

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA REQUEST**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**FROM:** Leslie Locke, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**DATE:** November 18, 2013

**SUBJECT:** HEARING re: Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2014

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**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

**PUBLIC HEARING** re: Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2014

**ANALYSIS:**

State law (RCW 84.55.120) requires that the Commissioners hold a public hearing on the 2014 Ad Valorem Tax Levies for levy in 2013 and collection in 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Take public testimony on Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2014.

Possible action to approve:

Resolution re: Increase for the JC Conservation Futures Tax Levy for 2014 Taxes

Resolution re: Increase in the JC General Fund Levy for 2014 Taxes

Resolution re: Increase for the JC Road Levy for 2014 Taxes

Resolution re: Diversion of Road Levy for Traffic Law Enforcement for the 2014 General Fund  
Budget

Letter to Assessor re: Setting 2014 Real and Personal Property Levy Amounts

**REVIEWED BY:**

  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

  
Date



1820 Jefferson Street  
PO Box 1220  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Phil Johnson, District 1      David Sullivan, District 2      John Austin, District 3

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November 18, 2013

Jack Westerman, Assessor  
PO Box 1220  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Subject: 2014 Real and Personal Property Levy Amounts

The following are the levy amounts (Real and Personal Property) for the 2014 tax year. Levies have been set in accordance with law.

I.	Total County General Fund Levy (2013 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction & refunds)	<u>\$7,430,000</u>
A.	Veterans Relief (2013 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction)	(43,000)
B.	Mental Health (2013 actual amount @ 101 % plus new construction)	(42,500)
C.	Developmental Disabilities (2013 actual amount @ 101 % plus new construction)	(42,500)
D.	Current Expense (Remainder)	<u>\$7,302,000</u>
II.	Total Road Levy (2013 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction & refunds)	<u>\$4,160,000</u>
A.	Diversion to Current Expense (Set Amount)	(720,000)
B.	County Roads (Remainder)	<u>\$3,440,000</u>
III.	Conservation Futures (2013 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction & refunds)	<u>\$218,500</u>

Sincerely,

John Austin, Chairman

Phil Johnson, Member

David Sullivan, Member

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of an Increase for        }  
the Jefferson County Conservation       }  
Futures Tax Levy for 2014 Taxes        }

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has properly given notice of the public hearing regarding setting ad valorem tax levies on November 18, 2013, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 to consider the County Conservation Futures budget for the 2014 calendar year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners, after hearing, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the County Conservation Futures Fund requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, refunds, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the Conservation Futures Fund and in its' best interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County that an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, refunds, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2014 County Conservation Futures Fund levy in the amount of \$214,684.17, which is an increase of \$2,125.59, one percent (1 %) from the previous year.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEAL:

John Austin, Chair

ATTEST:

Phil Johnson, Member

Carolyn Avery,  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

David Sullivan, Member

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of an Increase }  
in the Jefferson County General }  
Fund Levy for 2014 Taxes }

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners have properly given notice of the public hearings held regarding setting ad valorem tax levies on November 18, 2013 to consider the County's Budget for the 2014 calendar year, and pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners, after hearing, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the County General Fund requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, refunds, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the County General Fund and in its' best interest; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County that an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, refunds, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2014 County General Fund levy in the amount of \$7,352,892.14, which is an increase of \$72,800.91, one percent (1%) from the previous year.

*APPROVED AND ADOPTED* this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEAL:

John Austin, Chair

Phil Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

David Sullivan, Member

Carolyn Avery,  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of an Increase        }  
For the Jefferson County Road       }  
Levy for 2014 Taxes                 }

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has properly given notice of the public hearing regarding setting ad valorem tax levies on November 18, 2013, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 to consider the County Road budget for the 2014 calendar year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners, after hearing, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the County Road Fund requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, refunds, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the County Road Fund and in its' best interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County that an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, refunds, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2014 County Road levy in the amount of \$4,110,537.54, which is an increase of \$40,698.39, one percent (1%) from the previous year.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEAL:

John Austin, Chair

ATTEST:

Phil Johnson, Member

Carolyn Avery,  
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David Sullivan, Member

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of Diversion of Road Levy }  
for Traffic Law Enforcement for the }  
2014 General Fund Budget }

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.33.220 authorizes the Board of County Commissioner to divert any portion of the County Road property taxes to provide traffic law enforcement services in the unincorporated areas of the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners intends to utilize the County Road Fund monies for the traffic law enforcement services in the unincorporated areas of the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County has established a revenue account with revenue code 311.20 for the purpose of identifying the County Road fund monies used for traffic enforcement in the unincorporated areas of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County that the Road Tax Levy collected in 2014 be divided with \$720,000 deposited in the Current Expense Fund and identified as revenue code 311.20, and the remainder deposited in the County Road Fund.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

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