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RE: Press Release – Minnehaha County Provisional Budget Adoption

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION ADOPTS FY 2018 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

The Minnehaha County Commission adopted the FY18 Provisional Budget on Tuesday, July 18. The Provisional Budget stands at \$128,418,833, which includes \$46,000,000 for the jail expansion. The general fund, which includes property taxes, is slated for an increase of 2%.

The Provisional Budget is supported by revenues which includes a 2.84% growth in property taxes due to new construction within the County for an additional \$871,000. This growth is a decrease from FY17. Per the property tax limitation statutes, a general increase is limited to the CPI or 3%, whichever is less. For FY18 the CPI is 1% for an increase of \$306,000.

The Commission approved a total of seven new positions and moved three positions within the State's Attorney's Office from grant funded to County funded. During the current calendar year the Commission has already approved a total of six additional correctional officers and three positions within the State's Attorney's Office upon the passing of Marsy's Law. For comparison, the FY18 budget includes a total of 19 additional county funded positions as compared to FY 17, of which 74% are in either the State's Attorney's office or under the Sheriff.

The challenge of public safety, especially as related to drugs, is growing in Minnehaha County and budget demands reflect this. In order to address multiple challenges and increases within a restricted funding system, Minnehaha County Commissioners will utilize \$1.4M of the 2015 opt-out, which has not been used to date.

The Minnehaha County Commission will hold a budget hearing on September 5, 2017, at 9:15am on the budget as they move towards adopting a final budget by the end of September.

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