WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, in the course of considering the budget for 2016 has reviewed all sources of revenue and examined all anticipated expenses and obligations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that, due to service demands in the area of acquiring, creating or preserving open space land, farm and agricultural land, and timber land, and to protect future levy capacity, the Board of County Commissioners finds that there is a substantial need to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax limit factor above the rate of inflation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County that the limit factor for the Conservation Futures Fund levy for the tax year 2016 shall be 101 percent.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day of November, 2015.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Sullivan, Chair
Phil Johnson, Member
Kathleen Kler, Member

Carolyn Avery, Deputy Clerk of the Board
November 23, 2015

Jeff Chapman, Assessor
PO Box 1220
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Subject: 2016 Real and Personal Property Levy Amounts

The following are the levy amounts (Real and Personal Property) for the 2016 tax year. Levies have been set in accordance with law.

I. Total County General Fund Levy
   (2015 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction & refunds)
   A. Veterans Relief
      (2015 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction)
      $44,400
   B. Mental Health
      (2015 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction)
      $43,900
   C. Developmental Disabilities
      (2015 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction)
      $43,900
   D. Current Expense (Remainder)
      $7,516,283

II. Total Road Levy
    (2015 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction & refunds)
    A. Diversion to Current Expense (Set Amount)
       (720,000)
    B. County Roads (Remainder)
       $3,564,525

III. Conservation Futures
     (2015 actual amount @ 101% plus new construction & refunds)
     $225,948

Sincerely,

David Sullivan, Chairman
Phil Johnson, Member
Kathleen Kler, Member
JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator
FROM: Leslie Locke, Executive Assistant
DATE: November 23, 2015
SUBJECT: HEARING re: Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2016

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:
Public Hearing re: Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2016

ANALYSIS:
State law (RCW 84.55.120) requires that the Commissioners hold a public hearing on the 2016 Ad Valorem Tax Levies for levy in 2015 and collection in 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:
See attached documents.

RECOMMENDATION:
Take public testimony on Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2016.
Possible action to approve:
Resolution re: Increase for the JC Conservation Futures Tax Levy for 2016 Taxes
Resolution re: Increase in the JC General Fund Levy for 2016 Taxes
Resolution re: Increase for the JC Road Levy for 2016 Taxes
Resolution re: Diversion of Road Levy for Traffic Law Enforcement for the 2016 General Fund Budget
Resolution re: Finding a Substantial Need and Adopting the Limit Factor for the JC Conservation Futures Fund Property Tax Levy
Resolution re: Finding a Substantial Need and Adopting the Limit Factor for the JC General Fund Property Tax Levy
Resolution re: Finding a Substantial Need and Adopting the Limit Factor for the JC Road Fund Property Tax Levy
Letter to Assessor re: Setting 2016 Real and Personal Property Levy Amounts

REVIEWED BY:

Philip Morley, County Administrator
11/19/15
Date