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### Update on Skamania County's Financial Condition May 22, 2017

The initial review conducted in early April suggested a substantial shortfall in operating revenues if SRS was not approved. It was decided to begin planning for that loss sooner rather than later. The earlier we address it the less the negative impact. Each County Department was asked to provide answers to a set of questions that would identify what could be reduced with and without impacting personnel levels. The input we received was extremely helpful in identifying where savings could be achieved. It will also be very helpful in developing the 2018 Budget, which we will begin work on in July. Our thanks to those who provided thoughtful and detailed information.

In May we received notice of substantially higher revenue projections from public and private timber activities which come close to off-setting the possible loss of SRS. This was great news and very timely. Depending on the actual amounts and when they are received we could see minimal impacts this year.

As a result we will hold off on implementing any of the suggestions and will review our financial position at the end of June, at which time we may know more on the status of SRS funding. If SRS is approved, this will be a moot point for 2017 and 2018.

We encourage you to continue making suggestions while seeking to maintain adequate staffing levels that guarantee appropriate and expected levels of service.

Sincerely,

Bob Hamlin  
Chair

Tom Lannen  
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