky as other counties are also hoping for this funding.

The financial impact of the FY-15 budget can only be described as disastrous. Because nothing short of a crystal ball will help us understand what will be needed, Hancock County elected to use the FY-14 figures for FY-15 and as we approach the next fiscal year, we will address the specific numbers.

Sincerely,

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