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Dear Elected Official / Department Head:

By now each of you should have received your fiscal year 2020 budget package. It won't be long until the budget workshops begin. As you begin the process of evaluating your budget request, please keep the following in mind:

- expenses that can be eliminated;
- efficiencies that can be recognized to lower costs;
- excess dollars in all line items from prior years that can be eliminated;
- justify any requests for increases; and
- justify every expenditure request.

This is going to be a tough budget year. While the recent passing of the homestead exemption was an important first step, our residents are looking to us for more assistance in lessening their property tax burden.

I understand we are a growing county, I want each of you to know that my goal for the 2020 budget is to not only reduce the budget but lower the property tax rate.

I understand I am just one vote. However, I am asking for your help to do our part to lower expenditures and the tax rate. I have identified several ways in which we can accomplish this goal and together I know we can do this.

Every little bit helps. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your budget, please feel free to contact the budget officer or my office. I look forward to working with each of you to make this happen.

Commissioner James Noack