



# City of Homer

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### MANAGER'S REPORT

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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Marvin L Yoder

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#### **Budget Cuts**

During my trip to Juneau I was able to talk with Linda Anderson about the proposed budget cuts to the Contract Jails program. If these cuts are adopted the city could lose over \$500,000. Chief Robl provided a lot of information about the impact such cuts would have in Homer.

We are now hearing that neither the Troopers nor the Court system had sufficient input on this issue prior to it being introduced. Linda is keeping us updated on what is happening with this critical budget issue.

#### **Resolution 15-004**

I spoke with Linda Anderson, Rep. Paul Seaton and Sen. Gary Stevens about this issue. Nothing is certain at this time. It is hoped that the State Budget will be more in focus by the time Mayor Wythe and Katie visit Juneau next month.

#### **Personnel**

The finance Department is having some personnel changes. Longtime employee Jo Earls resigned. Two employees were promoted new positions in the department and the city is recruiting and entry-level receptionist.

#### **School News**

Homer will host the 3A regional basketball tournament March 5 – 7. There will be 7 visiting teams in Homer that weekend.

#### **Enstar Refund**

The Finance Department received check and the following statement from Shay Pesta of Enstar regarding the FMA payment. "I have attached the excel spreadsheet for the

546 refunds totaling \$624,166 which are for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2014 with some from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. You can tell by the meter set dates. We are still working on 2013 and part of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014.”

The FMA funds will go into a sinking/reserve fund until the bonds are paid off. Dispersements to the property owners will be made after the bonds are retired.