MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Present for the meeting were County Commissioners William Lapsley, Daniel Andreotta, David Hill, County Manager John Mitchell, Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley, Attorney Russ Burrell, and Clerk to the Board Denisa Lauffer.

Absent were Chairman Rebecca McCall and Vice-Chair J. Michael Edney

Also present were: Director of Business and Community Development Christopher Todd, Finance Director Samantha Reynolds, Budget Manager/Internal Auditor Sonya Flynn, Budget Analyst Jennifer Miranda, Engineer Marcus Jones, Register of Deeds Lee King, Human Resources Director Karen Ensley, Emergency Management Director Jimmy Brissie, Environmental Health Supervisor Seth Swift, Building Services Director Crystal Lyda, Chief Communications Officer Mike Morgan, Director of Facility Services Andrew Griffin, Strategic Behavioral Health Director Jodi Grabowski, Wellness Director Dr. Jamie Gibbs, Code Enforcement Director Matt Champion, Jail Administrator Major Todd McCrain, Captain Scott Galloway, EMS Manager Mike Barnett, EMS Operations Support Officer Ben Applehome, Cooperative Extension Director Dr. Terry Kelley, Library Director Trina Rushing, Planning Director Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner Janna Bianculli, Capital Projects Manager Bryan Rhodes, DSS Director Jerrie McFalls, Public Health Director Steve Smith, Recreation Director Bruce Gilliam, IT Director Mark Seelenbacher, Director of Site Development Deb Johnston, Soil and Water Conservation District Director/Conservationist Director Jonathan Wallin, and PIO Kathy Finotti – videotaping. Deputy Chris Stepp provided security.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Commissioner Lapsley called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

INVOCATION

Commission Andreotta provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lapsley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

2024.012 Proclamation - Apple Growers Day in Henderson County

The Board was requested to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the first Wednesday of February as Apple Growers Day in Henderson County.

Commissioner Lapsley read the Proclamation aloud.

PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY AS APPLE GROWERS DAY IN HENDERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Henderson County has produced apples since the 1700s and leads North Carolina

in the production of apples; and

- WHEREAS, apples are worth more than \$35 million per year to the county economy; and
- **WHEREAS,** over 2.25 million bushels of apples are produced on around four thousand acres of orchards per year in Henderson County; and
- WHEREAS, apple farmers, their families, their farm employees, and other associated workers put in countless hours, risk untold dollars, and labor all year long to produce the county's famous apple crop; and
- WHEREAS, historically, apples have been the signature crop for Henderson County and continue to be the reason many people flock here to purchase our delicious fruit and enjoy our beautiful apple farms; and
- WHEREAS, Henderson County is home to the North Carolina Apple Festival; and
- **WHEREAS,** Henderson County's warm days, cool nights, and ample rainfall provide ideal conditions for apples with good color, finish, and a sweet natural flavor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday of February as Apple Growers Day in Henderson County and urge the citizens of the County to honor, pay tribute, and support our apple industry.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 17th day of January 2024.

Commissioner Lapsley made the motion to accept the Proclamation as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Recognition - NC Local Government Budget Association, Jack Vogt Award

Megan Powell, First Vice-President of the North Carolina Local Government Budget, was in attendance to present the Association's Jack Vogt Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Advancement of Local Government Budgeting and Evaluation to Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley. Mrs. Powell explained that "Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are nominated by their peers and must have at least 10 of local government experience in North Carolina, a commitment to the field of local government budgeting and evaluation, a commitment to professional development and ongoing learning, innovation in budget and evaluation, and a commitment to nurturing, mentoring, and educating others in the field." Powell said that Ms. Brantley is known as a resource for professionals across the state.

Amy Brantley thanked Mrs. Powell and the Association for the recognition and presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Brantley stated this would be the 32nd budget with Henderson County. She then announced that the FY25 budget would be her last budget season with Henderson County.

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John Mitchell congratulated Brantley on receiving the award and stated that she had set the golden standard we should strive for as local government employees and leaders.

Commissioner Lapsley noted that he is proud to have worked alongside Ms. Brantley for nine years and that he believed that being recognized by your peers is the pinnacle of a successful career.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Commissioner Andreotta made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA consisted of the following:

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes were presented for Board review and approval for the following meeting: January 2, 2024 - Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Motion:

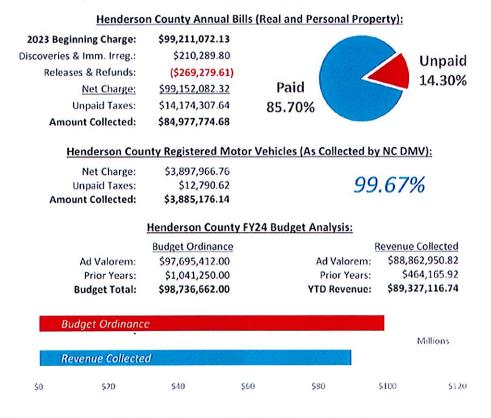
I move the Board approve the minutes of January 2, 2024.

Tax Collector's Report

The report from the office of the Tax Collector was provided for the Board's information.

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Please find outlined below collections information through January 3, 2024 for 2023 real and personal property bills mailed on August 21, 2023. Vehicles taxes are billed monthly by NC DMV.



2024.013 Etowah Library Outdoor Space - Budget Amendment

On June 5, 2023, the Board approved a Budget Amendment to recognize restricted funding for the Etowah Library outdoor space project. The funding was derived from the Betty A and Richard J Scott Endowment held by the Friends of the Library.

Due to cost estimates, an additional \$45,000 is necessary to complete the project. The Board was requested to approve a Budget Amendment to recognize additional restricted funding for the Etowah Library outdoor space project. The additional fund amount of \$45,000 is derived from the Betty A and Richard J Scott Endowment held by the Friends of the Library. No county funds will be spent for this project.

Motion:

I move the Board approve the budget amendment as presented, recognizing additional restricted funding to fund the Etowah Library outdoor space project.

Guidelines Update

Each year, the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development obtains for the County the County's average private-sector wages. These are used in the County's guidelines for calculating economic incentives.

The average private sector annual wages used in the past twelve months – the 2022 average – was \$47,939 per year. For the coming twelve months, the 2023 average private sector annual wages were \$51,400, and this number is proposed to be used as the basis for the Economic Development Guidelines for the 2024 calendar year.

Motion:

I move the Board approve the proposed guidelines update.

2023.014 Resolution - Opioid Settlement Fund Expenditure Authorization

At the Board's August 16, 2023 meeting, the Board approved a Budget Amendment that included supplies associated with the Adult Recovery Coordinator. This request includes an additional appropriation for the remainder of the fiscal year to purchase necessary testing supplies.

In addition to the Budget Amendment, the Board must also adopt a Resolution per the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation that dictates the process for drawing from the Special Revenue Fund.

Motion:

I move the Board to adopt the Resolution authorizing the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as presented and the associated Budget Amendment for drug testing supplies.

Commissioner Hill made the motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. EMS Peer Review Committee – 1 vac.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to nominate Robert Ombres for appointment to position #2. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee – 2 vacs.

Commissioner Lapsley made a motion to nominate Beau Waddell for reappointment to position #4. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Henderson County Zoning Board of Adjustment – 3 vacs.

Commissioner Andreotta made a motion to reappoint Louise St. Romain and to transfer her from alternate position #8 to regular position #2. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Andreotta made a motion to nominate Lynn Freeman Bush for appointment to position #8. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to nominate Marilyn Gordon for appointment to position #6. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

4. Hendersonville City Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.

There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

5. Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee – 2 vacs.

There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

6. Laurel Park Planning Board – 1 vac.

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There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

7. Laurel Park Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 vac.

There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

8. Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – 10 vacs.

There were no nominations, and this item was carried to the next meeting.

FY24-25 BUDGET WORKSHOP



FY2023-2024 Financial Report - County Manager John Mitchell



Vice-Chair Edney joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

FY23-24 EXPENDITURES

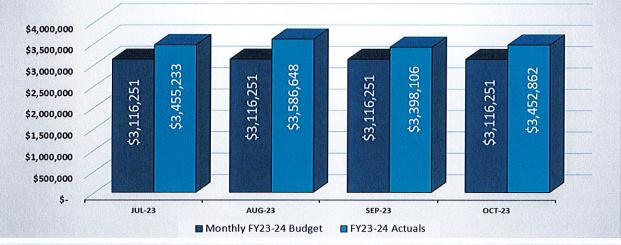
County Department	ВС	OC Adopted	N 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Revisions	Revised Budget	139230	Expended (as of 12.31.23)	% Expended (as of 12.31.23)
Governing Body	\$	665,655	\$	25,000	\$ 690,655		342,485	49.6%
Dues & Non-Profits	\$	776,896	\$	53,000	\$ 829,896	-	385,110	46.4%
County Administration	\$	1,294,373	\$	-	\$ 1,294,373	\$	580,138	44.8%
Human Resources	\$	1,444,007	\$	-	\$ 1,444,007	\$	723,896	50.1%
Elections	\$	1,127,819	\$	9,115	\$ 1,136,934	\$	516,446	45.4%
Finance	\$	1,344,653	\$	-	\$ 1,344,653	\$	655,722	48.8%
Assessor	\$	2,133,023	\$	-	\$ 2,133,023	\$	841,839	39.5%
Tax Collections	\$	589,966	\$	-	\$ 589,966	\$	242,274	41.1%
Legal	\$	1,086,063	\$	-	\$ 1,086,063	\$	530,808	48.9%
Register of Deeds	\$	727,473	\$	-	\$ 727,473	\$	341,780	47.0%
Facility Services & Garage	\$	6,786,592	\$	133,643	\$ 6,920,235	\$	2,903,125	42.0%
Court Facilities	\$	153,000	\$	-	\$ 153,000	\$	55,525	36.3%
Information Technology	\$	6,213,626	\$	332,011	\$ 6,545,637	\$	3,679,426	56.2%
Sheriff	\$	23,165,701	\$	635,170	\$ 23,800,871	\$	11,194,250	47.0%
Detention Facility	\$	6,827,956	\$	2,487	\$ 6,830,443	\$	3,251,299	47.6%
Emergency Management	\$	835,231	\$	6,678	\$ 841,909	\$	405,034	48.1%
Fire Services	\$	1,025,469	\$	177,469	\$ 1,202,938	\$	256,114	21.3%
Building Services	\$	1,655,748	\$	-	\$ 1,655,748	\$	766,352	46.3%
Wellness Clinic	\$	1,460,986	\$	-	\$ 1,460,986	\$	808,183	55.3%
Emergency Medical Services	\$	12,339,168	\$	-	\$ 12,339,168	\$	5,640,934	45.7%
Animal Services	\$	963,795	\$	-	\$ 963,795	\$	432,796	44.9%
Rescue Squad	\$	757,750	\$	-	\$ 757,750	\$	383,295	50.6%
Forestry Services	\$	151,972	\$	-	\$ 151,972	\$	12,181	8.0%
Soil & Water Conservation	\$	526,089	\$	445,332	\$ 971,421	\$	245,190	25.2%
Planning	\$	1,026,955	\$	-	\$ 1,026,955	\$	429,100	41.8%
Code Enforcement	\$	331,303	\$	-	\$ 331,303	\$	146,318	44.2%
Site Development	\$	321,490	\$	-	\$ 321,490	\$	145,763	45.3%
Heritage Museum	\$	100,000	\$	-	\$ 100,000	\$	50,000	50.0%
Cooperative Extension	\$	681,039	\$	1,600	\$ 682,639	\$	304,374	44.6%
Project Management	\$	267,360	\$	-	\$ 267,360	\$	103,505	38.7%
Economic Development	\$	930,777	\$	15,000	\$ 945,777	\$	242,000	25.6%
AgriBusiness	\$	220,084	\$	-	\$ 220,084	\$	90,111	40.9%
Public Health	\$	11,308,635	\$	1,110,437	\$ 12,419,072	\$	5,605,584	45.1%
Environmental Health	\$	1,876,787	\$	_	\$ 1,876,787	\$	840,647	44.8%
Home & Community Care Grant	\$	844,293	\$		\$ 844,293	\$	359,546	42.6%
Medical Services	\$	90,000	\$	-	\$ 90,000	\$	34,400	38.2%
Strategic Behavioral Health	\$	-	\$	298,615	\$ 298,615	\$	53,928	18.1%
Mental Health	\$	528,612	\$	-	\$ 528,612	\$	264,306	50.0%

ROAP (Rural Operating Assistance)	\$ 201,384	\$ -	\$ 201,384	\$ 81,698	40.6%
Social Services	\$ 18,632,212	\$ (119,526)	\$ 18,512,686	\$ 8,390,799	45.3%
DSS – Federal & State	\$ 3,961,369	\$ 132,779	\$ 4,094,148	\$ 1,306,396	31.9%
DSS – General Assistance	\$ 100,000	\$ <u> </u>	\$ 100,000	\$ 23,582	23.6%
Juvenile Justice Grant	\$ 302,020	\$ -	\$ 302,020	\$ 139,388	46.2%
Veteran's Services	\$ 245,704	\$ -	\$ 245,704	\$ 95,111	38.7%
Public Library	\$ 4,020,877	\$ 114,616	\$ 4,135,493	\$ 2,159,376	52.2%
Recreation	\$ 3,223,706	\$ 506	\$ 3,224,212	\$ 1,538,142	47.7%
County Debt Service	\$ 4,238,341	\$ -	\$ 4,238,341	\$ 2,402,235	56.7%
Non-Departmental	\$ 755,510	\$ 4,007,812	\$ 4,763,322	\$ 1,571,246	33.0%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 4,873,500	\$ 275,000	\$ 5,148,500	\$ 2,721,750	52.9%
TOTAL COUNTY	\$ 133,134,969	\$ 7,656,744	\$ 140,791,713	\$ 64,293,507	45.7%

FY23-24 SALES TAX REVENUES - BUDGET

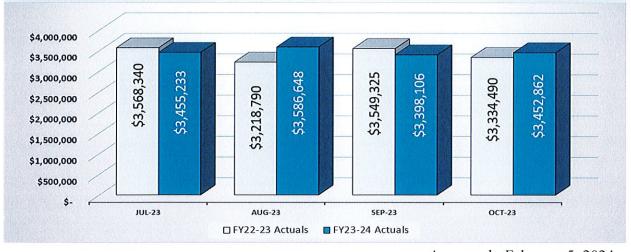
Local Option Sales Tax Budget = \$37,395,011

Year to Date Variance = \$1,427,845 (first 4 months)



FY23-24 SALES TAX REVENUES - BUDGET

Local Option Sales Tax Budget = \$3,116,251 / month = \$37,395,011 Year to Date Variance = \$1,427,845 (first 4 months)



CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

	Capital Reserve Fund Established in FY 2007	Deposit / Appropriation	Running Balance
FY 2007	Deposit - Sale of Land Development Building	\$1,337,195	\$1,337,195
FY 2008	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund	\$1,400,000	\$2,737,195
FY 2009	Appropriation - Detention Center Generator	(\$300,000)	\$2,437,195
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund	\$772,677	\$3,209,872
FY 2010	Appropriation - Compressed Natural Gas Project	(\$35,000)	\$3,174,872
	Appropriation - Parks and Recreation Projects	(\$156,249)	\$3,018,623
	Appropriation - Tuxedo Mill Demolition	(\$143,324)	\$2,875,299
FY 2011		(\$1,058,347)	\$1,816,952
	Deposit - Progress Energy (Bent Creek Easement)	\$8,500	\$1,825,452
	Appropriation - Boyd Property	(\$750,000)	\$1,075,452
	Deposit - Sale of Nuckolls Building	\$700,000	\$1,775,452
FY 2012	Appropriation - Parks and Recreation Projects	(\$535,039)	\$1,240,413
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Recreation)	\$200,000	\$1,440,413
FY 2013		(\$26,848)	\$1,413,565
. 1 2013	Appropriation - 1995 Courthouse Congressional Office	(\$26,899)	\$1,386,666
FY 2014		(\$1,000,000)	\$386,666
05-07-04-1	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Recreation)	\$400,000	\$786,666
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Recreation) Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Debt Service)	\$923,463	\$1,710,129
		\$75,000	\$1,785,129
Y 2015	Deposit - P&I Software		\$1,783,123
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Conditional School Funding		\$1,774,043
	Appropriation - Tuxedo Park	(\$177,269)	
12015	Appropriation - Dana Park	(\$195,978)	\$1,578,065
Y 2016	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$1,653,065
	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$1,728,065
Y 2017	Appropriation - Transfer P&I Software Reserve to Project Fund	(\$75,000)	\$1,653,065
	Appropriation - Transfer to Debt Service Fund (FY15 Debt Roll-Off		\$729,602
-	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$804,602
-	Appropriation - Transfer P&I Software Reserve to Project Fund	(\$225,000)	\$579,602
Y 2018	Deposit - Sale of 6th Avenue Clubhouse & Fairground Property	\$407,573	\$987,175
	Appropriation - CNG Compressor	(\$252,243)	\$734,932
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (FY18 LETC Debt Service)	\$749,593	\$1,484,525
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (DSS Software)	\$621,452	\$2,105,977
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (School Capital)	\$946,669	\$3,052,646
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (County Capital)	\$1,283,332	\$4,335,978
	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$4,410,978
	Appropriation - Partnership for Economic Development Roof	(\$24,865)	\$4,386,113
Y 2019	Appropriation - Replacement of Detention Fire Alarm System	(\$115,950)	\$4,270,163
	Appropriation - Recreation Portable Restroom Units	(\$102,880)	\$4,167,283
	Appropriation - HCPS Flat Rock and Rugby HVAC Project	(\$250,850)	\$3,916,433
	Appropriation - Transfer P&I Software Reserve to Project Fund	(\$75,000)	\$3,841,433
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Sheriff Vehicles)	\$327,218	\$4,168,651
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (County Capital)	\$1,756,920	\$5,925,571
	Appropriation - Electrical Upfit at Garage	(\$3,396)	\$5,922,175
	Appropriation - CNG Generator	(\$103,735)	\$5,818,440
Y 2020	Appropriation - Finance Bullet Resistant Glass	(\$7,869)	\$5,810,571
	Appropriation - Voting Equipment	(\$323,490)	\$5,487,081
	Appropriation - DSS Future Space Renovation	(\$525,217)	\$4,961,864
	Appropriation - 95 Courthouse Skylights	(\$118,550)	\$4,843,314

		BALANCE	\$9,874,597
	Appropriation - Lower Tennis Courts repair at Jackson Park (10.2.23)	(\$300,000)	\$9,874,597
	Appropriation - VFW Renovation (7.19.23)	(\$1,258,765)	\$10,174,597
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (JCAR)	\$4,603,500	\$11,433,362
	Appropriation - State Budget Allocation / Project Variance (4.3.23)	(\$95,000)	\$6,829,862
1 2025	Appropriation - QRV Purchase (3.6.23)	(\$35,000)	\$6,924,862
Y 2023	Appropriation - AAC Generator (3.6.23)	(\$17,388)	\$6,959,862
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (County Capital)	\$1,710,808	\$6,977,250
	Appropriation - VFW Assessment Expenses (1.3.22)	(\$20,000)	\$5,266,442
Y 2022	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Volunteer Fire Depts.)	\$250,000	\$5,286,442
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (County Capital)	\$1,644,808	\$5,036,442
	Deposit - Garrison Property Down Payment	\$5,000	\$3,391,634
	Appropriation - VFW Purchase (4.5.21)	(\$52,715)	\$3,386,634
	Appropriation - Oklawaha Greenway Flooding Study (2.17.21)	(\$15,000)	\$3,439,349
1 2021	Deposit - Garrison Property Purchase Differential	\$1,892	\$3,454,349
FY 2021	Appropriation - Etowah Walking Trail (1.20.21)	(\$80,000)	\$3,452,457
	Appropriation - Garrison Property Purchase (1.20.21)	(\$1,175,226)	\$3,532,457
	Appropriation - 1995 Courthouse Congressional Office (12.7.20)	(\$30,000)	\$4,707,683
	Appropriation - DSS Document Management System (10.21.20)	(\$105,631)	\$4,737,683

CAPITAL FINANCING - DEBT SCHEDULES



- > OUTSTANDING DEBT PRINCIPAL EDUCATION
- > OUTSTANDING DEBT PRINCIPAL COUNTY
- > RETIRING DEBT SERVICE EDUCATION
- > RETIRING DEBT SERVICE COUNTY
- > DEBT SERVICE AS A % OF ADOPTED BUDGET
- > DEBT SERVICE FUND

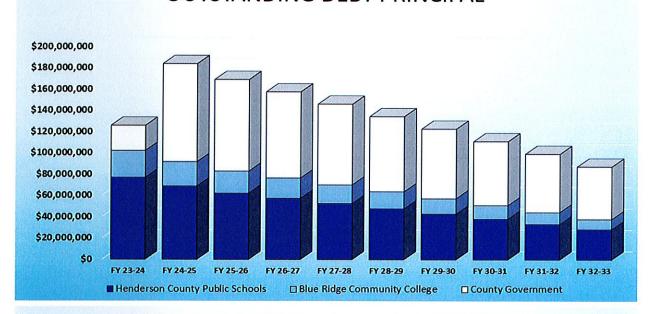
OUTSTANDING DEBT PRINCIPAL - EDUCATION

Henderson County Public Schools	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Hendersonville High School	\$ 42,005,000	\$ 39,375,000	\$ 36,750,000	\$ 34,125,000	\$ 31,500,000	\$ 28,875,000	\$ 26,250,000	\$ 23,625,000	\$ 21,000,000	\$ 18,375,000
Edneyville Elementary	\$ 17,035,000	\$ 15,815,000	\$ 14,595,000	\$ 13,375,000	\$ 12,155,000	\$10,935,000	\$ 9,720,000	\$ 8,505,000	\$ 7,290,000	\$ 6,075,000
2016 Innovative High School	\$ 12,650,000	\$ 11,675,000	\$ 10,700,000	\$ 9,725,000	\$ 8,750,000	\$ 7,775,000	\$ 6,800,000	\$ 5,825,000	\$ 4,850,000	\$ 3,880,000
2013 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 1,591,000	\$ 785,140	-		-		•			-
2012 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 650,400		•				1,000,000			
2008 Hillandale / Mills River	\$ 2,742,858	\$ 914,286		·	1					
TOTAL HC PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$ 76,674,258	\$ 68,564,426	\$ 62,045,000	\$ 57,225,000	\$ 52,405,000	\$ 47,585,000	42,770,000	\$ 37,955,000	\$ 33,140,000	\$ 28,330,000
Blue Ridge Community College	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Health Sciences Ed. Center	\$ 6,305,000	\$ 5,901,667	\$ 5,480,000	\$ 5,036,667	\$ 4,571,667	\$ 4,081,667	\$ 3,570,000	\$ 3,035,000	\$ 2,471,667	\$ 1,885,000
2013 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 1,634,000	\$ 806,360		-	ni a deveni					4
Patton Renovation / New Bldgs.	\$ 17,200,000	\$ 16,125,000	\$ 15,050,000	\$ 13,975,000	\$ 12,900,000	\$ 11,825,000	\$ 10,750,000	\$ 9,675,000	\$ 8,600,000	\$ 7,525,000
TOTAL BRCC	\$ 25,139,000	\$ 22,833,027	\$ 20,530,000	\$ 19,011,667	\$ 17,471,667	\$ 15,906,667	14,320,000	\$ 12,710,000	\$ 11,071,667	\$ 9,410,000
TOTAL EDUCATION DEBT PRINCIPAL	\$ 101,813,258	\$ 91,397,453	\$ 82,575,000	\$ 76,236,667	\$ 69,876,667	\$ 63,491,667	\$ 57,090,000	\$ 50,665,000	\$ 44,211,667	\$ 37,740,000

OUTSTANDING DEBT PRINCIPAL - COUNTY

Henderson County	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Detention Center Expansion		\$ 71,500,000	\$ 67,925,000	\$ 64,350,000	\$ 60,775,000	\$ 57,200,000	\$ 53,625,000	\$ 50,050,000	\$ 46,475,000	\$ 42,900,000
Emergency Services HQ	\$ 8,135,000	\$ 7,505,000	\$ 6,875,000	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 5,625,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,375,000	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 3,125,000	\$ 2,500,000
Health Sciences Ed. Center	\$ 12,610,000	\$ 11,803,333	\$ 10,960,000	\$ 10,073,333	\$ 9,143,333	\$ 8,163,333	\$ 7,140,000	\$ 6,070,000	\$ 4,943,333	\$ 3,770,000
2013 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 520,500			•					
2012 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 704,600									
2010 LEC / Court Services	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000			10.00				40.00	55.
OTAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT	\$ 23,524,600	\$ 91,828,833	\$ 85,760,000	\$ 80,673,333	\$ 75,543,333	\$ 70,363,333	\$ 65,140,000	\$ 59,870,000	\$ 54,543,333	\$ 49,170,000
TOTAL DEBT PRINCIPAL	\$125,337,858	\$183,226,286	\$168,335,000	\$156,910,000	\$145,420,000	\$133,855,000	\$122,230,000	\$110,535,000	\$ 98,755,000	\$ 86,910,000
FY DEBT PRINCIPAL CHANGE	\$ (13,645,571)	\$ 57,888,428	\$ (14,891,286)	\$ (11,425,000)	\$ (11,490,000)	\$ (11,565,000)	\$ (11,625,000)	\$ (11,695,000)	\$ (11.780.000)	\$ (11.845.000)

OUTSTANDING DEBT PRINCIPAL

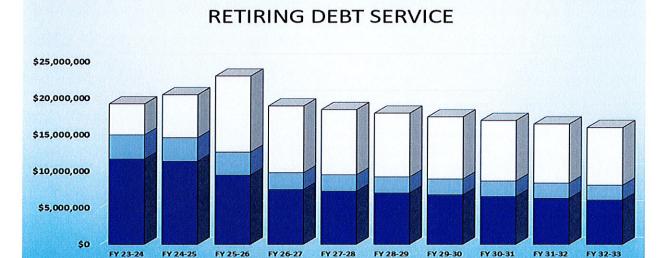


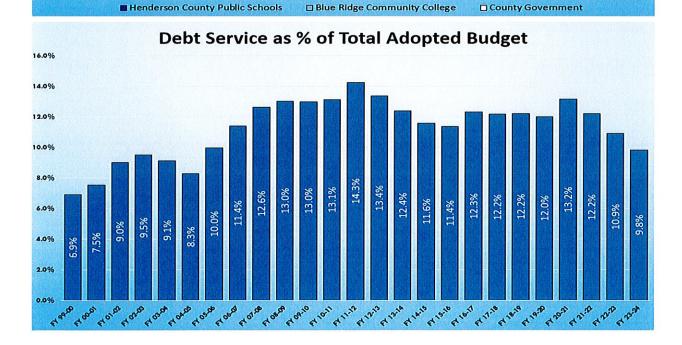
RETIRING DEBT SERVICE - EDUCATION

Henderson County Public Schools	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Hendersonville High School	\$ 4,540,088	\$ 4,434,888	\$ 4,324,688	\$ 4,193,438	\$ 4,062,188	\$ 3,930,938	\$ 3,799,688	\$ 3,668,438	\$ 3,537,188	\$ 3,405,938
Edneyville Elementary	\$ 2,037,069	\$ 1,976,069	\$ 1,915,069	\$ 1,854,069	\$ 1,793,069	\$ 1,732,069	\$ 1,666,069	\$ 1,605,319	\$ 1,544,569	\$ 1,483,819
2016 Innovative High School	\$ 1,549,313	\$ 1,512,750	\$ 1,464,000	\$ 1,415,250	\$ 1,366,500	\$ 1,317,750	\$ 1,269,000	\$ 1,220,250	\$ 1,176,375	\$ 1,132,475
2013 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 866,119	\$ 829,740	\$ 793,031					ż		-
2012 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 698,184	\$ 663,278								
2008 Hillandale / Mills River	\$ 1,934,102	\$ 1,887,200	\$ 926,012		P 100				19	
Professional Services	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
TOTAL HC PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$11,642,875	\$ 11,321,925	\$ 9,440,800	\$ 7,480,757	\$7,239,757	\$ 6,998,757	\$ 6,752,757	\$6,512,007	\$ 6,276,132	\$6,040,232
Blue Ridge Community College	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Health Sciences Ed. Center	\$ 661,373	\$ 662,015	\$ 661,740	\$ 661,782	\$ 660,740	\$ 661,865	\$ 661,048	\$ 660,773	\$ 661,648	\$ 660,998
2013 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 889,528	\$ 852,166	\$ 814,464		-				100	
Patton Renovation / New Bldgs.	\$ 1,741,500	\$ 1,698,500	\$ 1,655,500	\$ 1,612,500	\$ 1,569,500	\$ 1,526,500	\$ 1,483,500	\$ 1,440,500	\$ 1,397,500	\$ 1,354,500
Professional Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
TOTAL BRCC	\$ 3,297,401	\$ 3,217,681	\$ 3,136,704	\$ 2,279,282	\$ 2,235,240	\$ 2,193,365	\$ 2,149,548	\$ 2,106,273	\$ 2,064,148	\$ 2,020,498
	Parameter									
TOTAL EDUCATION DEBT SERVICE	\$14,940,276	\$ 14,539,606	\$12,577,504	\$ 9,760,039	\$ 9.474.997	\$ 9.192.122	\$ 8.902.305	\$8.618.280	\$8.340.280	\$ 8,060,730

RETIRING DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY

Henderson County	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Detention Center Expansion		\$ 1,742,813	\$ 7,060,625	\$ 6,881,875	\$ 6,703,125	\$ 6,524,375	\$ 6,345,625	\$ 6,166,875	\$ 5,988,125	\$ 5,809,37
Emergency Services HQ	\$ 988,513	\$ 963,313	\$ 931,813	\$ 895,313	\$ 864,063	\$ 832,813	\$ 801,563	\$ 770,313	\$ 739,063	\$ 720,31
Health Sciences Ed. Center	\$ 1,322,746	\$ 1,324,030	\$ 1,323,480	\$ 1,323,563	\$ 1,321,480	\$ 1,323,730	\$ 1,322,096	\$ 1,321,546	\$ 1,323,296	\$ 1,321,99
2013 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 585,216	\$ 560,635	\$ 535,831							
2012 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 756,366	\$ 718,551								
2010 LEC / Court Services	\$ 572,000	\$ 548,000	\$ 524,000	9 -						
Professional Services	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500
TOTAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT	\$ 4,238,341	\$ 5,870,842	\$ 10,389,249	\$ 9,114,251	\$ 8,902,168	\$ 8,694,418	\$ 8,482,784	\$ 8,272,234	\$ 8,063,984	\$ 7,865,18
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 19,178,617	\$20,410,448	\$ 22,966,753	\$ 18,874,290	\$ 18,377,165	\$ 17,886,540	\$ 17,385,089	\$ 16,890,514	\$ 16,404,264	\$15,925,91
TOTAL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE CHANGE	\$ (490,290)	\$ 1,231,831	\$ 2,556,305	\$ (4,092,463)	\$ (497,125)	\$ (987,750)	\$ (992,076)	\$ (996,026)	\$ (980,825)	\$ (478,350
TOTAL CUMULATIVE CHANGE (FROM FY23)	\$ 1,800,038	\$ 3,031,869	\$ 5,588,174	\$ 1,495,711	\$ 998,586	\$ 10,836	\$ (981,240)	\$ (1,977,266)	\$ (2,958,091)	\$(3,436,44





Financial Forecast

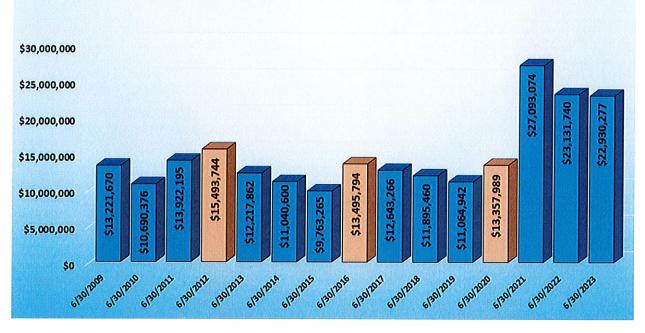


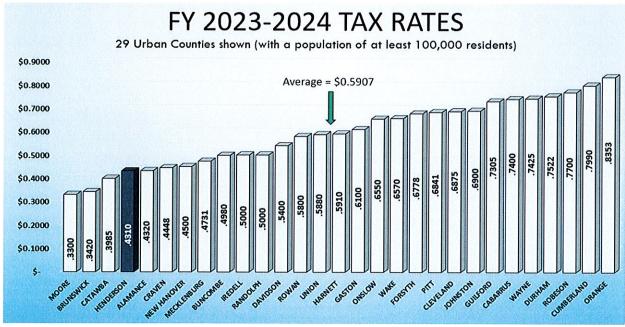
FY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL FORECAST

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE OVER THE BOARD'S 12% POLICY AS OF JULY 1, 2023

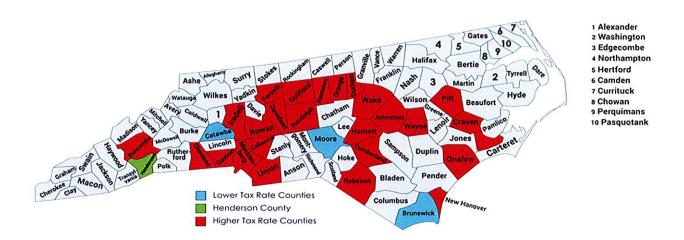
\$ 22,930,277

FUND BALANCE HISTORY - OVER 12% POLICY





MAP OF COMPARISON COUNTIES' TAX RATES



FY 2023-2024 TAX RATE

THE HENDERSON COUNTY TAX RATE OF \$0.4310 PER \$100 OF VALUATION:

☐ IS THE 4TH LOWEST TAX RATE OF THE 29 URBAN COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

(URBAN = POPULATION > 100,000)

☐ IS THE 12TH LOWEST TAX RATE OF ALL 100 COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

AMONG THE 29 URBAN COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA:

- ☐ THE HIGHEST TAX RATE IS \$0.8353 (ORANGE COUNTY)
- ☐ THE LOWEST TAX RATE IS \$0.3300 (MOORE COUNTY)
- ☐ THE AVERAGE TAX RATE IS \$0.5907

AMONG ALL 100 COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA:

- ☐ THE HIGHEST TAX RATE IS \$1.0450 (HYDE COUNTY)
- ☐ THE LOWEST TAX RATE IS \$0.2700 (MACON COUNTY)
- ☐ THE AVERAGE TAX RATE IS \$0.6448

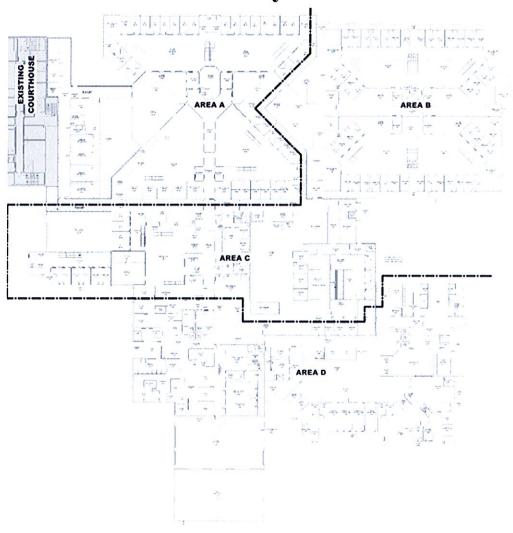
FY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL Expenditures	FORECAST	FY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL FORECAST Revenues			
FY 23-24 Revised Budget =	\$ 202,765,239	FY 23-24 Revised Budget =	\$ 202,765,239		
FY 24-25 Base Budget =	\$ 203,500,000	FY 24-25 Base Budget = FY 24-25 Fund Balance Appropriation =	\$ 180,600,000 \$ 22,900,000		

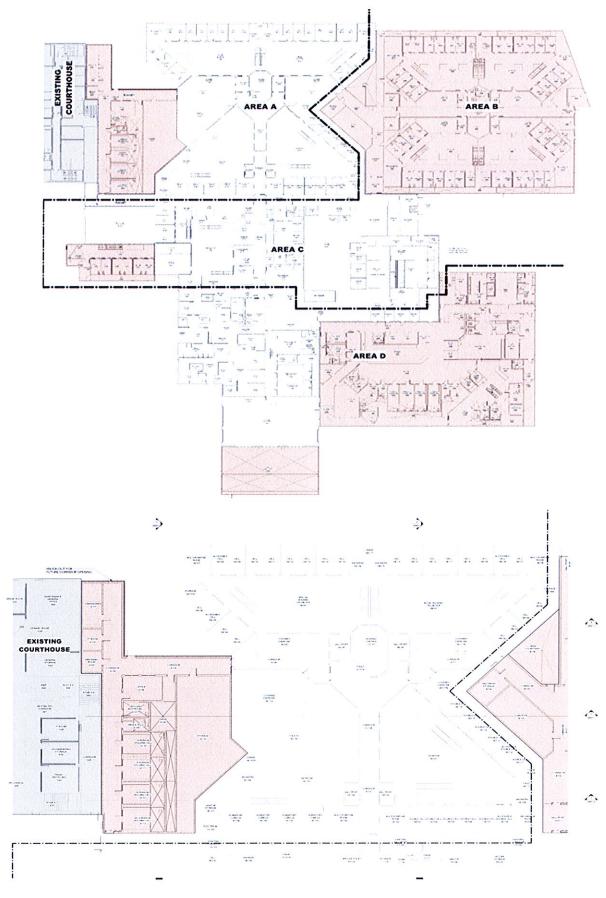
Updates and Emerging Issues

UPDATES AND EMERGING ISSUES ❖ CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

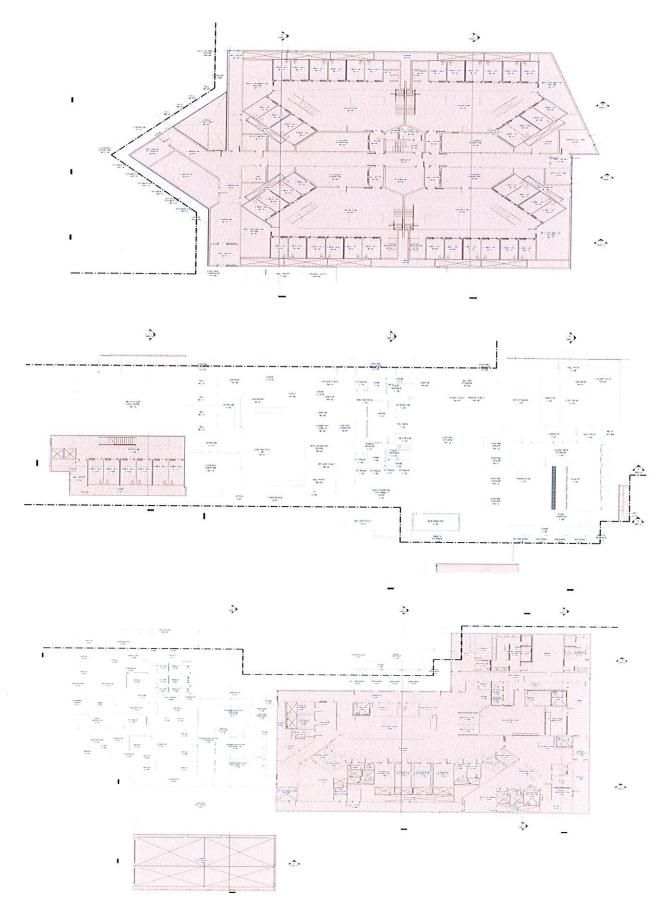
- HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- ❖ FY25 NON-PROFIT FUNDING REQUESTS
- ARPA UPDATE
- **OPIOID SETTLEMENT UPDATE**
- SOLID WASTE
 - THIRD BAY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
 - SHED 1 FLOOR REPLACEMENT

Henderson County Detention Center





Approved: February 5, 2024



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VFW



January 17^{th, 2024} VFW / JCAR Update

Bryan Rhodes

Interior Finishes

• Paint has currently begun on the second floor. Drywall finishing is in progress on 1st floor. By the time, the paint is complete on 2nd floor sheetrock will be ready on 1st for the painters to move down. At that point flooring can begin on 2nd floor and then also rotate down to 1st floor.





Community Hall

2nd Floor Restrooms

 These restrooms will be painted soon, and we can begin on the ceiling installation and ceramic tile floor



Exterior

Exterior is approx. 90-95% complete as far as brick repair. Roof coping should be complete within a few weeks. Concrete repair and the rest of site work is scheduled to start in the next couple weeks





Approved: February 5, 2024

In closing, Bryan Rhodes said in the coming months, finishes would start coming together and include paint, flooring, window, storefront installation, interior device trim out, and site work.

Henderson County Public Schools

Superintendent Mark Garrett presented the Henderson County Public Schools Budget Appropriation Request.





Henderson County Public Schools

County Appropriation Request Current Expense Appropriation 2024-2025

HCPS Allocations for 2023-24

Capital Outlay Appropriation[Annual Maintenance/Safety

Henderson County Board of Commissioners 2023 - 2024 Total Budget Allocation

Enhancements]

MRTS [Maintenance, Repairs, Technology, Safety]

\$4,603,500

\$1,500,000

\$32,878,000

Presented to the Board of Commissioners January 17, 2024

Total Allocations for 2023-24

\$38,981,500

HCPS Financial Contributions 2023-2024

☐ Estimated 23-24 Budget

\$34,838,000

\$34,378,000

HCPS Request (May 2023) **County Appropriation**

☐ Actual 23-24 Budget

□ \$36,379,317

\$34,378,000

\$2,001,317

Current HCPS Budget (November 2023)

County Appropriation

HCPS fund balance appropriated

☐ HCPS Fund Balance

\$5,532,000

available (4.22% of operating expenditures)

HCPS Financial Commitments	Amount	Source	Impact
Upgrade playgrounds	\$1,700,000	Federal ARPA funds	All 13 elementary school campuses





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HCPS Financial Commitments	Amount	Source	Impact
HVAC Improvement	\$2,300,000	Federal ESSER funds	15 schools





HCPS Financial Commitments	Amount	Source	Impact
Elementary reading program	\$1,100,000	Federal ESSER funds	All 13 elementary schools
HCPS Financial Commitments	Amount	Source	Impact
Purchase nine minivans	\$370,000	Federal ESSER funds	Disconnected Youth Task Force & school needs.
HCPS Financial Commitments	Amount	Source	<u>Impact</u>
East Henderson High Fencing Project	\$300,000	HCPS fund balance	Increased safety at East Henderson High





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HCPS Financial Commitments	Amount	Source	Impact
Community Eligibility Provision for meals	\$500,000	HCPS fund balance	Provides all students breakfast & lunch at no cost to families





HCPS Financial Commitments	Amount	<u>Source</u>	Impact
Upgrade playgrounds	\$1,700,000	Federal ARPA funds	All 13 elementary school campuses
HVAC: 15 Schools	\$2,300,000	Federal ESSER funds	15 schools
Elementary reading program	\$1,100,000	Federal ESSER funds	All 13 elementary schools
Purchase nine minivans	\$370,000	Federal ESSER funds	Disconnected Youth Task Force & school needs
East Henderson High Fencing Project	\$300,000	HCPS fund balance	Increased safety at East Henderson High
Community Eligibility Provision	\$500,000	HCPS fund balance	Providing all students breakfast & lunch at no cost to families
Total:	\$6,270,000		

Pending:

- □ \$4,500,000 state Safe Schools Grant application that will target security enhancements and mental health resources
- □ \$3,740,000 Needs Based Public Schools Capital Fund grant that will be applied to East Henderson High School HVAC replacement

Total HCPS Pending Financial Contributions: \$8,240,000

2024 - 2025 Total Budget Request



Request	<u>Total</u>
Current Funding Deficit	\$1,200,000
State Legislated Local Payroll Impact	\$779,000
Local Operational Increases	\$200,000
Statutory Charter School Contribution Increase	\$430,662
1.5% Increase to the Local Supplement	\$1,500,000
Maintain (5) Social Workers Positions	\$379,000
Maintain (3) Teaching Positions	\$231,000
Board Member Compensation Increase	\$9,600
Increase Coaching Scale by 1 percentage point	\$172,000
Current Funding (w/ Capital)	\$34,378,000
Total Preliminary Request	\$39,279,262

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY INITIATIVE PROJECTS PLANNED PROJECTS - DRAFT	FY 24-25
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	
Atkinson	
HVAC Replacement (3 Phases)	\$1,375,000
Sugarloaf	
HVAC Controls Upgrade	\$230,000
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	
All Middle Schools	
HVAC Controls Upgrade	\$475,000
Apple Valley	
Chiller Replacement	\$325,000
HIGH SCHOOLS	
North Henderson	
Chiller Replacement	\$325,000
HVAC Controls Upgrade	\$285,000
West Henderson	
HVAC Controls Upgrade	\$100,000
OTHER	
Technology - Chromebooks	\$300,000
Various - Roofing	\$500,000
Central Office - Contingency / Strategic Capital	\$88,500
Various - Paving	\$600,000
TOTAL	\$4,603,500

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2024 - 2025 Additional Appropriation Needs (based on General Assembly Budget Bill [H.B. 259])

State Legislated Local Payroll Impact: \$779,000		
(FY25 Legislated Salary(\$556,000), Hospital Retirement (\$88,000 @.5% increase)	ization Rate Increases(\$135,000), &	
Local Operational Increases: \$2	00,000	
(Property Insurance(flat)/Utility Rate Increa	ses(\$200,000))	
Statutory Charter School Contri	bution Increase: \$430,662	
1.5% Increase to Local Supplem	ent: \$1,500,000	
Non-Certified Staff	6.75% to 8.25%	
Certified Staff	9.00% to 10.50%	

HCPS Financial Contributions in FY24

In Process:

\$1,700,000 in federal ARPA funds to upgrade the playgrounds at all 13
elementary school campuses.
\$2,300,000 in federal ESSER dollars to complete HVAC projects at 15 schools
\$1,100,000 in federal ESSER dollars to purchase system wide elementary reading program
\$370,000 in federal ESSER dollars to purchase nine minivans to be used for the Disconnected Youth Task Force & school needs
\$300,000 from fund balance to complete security fencing project at East Henderson High School
\$1,000,000 from fund balance to guarantee all students breakfast & lunch at no cost to families

Total HCPS Financial Contributions: \$6,770,000

Vice-Chair Edney asked if the HCPS Board had prepared their school calendar for 2024 and if the calendar continued with the early state date that opposes the state's mandated start date. Mr. Garett said the calendar had been released for 2024-2025 and did include the early start date.

Blue Ridge Community College

Dr. Laura Leatherwood, president of Blue Ridge Community College, provided information on the FY24-25 Budget.

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BlueRidge

Year Two of Four-Year Plan

Dr. Laura B. Leatherwood, President

Blue Ridge Community College

SUCCESSES | NEW PROGRAMS



Artificial Intelligence



Entrepreneurship



Civil Engineering Technology



Environmental Engineering Technology



Elementary Education Residency



Medical Office Administration

SUCCESSES | NURSING EXAM



SUCCESSES | APPRENTICESHIP BLUE RIDGE





SUCCESSES | FALL '23 CREDENTIALS

Curriculum Graduates

Total Curriculum Credentials - 249 Total Curriculum Graduates - 197

Career & Technical Ed. Credentials

Accounting & Finance - 17 Associate in General Ed. - 3 Associate in General Ed.-Nursing - 1 Automotive Light-Duty Diesel - 1 Automotive Systems Technology -**Business Administration - 32** Collision Repair & Refinishing Tech. - 3 Computer-Integrated Machining - 9 Cosmetology - 10 Criminal Justice Technology - 6 Early Childhood Education - 26 Emergency Medical Science - 5 Film & Video Production Tech. - 2 Fire Protection Technology - 4

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Horticulture Technology - 4

Human Services Technology - 11 Information Technology - 4 Interpreter Education - 7 Mechanical Engineering Technology - 2 Mechatronics Engineering Technology - 6

Continuing Education Completers

Basic Law Enforcement Training - 17 Detention Officer Certification - 5 Emergency Medical Technician - 9 Healthcare Billing and Coding - 15 Medical Assistant - 37 Medication Aide - 27 Notary Public Education - 150 Nurse Aide I - 46 Paramedics - 2 Pharmacy Technician - 5 Phlebotomy Technician - 10

College Transfer Credentials

Associate in Arts (AA) - 22 AA - Teacher Prep. - 3 Associate in Engineering - 2 Associate in Science - 15 Associate in Fine Arts-Theatre - 1 Associate in Fine Arts-Visual Arts - 1

Basic Education

Adult HS Diploma - 2 HS Equivalency Diploma - 21





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GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023

Cannon Foundation: Bathrooms for Greenhouse	
Carolina Cyber Network: Security Network Lab	
Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trust No. One: Bathrooms for Greenhouse	\$100,000
Dogwood Health Trust: Early Childhood Education	
Recruiting & Success Initiative	\$950,000
Dogwood Health Trust: Early Childhood Education Student Scholarship	\$50,000
HCA Healthcare - Mission Health: Academic Partnership Fund	\$102,322
NC Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC)	\$15,000
UNC Health Pardee: Academic Partnership Fund	\$102,322
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult	\$273,784
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker	\$273,784
Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC)	\$1,441,125

TOTAL: \$3,658,337



- Award-Winning Patton Building
- Online Courses 5 National Awards
- Governor's Award of Volunteer Service
- Nursing Program Expansion
- Driving Simulator & Plasma Table
- Outstanding Registered Pre-Apprenticeship
- New Partnership: Wingate University

BUDGET | YEAR TWO

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	TOTAL
Operating	\$5,894,613	\$6,544,546	\$7,581,779	\$8,263,990	\$28,284,928
Capital Improvements	\$2,113,665	\$2,397,873	\$1,884,111	\$2,377,936	\$8,773,585
Facilities Building (New Construction)		\$7,652,469			\$7,652,469
Student Center (New Construction)				\$48,171,700	\$48,171,700
TOTAL	\$8,008,278	\$16,594,888	\$9,465,890	\$58,813,626	\$92,882,682

Capital & Operating Budget Request: \$16,594,888

Non-Profit Funding

At the Board's April 4, 2023, meeting, The Board adopted a new policy regarding Grants and Other Funding for Non-Profits. For FY25 funding requests, the application process began on September 15, 2023, with a deadline to apply of November 30, 2023. Applications were also updated to include endowment funding and salary expense information.

DUES & NON-PROFIT CONTRIBUTIONS				
Expenditures by Category	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 REQUESTED		
Non-Profits (569900)				
Agribusiness Henderson County (AgHC)	\$ 190,000	5 -		
Boy Scouts (Daniel Boone Council)	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000		
Flat Rock Playhouse	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		
NCAJ HS Moot Court	\$ 3,000	\$ -		
Human Service Non-Profits (569917)				
Aspire Youth & Family, Inc Kids at Work!	\$ 21,664	\$ 21,664		
Aspire Youth & Family, Inc Vocational Directions	\$ 16,680	\$ 16,680		
Back on Track Addiction Ministries	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
Back on Track Addiction Ministries - Expansion of Services	\$ 100,000			
Boys and Girls Club	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000		
Children & Family Resource Center	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000		
Council on Aging	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000		
The Free Clinics	\$ 30,000	\$ -		
Henderson County Education Foundation	\$ 50,000	\$ -		
The Hope Center	\$ 20,000	\$ 50,000		
Housing Assistance Corporation	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000		
Interfaith Assistance Ministry	\$ 20,000	\$ 45,000		
Literacy Connection (formerly Blue Ridge Literacy Council)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		
Love and Respect Community for Recovery and Wellness	\$ -	\$ 50,000		
The Mediation Center	\$ 10,500	\$ 15,000		
Medical Loan Closet	\$.	\$ 7,500		
Mills River Life Enrichment Center	\$ -	\$ 12,000		
Nulourny - Continuation Project	\$ -	\$ 200,000		
Nulourny - One Time Project	\$.	\$ 350,000		
Only Hope WNC	\$ 24,000	\$ 32,000		
Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center	\$ 20,000	\$ 100,000		
Piagah Legal Services	\$ 7,500	\$ 120,000		
Safelight	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
St. Gerard House	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		
United Way of Henderson County	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
Vocational Solutions	\$ 41,625	\$ 154,446		
WNCSource: Medical Transportation	5 11,100	\$ 23,000		
WNCSource: Community Transportation Grant Match	\$ 38,905	\$ 57,588		
on-Profits Funded in Other Departments				
Blue Ridge Humane Society - Funded in Animal Services (115438-538100)	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000		
First Contact Ministries - Funded in Detention (115432-539000)	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000		
Hubert M. Smith American Legion Post 77, Inc Funded in Veterans Services (115582-569900)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		
WNC Communities - Funded in Cooperative Extension (115495-569924)	\$ 7,000	5 7,000		
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ther Non-Profits Funded in the General Fund				
Rescue Squad (115442-569900)	\$ 757,750	\$ -		
Henderson County Heritage Museum Contribution (115494-569900)	\$ 100,000			
Economic Development (115498-569900)	\$ 459,000	\$ 434,000		

Vice-Chair Edney recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

Commissioner Lapsley was not present when the meeting reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

ARPA Update

			\$22,806,876				
ARP Project #	Project Description	ARP Eligibility (Expenditure Category)	State Eligibility	ARPA Enabled Projects \$ 10,000,000	ARP Eligible \$ 12,806,876	Actual As of December 31, 2023	Status
9031	Infusion Therapy - Pardee (8.18.21)	1.6 - Medical Expenses	§ 153A-449	No. of the last of	\$ 33,391	\$ 33,391.17	COMPLETE
9032	Infusion Therapy - Advent Health (9.15.21)	1.6 - Medical Expenses	§ 153A-449		\$ 18,248	\$ 18,247.69	COMPLETE
9070	Broadband GREAT Grant Funding (3.22.22)	5.17 - Broadband, Other Projects	§ 153A-459		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 50,000.00	IN PROGRESS
2059	Edneyville Sewer - Collection System (5.2.2022)	5.2 - Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection	§ 153A-274(2)		\$ 9,300,000	\$ -	IN PROGRESS
9050	Self Insurance Reimbursement (5.2.2022 and 11.7.2022)	1.6 - Medical Expenses	§ 153A-92(a)(d)		\$ 607,237	\$ 559,822.00	IN PROGRESS
9040	VFW Renovation and Repair (5.2.2022)	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	§ 153A-169	\$ 4,200,000		\$ 2,056,359.61	IN PROGRESS
9027	Fletcher EMS (5.2.2022)	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	§143-517, §153A-149(c)(5)	\$ 3,100,000		\$ 599,675.25	IN PROGRESS
9052	Mills River Tower Upgrade (5.2.2022)	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	§153A-149(c)(11)(17)	\$ 150,000		5	IN PROGRESS
9043	Stryker Power Load Systems (5.2.2022)	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	§143-517, §153A-149(c)(5)	S 115,138		\$ 115,138,25	COMPLETE
9047	Foster Care Services (7.20.2022)	3.8 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth	§ 108A-49		\$ 348,000	\$ 348,000,00	COMPLETE
2056	All Inclusive Playground (9.21.2022)	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	§ 160A-353(4)	\$ 400,000		\$ 400,000,00	COMPLETE
2065	Recreation Sports Complex (10.3.2022)	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	§153A-149(c)(11)(17)	\$ 2,034,862		\$ -	NOT STARTED
9069	Apple Ridge Housing Project (11.7.2022)	5.18 - Water and Sewer: Other	§ 153A-274(2)		\$ 1,500,000	5	NOT STARTED

Commissioner Lapsley joined the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Opioid Settlement Update

Behavioral Health Systems Director Jodi Grabowski updated the Board on the Department of Strategic Health.

Opioid Settlement 2023

In 2023 we engaged the community in our planning, completed required strategic planning, and created the County's first Adult Recovery Court

- 2: Conferences attended by County staff and stakeholders to learn processes & regulations
- 5: Required meetings to engage community members, stakeholders and local government
- 7: Planning meetings held toward creation of the Adult Recovery Court
- 13: Workgroup meetings toward determining the best course of action for Henderson County's Opioid Settlement funding
- 1 : Recovery Court Coordinator hired
- 4: Resolutions to authorize funds for conferences, positions, and Adult Recovery Court
- 44: Page Strategic Plan completed and submitted to NCACC/CORE-NC

Opioid Settlement 2024

In 2024 we will implement the strategies set forth in the Henderson County Strategic Plan for initial use of our Opioid Settlement Funds.

- **92**: Page document submitted to NCACC/CORE-NC to "Unlock" Exhibit B, to allow more flexibility in spending (i.e., ability to fund Prevention Strategies). As of 1/12/24 this is officially "unlocked", and we can move forward.
- 1: Fully operational Adult Recovery Court, meeting twice a month, beginning February 14
- 2: Reentry Specialists (aka Navigators) will be assigned to the Detention Center
- 2: Peer Support Specialists will be hired to co-respond with EMS & other first responders, and to support substance involved families through DSS
- 4: Additional Strategies planned to support Prevention and Intervention (mainly targeting youth and families).

Budgeting



Annual Budget

The agreed upon strategies will be included in the Annual Budget.

Since we do not yet know how much will be needed for Housing and Treatment for program participants, a "not to exceed" amount will be budgeted for these, with priority given to Adult Recovery Court participants.

Resolutions

We will make every effort to anticipate funding for our strategies and programs to minimize use of Resolutions for additional authorizations.

Additional 2024 Priorities

Suicide Prevention and Youth Mental Health

We have scheduled a meeting in February to address Youth Mental Health in our community. Given the increase in youth self-harm, overdose, and suicide completion we will consider models for community suicide prevention and crisis response. Any new initiatives for suicide prevention will be led by the person taking the Behavioral Health Coordinator role at the Health Department.

Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM)

I have suggested creating an emergency response team for behavioral health events that might impact a large segment of the population. This has been positively received and we will consider national models for this as well.

Community Paramedic Program

In recent years stakeholders from Henderson County Behavioral Health have asked the County to consider creating a Community Paramedic Program.

I have discussed this with our Emergency Management and Sheriff's offices, and we've visited other Counties' programs. These programs tend to reduce the impact of frequent/inappropriate usage of EMS and the Emergency Room.

Community Paramedic Program

Captain Scott Galloway and EMS Operations Support Officer Ben Applehome shared information about the Community Resource Team.

Henderson County Sheriff's Office and Henderson County EMS

Community Resource Team

There were 532 overdoses in 2023, 40 of which involved children, 31 overdose deaths, and two prosecutions for death by distribution.

- 165 patients utilized EMS 5+ times in a single year.
 - One individual utilized EMS 26 times.
 - In 2017, 20 highest utilizers cost Henderson County \$137,000
- Increasing emergency services responses to homeless population
- Fire departments respond to 1,800 assist invalid calls annually

Common Challenges, Common Solutions

- Community Resource Team
 - 1 Detective
 - 2 Community Paramedics
- Benefits
 - Improved coordination
 - Different approaches/skill sets
 - Safety
 - Accountability and transparency

Community Paramedicine in NC

59 out of 100 counties are served by a community paramedic program or are currently developing a community paramedic program



Unit Responsibilities

- Overdose follow-ups
 - Assist patients with resources for long-term recovery
- Response to public safety referrals. Examples include:
 - Frequent utilizers of EMS
 - Behavioral health patients with LE encounters
 - High-frequency/high risk assist invalid calls
- Facilitating connection with community resources
- Public education

Program Costs

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 - •\$153,864 in FY 24/25
 - \$84,647 annually for detective
- EMS
 - •\$407,521 in FY 24/25
 - \$231,031 in ongoing annual costs
- Potential to offset with opioid settlement and/or grant funding

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Community Benefits

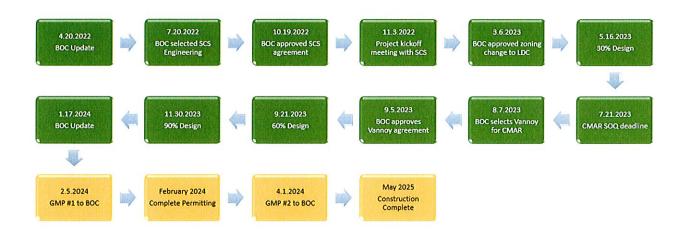
- Improve health and wellness of program participants
 - Address needs not currently met by EMS and/or LE response
 - Focus on long-term solutions instead of acute stabilization
- Decrease impact of substance abuse in Henderson County
 - Assist individuals in moving away from substance abuse
 - Reduce the negative effects of substance abuse in our community, including associated crimes and family impacts
- Decrease frequency of emergency services responses

Solid Waste

Third Transfer Station Bay

Project Update and Funding

Project History and Schedule



Third Transfer Station Bay

Project Expenses:

- Total Project (estimate): \$10 million
- Total Construction (estimate): \$8.5 million
- GMP#1 apparent low bid (estimate): \$2.2 million (shed 1 floor)
- CMAR Pre-Construction: \$37,875
- Design: \$441,185
- Proof of Concept Study: \$49,000

Third Transfer Station Bay

Staff Funding Recommendation:

- The County Engineer recommends proceeding with a stand alone borrowing for the Third Bay Project.
- The debt service would be reflected in Solid Waste. The General Fund may be required to transfer funds for the annual payments to the Solid Waste Fund, depending on the status of Solid Waste fund.
- Note: The Board approved a Reimbursement Resolution at the August 7, 2023 meeting, so invoices paid prior to the start Detention Center project can be included in the debt package.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Vice-Chair Edney noted that there were 35 non-profit requests. He proposed that each of those non-profits present on their proposals at the April or March mid-month meeting. He also requested, from Emergency Services, the numbers on transportation to include transport destinations and wait times. Regarding Pre-Trial Diversion, he asked that the information about this program be provided to the Board. In closing, he noted that he would address the Henderson County Public Schools school calendar issue before the budget is adopted.

Commissioner Lapsley asked Jerrie McFalls for a brief update on Medicaid expansion. Mrs. McFalls said that 2,600 people have moved to Medicaid expansion and that 1,600 of those had been moved automatically because they were on a lesser Medicaid and had been moved to a better Medicaid. The staff has approved 800 to 1000 applicants in the past six weeks, with several pending applications. She said applicants could apply using E Pass or the Federal Marketplace. However, the local DSS office ultimately receives those applications to process. She said the DSS office receives approximately 500 calls about Medicaid expansion daily. The seven new positions that the Board approved have all been filled. However, two of those employees had already resigned. Currently, there are 11 vacancies in Food Stamps and Medicaid combined. She said two new hires started yesterday, and Human Resources is working through the screening process with four additional potential employees. Staff continues to bear heavy workloads.

Commissioner Hill noted that \$195M was budgeted last year, and the revised budget came in at \$203M, about a 4% growth above what was budgeted. Fortunately, there were funds to cover that. He asked that departments and Staff look to cut costs where possible to combat inflation.

Commissioner Andreotta stated that Public Safety is paramount, followed by the education system. Andreotta briefly spoke regarding the courthouse and detention center's need for additional space. He said there is a real problem when an Assistant District Attorney is talking to a victim of crime at a desk in a hallway; that is unacceptable. He challenged county staff to find ways to cut costs.

Vice-Chair Edney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 pm. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Denisa A. Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman

During the January 17, 2024, regular meeting, the Board enacted the following: 2024.012 Proclamation – Apple Growers Day in Henderson County 2024.013 Etowah Library Outdoor Space – Budget Amendment 2024.014 Resolution – Opioid Settlement Fund Expenditure Authorization

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PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY AS APPLE GROWERS DAY IN HENDERSON COUNTY

- WHEREAS, Henderson County has produced apples since the 1700s and leads North Carolina in the production of apples; and
- WHEREAS, apples are worth more than \$35 million per year to the county economy; and
- WHEREAS, over 2.25 million bushels of apples are produced on around four thousand acres of orchards per year in Henderson County; and
- WHEREAS, apple farmers, their families, their farm employees, and other associated workers put in countless hours, risk untold dollars, and labor all year long to produce the county's famous apple crop; and
- WHEREAS, historically, apples have been the signature crop for Henderson County and continue to be the reason many people flock here to purchase our delicious fruit and enjoy our beautiful apple farms; and
- WHEREAS, Henderson County is home to the North Carolina Apple Festival; and
- WHEREAS, Henderson County's warm days, cool nights, and ample rainfall provide ideal conditions for apples with good color, finish, and a sweet natural flavor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday of February as Apple Growers Day in Henderson County and urge the citizens of the County to honor, pay tribute, and support our apple industry.

In witness whereof all have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 17th day of January 2024.

REBECCA MCCALL, CHAIRMAN

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA LAUFFER. CLERKATO THE BOARD

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Etowah Library Outdoor Space – Budget Amendment

PRESENTER: Samantha Reynolds, Finance Director

ATTACHMENTS: Yes - Budget Amendment

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On June 5, 2023, the Board approved a Budget Amendment to recognize restricted funding for the Etowah Library outdoor space project. The funding is derived from the Betty A and Richard J Scott Endowment held by the Friends of the Library.

Due to cost estimates, an additional \$45,000 is necessary to complete the project. The Board is now requested to approve a Budget Amendment to recognize additional restricted funding for the Etowah Library outdoor space project. The additional fund amount of \$45,000 is derived from the Betty A and Richard J Scott Endowment held by the Friends of the Library. No county funds will be spent for this project.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the Budget Amendment to recognize additional restricted funding to fund the Etowah Library outdoor space project.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to the budget amendment as presented, recognizing additional restricted funding to fund the Etowah Library outdoor space project.

LINE-ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST HENDERSON COUNTY



Department:	FINANCE			
Please make the	e following line-item transfers:			
What expense	e line-item is to be increased?	?		
	Account 405400-554000-9064	Line-Item Description CAPITAL OUTLAY - LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS	Amount \$45,000	
What expense	line-item is to be decreased	? Or what additional revenue is now expected?		
	Account 404400-492005-9064	Line-Item Description LIBRARY DONATIONS/ENDOWMENTS	Amount \$45,000	
OF THE LIBRAR	R ADDITIONAL RESTRICTED F	ion for this line-item transfer request. UNDING FROM THE BETTY A AND RICHARD J SCOTT ENI OUTDOOR SPACE PROJECT. BOC APPROVED ORIGINAL		
Authorized by D	Department Head	Date	For Budget Use Only	
Authorized by B	Budget Office	Date	Batch # BA # Ratch Date	
Authorized by C	County Manager	Date	Batch Date	

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution – Opioid Settlement Fund Expenditure Authorization

PRESENTER: Jodi Grabowski, Behavioral Health System Coordinator

ATTACHMENT(S): Yes

1. Budget Amendment

2. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the Board's August 16, 2023 meeting, the Board approved a Budget Amendment which included supplies associated with the Adult Recovery Court Coordinator. This request includes an additional appropriation for the remainder of the fiscal year to purchase necessary testing supplies.

In addition to the Budget Amendment, the Board must also adopt a Resolution per the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation which dictates the process for drawing from the Special Revenue Fund.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Budget Amendment and Resolution authorizing the expenditure of opioid settlement funds for drug testing supplies as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board adopt the Resolution authorizing the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as presented, and the associated Budget Amendment for drug testing supplies.



HENDERSON COUNTY

Department:	Opioid Settlement Fund		
Please make t	the following line-item transfers:		
What expens	se line-item is to be increased	?	
	Account 515500-526000-2070	Line-Item Description DEPT SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	Amount \$10,000
What expens	e line-item is to be decreased Account 514500-401000-2070	? Or what additional revenue is now ex Line-Item Description OPIOID FUND BALANCE APP	pected? Amount \$10,000
Justification TO BUDGET F	Please provide a brief justifica OR DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	ation for this line-item transfer request. BOC APPROVED 1.17.2024	
Authorized by	Department Head	Date	For Budget Use Only
Authorized by Budget Office		Date	Batch #
	County Manager	Date	Batch Date

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HENDERSON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Before the Board of Commissioners

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF HENDERSON TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENACTMENT 2024.014

WHEREAS Henderson County previously joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and,

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and

WHEREAS Henderson County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. <u>Budget item or resolution required</u>. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
- b. <u>Budget item or resolution details</u>. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the MOA. Henderson County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

- 1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: <u>Criminal Justice Diversion Programs</u>
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 10
 - d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: not to exceed \$10,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date <u>January 17, 2024</u> through End date <u>June 30, 2024</u>
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: <u>drug testing supplies associated with Adult Recovery Court activities</u>
 - g. Provider: Henderson County

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds at this time appropriated is not to exceed \$10,000.

Adopted this the 17th day of January, 2024.

R'EBECCA K. MCCALL, CHAIRMAN

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA LAUFEER, CLERK TO THE BOARD

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:

05 FEBRUARY 2024

SUBJECT:

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

PRESENTER:

TAX COLLECTOR

ATTACHMENTS:

YES

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The attached report from the office of the Tax Collector is provided for the Board's information.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No action required, for information only.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

No action required, for information only.

Henderson County Tax Collector

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Thursday, January 25, 2024

Re: Tax Collector's Report to Commissioners - Meeting Date February 5, 2024

Please find outlined below collections information through January 24, 2024 for 2023 real and personal property bills mailed on August 21, 2023. Vehicles taxes are billed monthly by NC DMV.

Henderson County Annual Bills (Real and Personal Property):

2023 Beginning Charge: \$99,211,072.13 Unpaid Discoveries & Imm. \$210,289.80 4.02% Releases & Refunds: (\$272,902.59)Net Charge: \$99,148,459.34 Unpaid Taxes: \$3,984,220.37 Paid **Amount Collected:** \$95,164,238.97 95.98%

Henderson County Registered Motor Vehicles (As Collected by NC DMV):

Net Charge: \$4,291,546.76 Unpaid Taxes: \$14,493.29

Amount Collected: \$4,277,053.47

99.66%

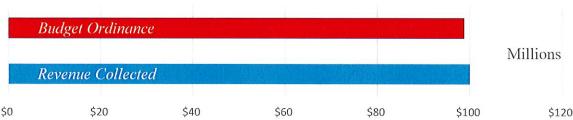
Henderson County FY24 Budget Analysis:

 Budget Ordinance
 Revenue Collected

 Ad Valorem:
 \$97,695,412.00
 Ad Valorem:
 \$99,441,292.44

 Prior Years:
 \$1,041,250.00
 Prior Years:
 \$547,911.19

 Budget Total:
 \$98,736,662.00
 YTD Revenue:
 \$99,989,203.63



Respectfully Submitted,

Luke Small

Deputy Tax Collector

Harry Rising

Tax Administrator