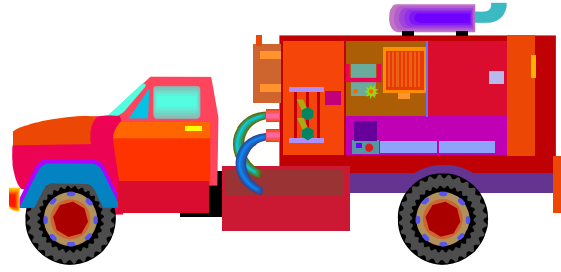


**Foothills Fire Service Area
Post Office Box 231
Landrum, South Carolina 29356**



August 3, 2013

John Hansley, Greenville Deputy County Administrator
301 University Ridge
Greenville, SC 29601-3660

Dear Mr. Hansley:

Upon receiving the July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, KREZ435 reports, the projected income for calendar year 2014 is \$38,909. In order to maintain the same payments as last year the expenses for the fiscal year 2014 will be \$43,996. To make this income a millage of 10.9 is needed which is an increase of 0.4 mills. This increase is 3.99 percent of last year's millage of 10.5, ($10.5 \times 0.0399 = 0.419$). There was a deficit of \$1,139 in last year's tax collections which is why an increase in the millage is being requested. It has been over 4 years since this Board has asked for a millage increase and it was 3 years ago the Board recommended a millage decrease of 0.5 mills.

New 2014 budget:	<u>2013 Balance</u>	<u>\$32,200</u>
	Projected Income	
	Tax Collections	\$42,546
	<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$250</u>
		\$42,796
	Expenses	
	Tryon Fire Department	\$32,600
	Landrum Fire Department	\$9,196
	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>\$2,200</u>
		\$43,996
	Reserve in 2013	\$31,000

It was noticed that the tax calculations were \$1,139 less than calculated. This decrease is believed to be caused by a decrease in assessed values in the area. A proposed increase of 0.04 mills is requested to correct for this decrease. This budget leaves the FFSA with a reserve of \$31,000 which is 70% of the expenses.

This budget and proposed millage increase were presented in a public meeting on July 30, 2013, at the Landrum Fire Department and approved by all four members of the commission. There is one vacancy in the number of commissioners and a person is being considered to be appointed by Councilman Joe Dill.

These funds are to be distributed in the amounts of \$32,600 to the Tryon Fire Department in 4 quarterly increments of \$8,150; \$7,516 to the Landrum Fire Department in 4 quarterly increments of \$2,299 and \$2,200 to the FFSA in one payment.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,
Richard Locke

Richard Locke, Chair Foothills Fire Service Area

Copy To: Joe Dill, Greenville County Council;
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