

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

Commissioner 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

Approved:

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.

Approved:



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.

Approved:

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.

Henderson County Annual Bills (Real and Personal Property):

2023 Beginning Charge:	\$99,211,072.13
Discoveries & Imm. Irreg.:	\$210,289.80
Releases & Refunds:	(\$269,279.61)
<u>Net Charge:</u>	<u>\$99,152,082.32</u>
Unpaid Taxes:	\$14,174,307.64
Amount Collected:	\$84,977,774.68



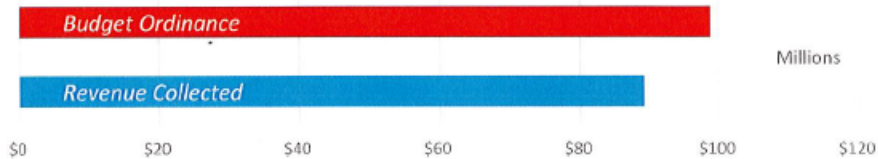
Henderson County Registered Motor Vehicles (As Collected by NC DMV):

Net Charge:	\$3,897,966.76
Unpaid Taxes:	\$12,790.62
Amount Collected:	\$3,885,176.14

99.67%

Henderson County FY24 Budget Analysis:

	<u>Budget Ordinance</u>	<u>Revenue Collected</u>
Ad Valorem:	\$97,695,412.00	\$88,862,950.82
Prior Years:	\$1,041,250.00	\$464,165.92
Budget Total:	\$98,736,662.00	YTD Revenue: \$89,327,116.74



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.

Approved:

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.

Approved:

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

FY 2023-2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

- FY 2023-2024 EXPENDITURES
- FY 2023-2024 REVENUES
- FY 2023-2024 SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
- CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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

Approved:

FY23-24 EXPENDITURES

County Department	BOC Adopted	Revisions <small>(as of 12.31.23)</small>	Revised Budget	\$ Expended <small>(as of 12.31.23)</small>	% Expended <small>(as of 12.31.23)</small>
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%

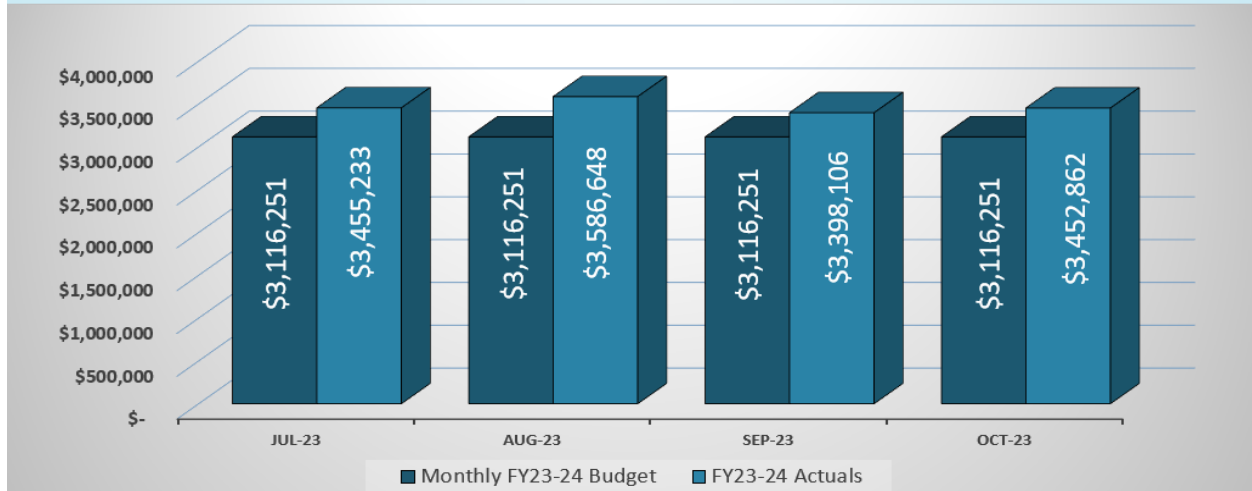
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ROAP (Rural Operating Assistance)	\$ 201,384	\$ -	\$ 201,384	\$ 81,698	40.6%
Social Services	\$ 18,632,212	\$ (119,526)	\$ 18,512,686	\$ 8,390,799	45.3%
DSS – Federal & State	\$ 3,961,369	\$ 132,779	\$ 4,094,148	\$ 1,306,396	31.9%
DSS – General Assistance	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 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

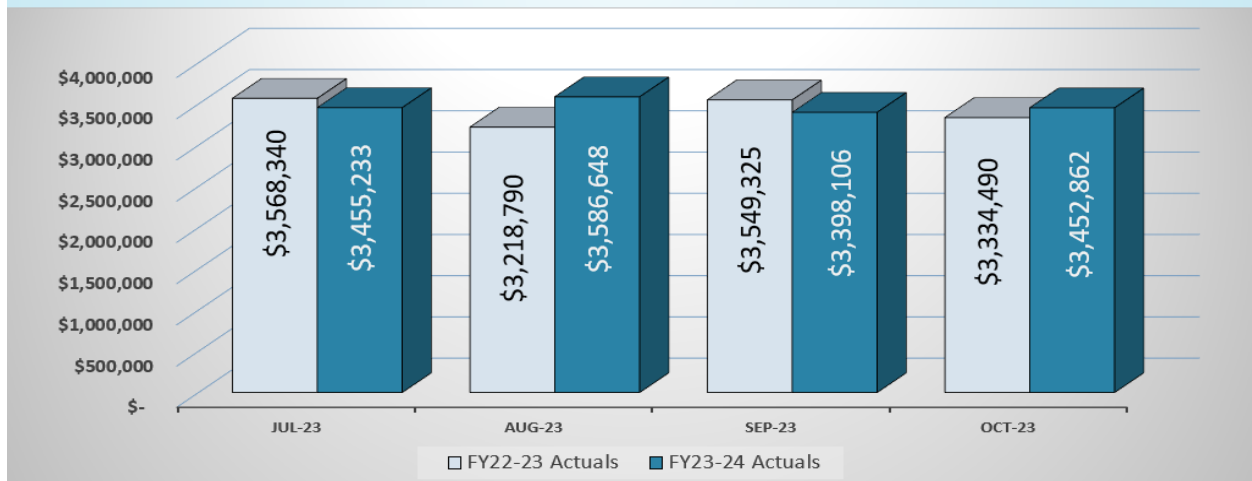
Year to Date Variance = \$1,427,845 (first 4 months)



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)



Approved:

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
FY 2010	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund	\$772,677	\$3,209,872
	Appropriation - Compressed Natural Gas Project	(\$35,000)	\$3,174,872
FY 2011	Appropriation - Parks and Recreation Projects	(\$156,249)	\$3,018,623
	Appropriation - Tuxedo Mill Demolition	(\$143,324)	\$2,875,299
	Appropriation - Law Enforcement Center	(\$1,058,347)	\$1,816,952
	Deposit - Progress Energy (Bent Creek Easement)	\$8,500	\$1,825,452
FY 2012	Appropriation - Boyd Property	(\$750,000)	\$1,075,452
	Deposit - Sale of Nuckolls Building	\$700,000	\$1,775,452
FY 2013	Appropriation - Parks and Recreation Projects	(\$535,039)	\$1,240,413
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Recreation)	\$200,000	\$1,440,413
	Appropriation - Parks and Recreation Projects	(\$26,848)	\$1,413,565
FY 2014	Appropriation - 1995 Courthouse Congressional Office	(\$26,899)	\$1,386,666
	Appropriation - 1995 Courthouse Renovations	(\$1,000,000)	\$386,666
FY 2015	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Recreation)	\$400,000	\$786,666
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Debt Service)	\$923,463	\$1,710,129
	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$1,785,129
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Conditional School Funding)	\$166,183	\$1,951,312
	Appropriation - Tuxedo Park	(\$177,269)	\$1,774,043
	Appropriation - Dana Park	(\$195,978)	\$1,578,065
FY 2016	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$1,653,065
FY 2017	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$1,728,065
	Appropriation - Transfer P&I Software Reserve to Project Fund	(\$75,000)	\$1,653,065
	Appropriation - Transfer to Debt Service Fund (FY15 Debt Roll-Off)	(\$923,463)	\$729,602
FY 2018	Deposit - P&I Software	\$75,000	\$804,602
	Appropriation - Transfer P&I Software Reserve to Project Fund	(\$225,000)	\$579,602
	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
FY 2019	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
	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
FY 2020	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
	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

Approved:

FY 2021	Appropriation - DSS Document Management System (10.21.20)	(\$105,631)	\$4,737,683
	Appropriation - 1995 Courthouse Congressional Office (12.7.20)	(\$30,000)	\$4,707,683
	Appropriation - Garrison Property Purchase (1.20.21)	(\$1,175,226)	\$3,532,457
	Appropriation - Etowah Walking Trail (1.20.21)	(\$80,000)	\$3,452,457
	Deposit - Garrison Property Purchase Differential	\$1,892	\$3,454,349
	Appropriation - Oklawaha Greenway Flooding Study (2.17.21)	(\$15,000)	\$3,439,349
	Appropriation - VFW Purchase (4.5.21)	(\$52,715)	\$3,386,634
	Deposit - Garrison Property Down Payment	\$5,000	\$3,391,634
FY 2022	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (County Capital)	\$1,644,808	\$5,036,442
	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (Volunteer Fire Depts.)	\$250,000	\$5,286,442
	Appropriation - VFW Assessment Expenses (1.3.22)	(\$20,000)	\$5,266,442
FY 2023	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (County Capital)	\$1,710,808	\$6,977,250
	Appropriation - AAC Generator (3.6.23)	(\$17,388)	\$6,959,862
	Appropriation - QRV Purchase (3.6.23)	(\$35,000)	\$6,924,862
	Appropriation - State Budget Allocation / Project Variance (4.3.23)	(\$95,000)	\$6,829,862
FY 2024	Deposit - Transfer from General Fund (JCAR)	\$4,603,500	\$11,433,362
	Appropriation - VFW Renovation (7.19.23)	(\$1,258,765)	\$10,174,597
	Appropriation - Lower Tennis Courts repair at Jackson Park (10.2.23)	(\$300,000)	\$9,874,597
BALANCE			\$9,874,597

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

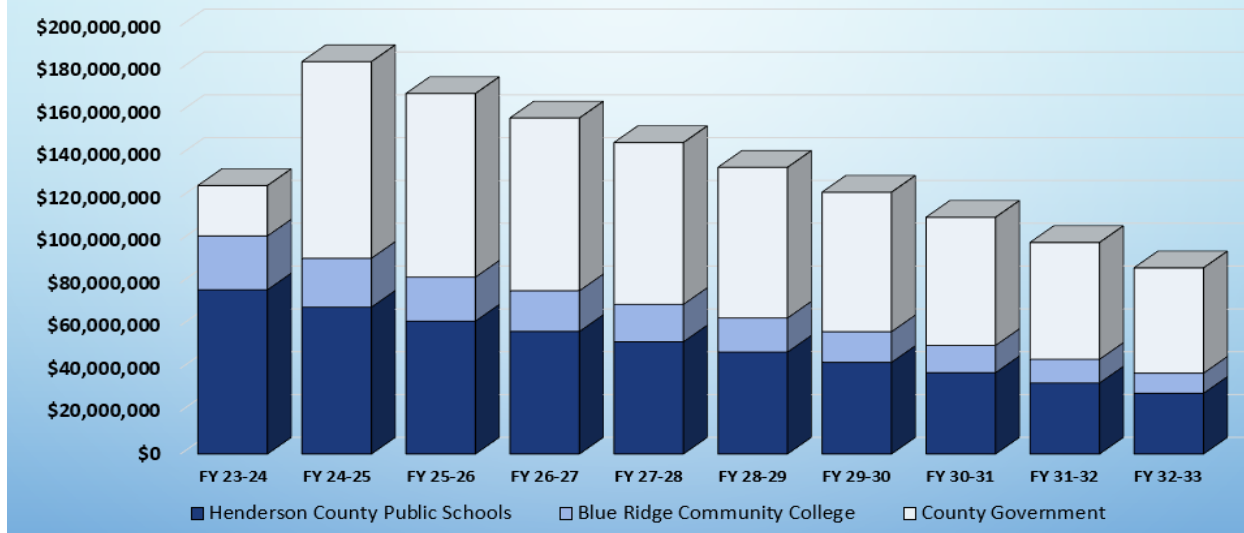
Henderson County Public Schools	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Hendersonville High School	\$ 42,005,000	\$ 39,375,000	\$ 36,750,000	\$ 34,125,000	\$ 31,500,000	\$ 28,875,000	\$ 26,250,000	\$ 23,625,000	\$ 21,000,000	\$ 18,375,000
Edneyville Elementary	\$ 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2008 Hillandale / Mills River	\$ 2,742,858	\$ 914,286	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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

Approved:

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 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

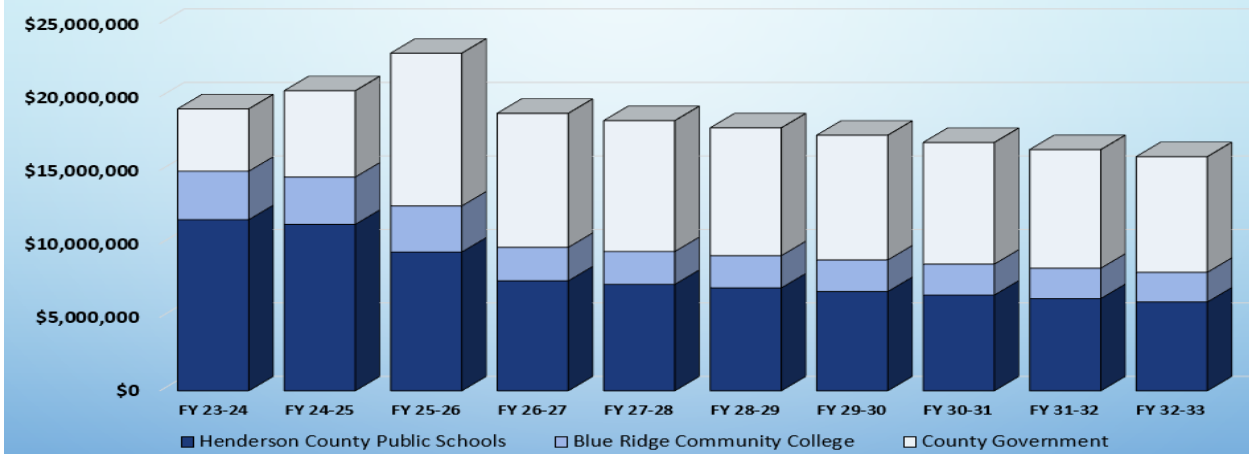
Henderson County Public Schools	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
Hendersonville High School	\$ 4,540,088	\$ 4,434,888	\$ 4,324,688	\$ 4,193,438	\$ 4,062,188	\$ 3,930,938	\$ 3,799,688	\$ 3,668,438	\$ 3,537,188	\$ 3,405,938
Edneyville Elementary	\$ 2,037,069	\$ 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012 Refinancing Bonds	\$ 698,184	\$ 663,278	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2008 Hillandale / Mills River	\$ 1,934,102	\$ 1,887,200	\$ 926,012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
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

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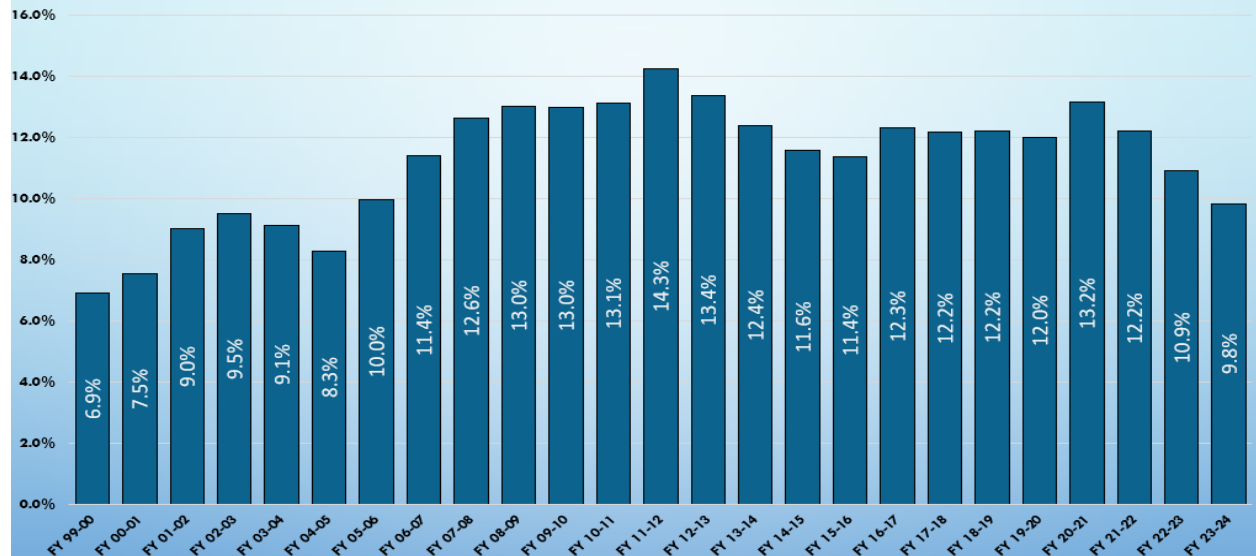
RETIRING DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY

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	\$ 5,809,375
Emergency Services HQ	\$ 988,513	\$ 963,313	\$ 931,813	\$ 895,313	\$ 864,063	\$ 832,813	\$ 801,563	\$ 770,313	\$ 739,063	\$ 720,313
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	\$ 1,321,996
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	\$ 7,865,184
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	\$ 15,925,914
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)	\$ (3,438,441)

RETIRING DEBT SERVICE



Debt Service as % of Total Adopted Budget



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Financial Forecast

FINANCIAL FORECAST

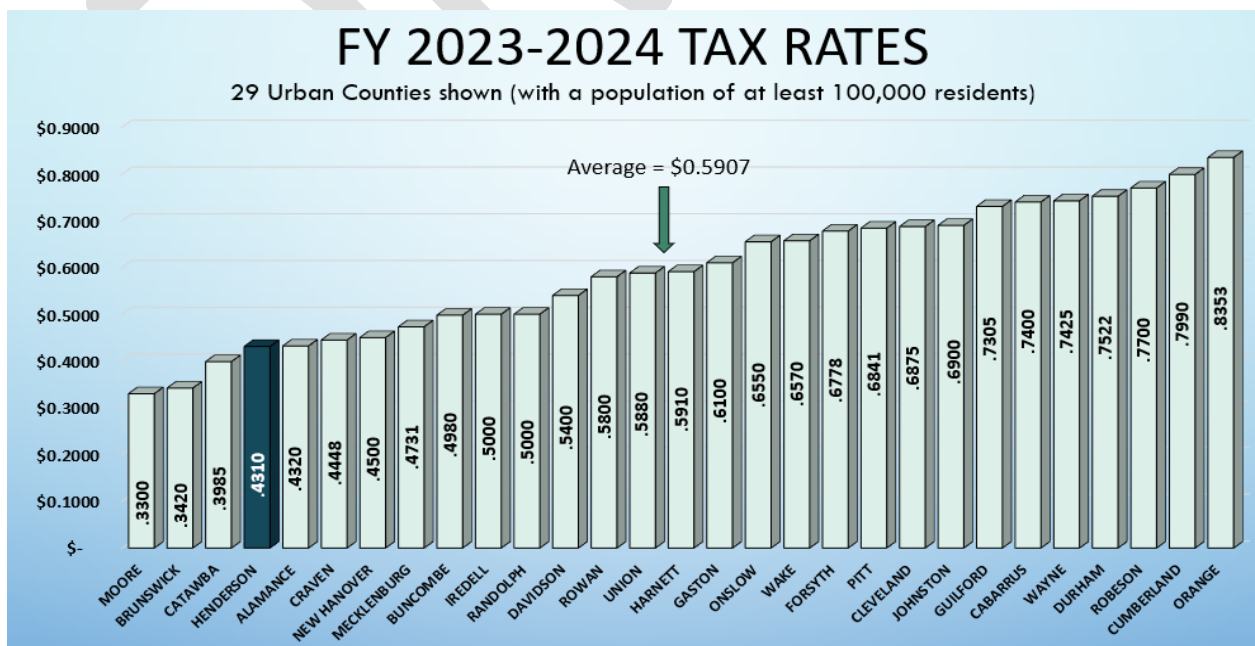
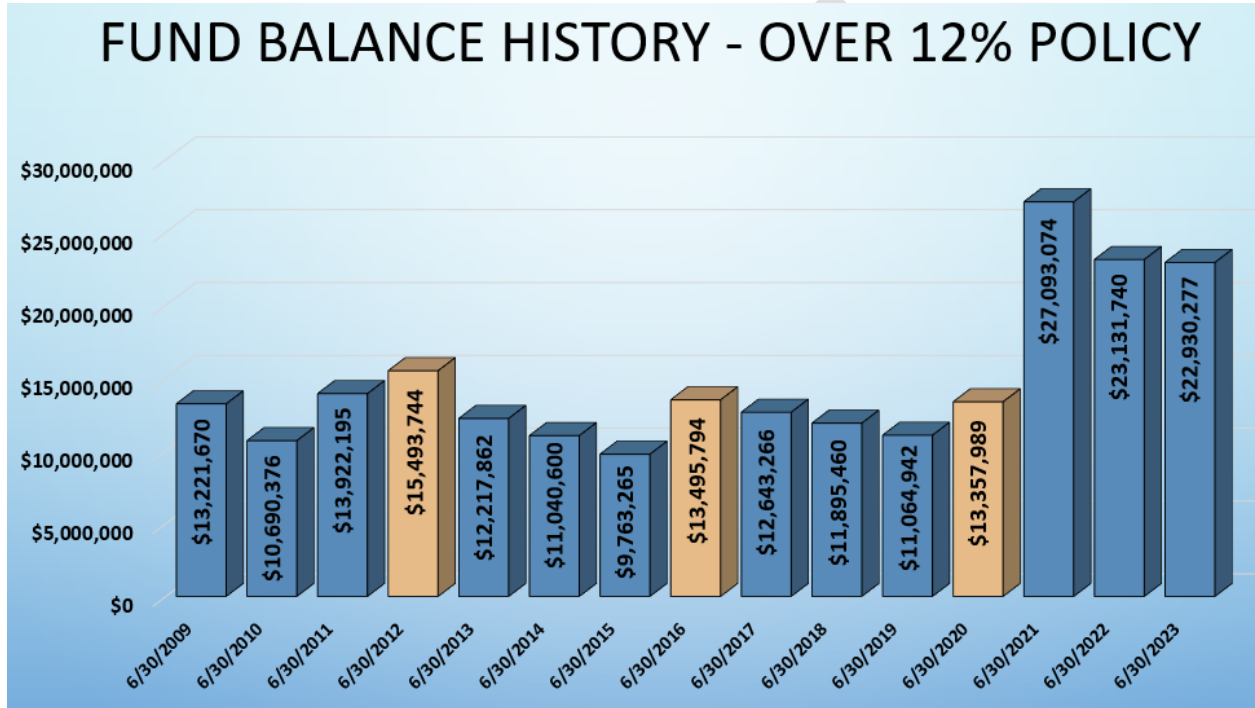


- FUND BALANCE HISTORY
- COMPARABLE COUNTY TAX RATES
- FY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL FORECAST

FY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL FORECAST

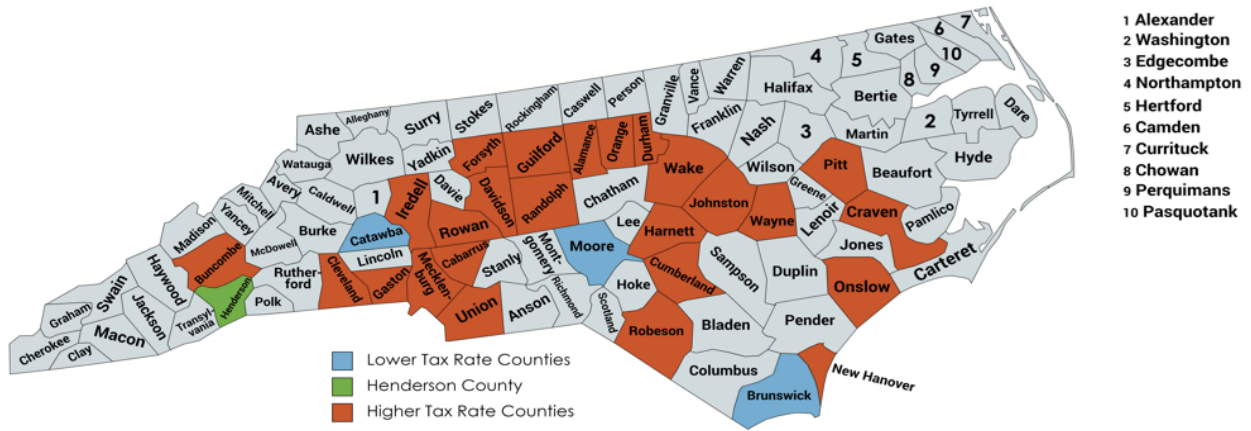
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE OVER THE BOARD'S 12% POLICY AS OF JULY 1, 2023

\$ 22,930,277



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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 FORECAST

Expenditures

FY 23-24 Revised Budget = \$ 202,765,239

FY 24-25 Base Budget = \$ 203,500,000

FY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL FORECAST

Revenues

FY 23-24 Revised Budget = \$ 202,765,239

FY 24-25 Base Budget = \$ 180,600,000

FY 24-25 Fund Balance Appropriation = \$ 22,900,000

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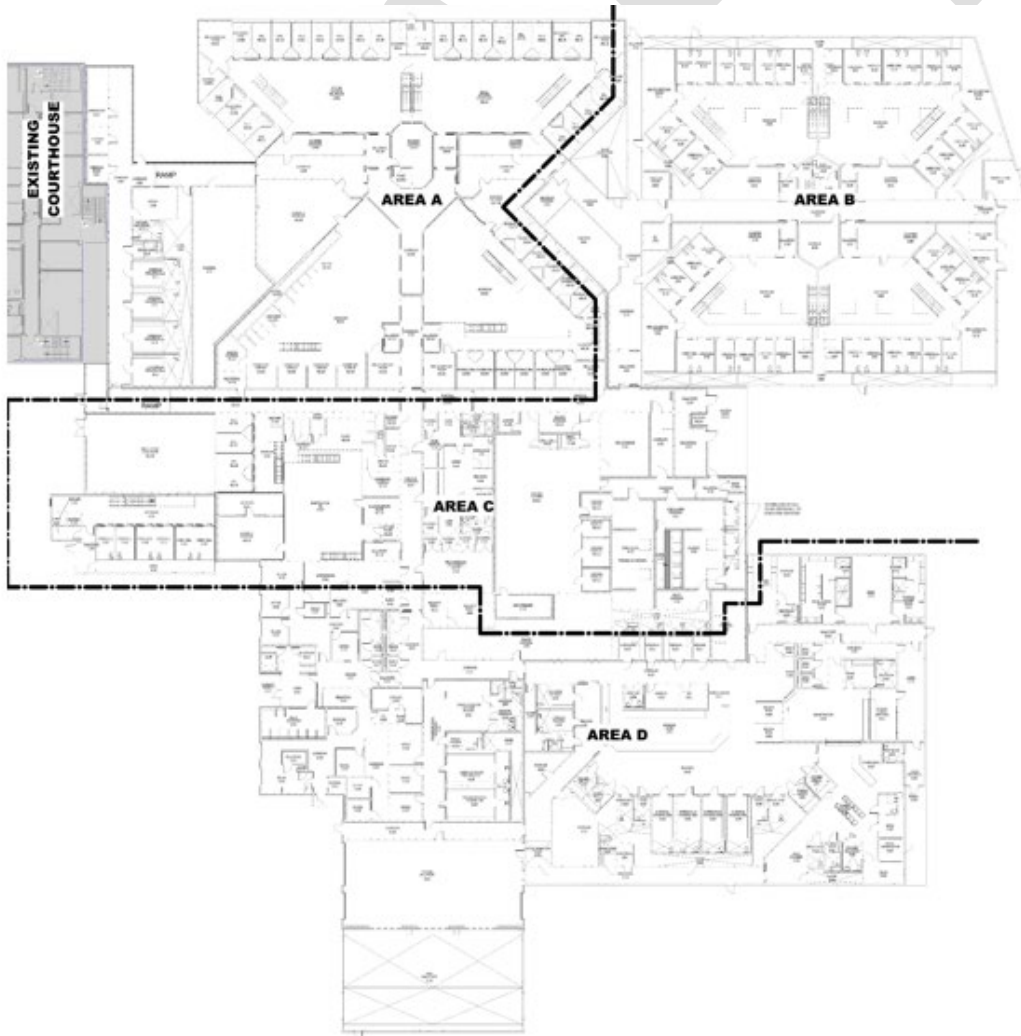
Updates and Emerging Issues

UPDATES AND EMERGING ISSUES

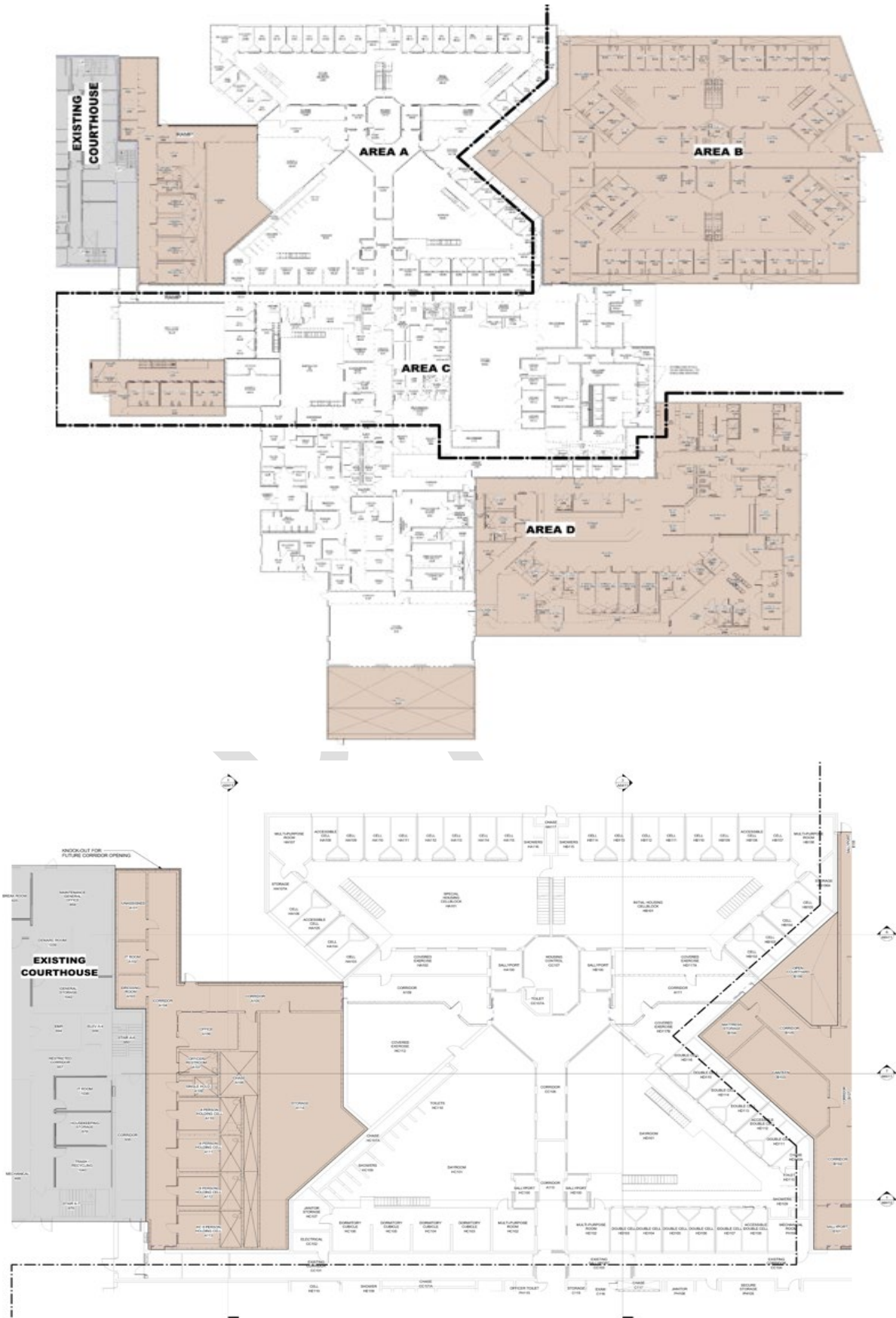


- ❖ CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
- ❖ HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- ❖ BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- ❖ FY25 NON-PROFIT FUNDING REQUESTS
- ❖ ARPA UPDATE
- ❖ OPIOID SETTLEMENT UPDATE
- ❖ SOLID WASTE
 - THIRD BAY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
 - SHED 1 FLOOR REPLACEMENT

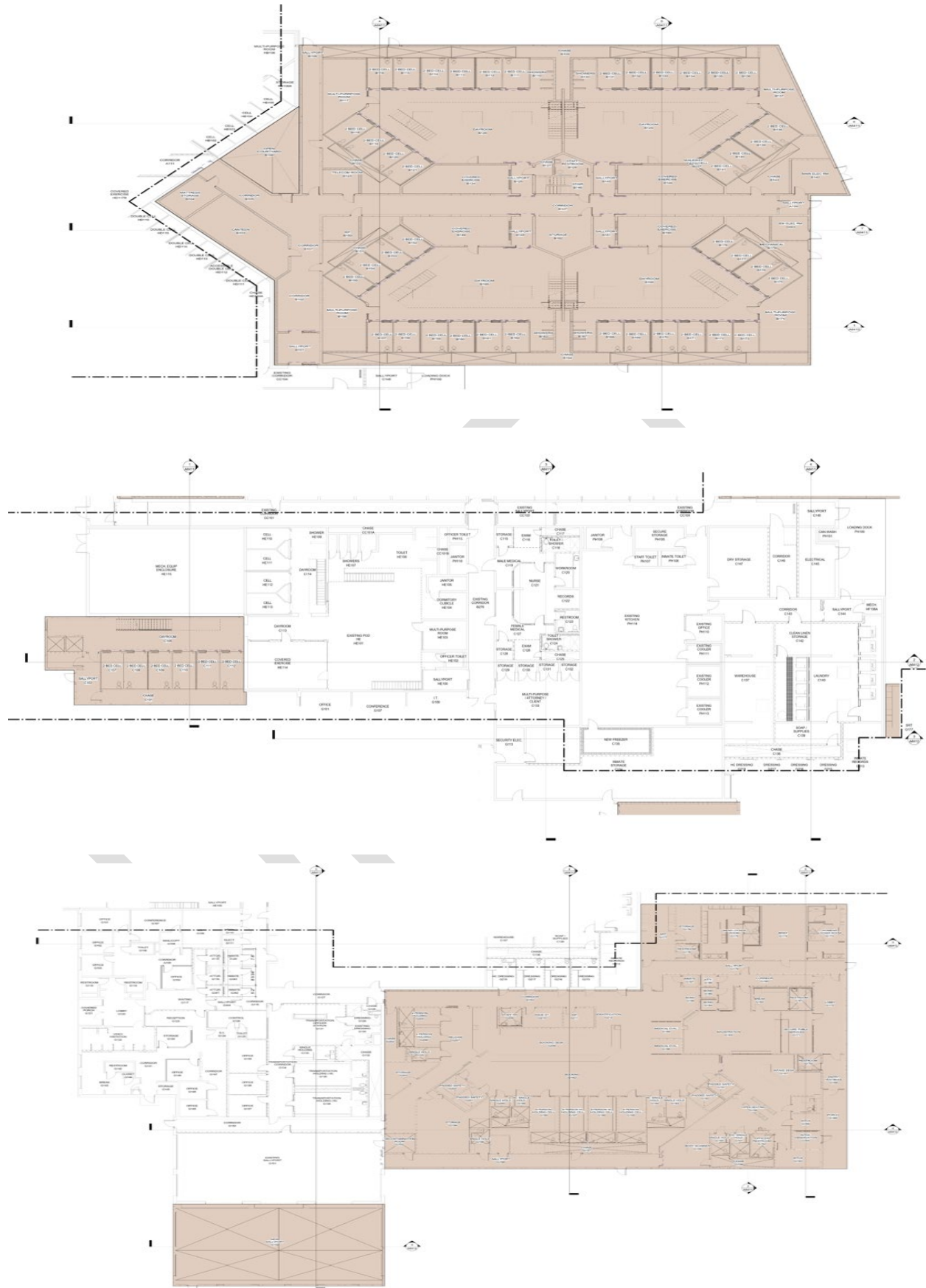
Henderson County Detention Center



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VFW



January 17th, 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

Approved:

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

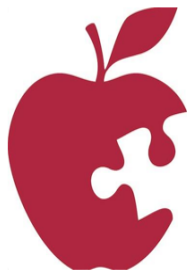


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In closing, Bryan Rhodes said in the coming months, finishes would start coming together and include paint, flooring, window, storefront installation, interior device trim out, and site work.

Henderson County Public Schools

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



**Henderson County
Public Schools**
County Appropriation Request
2024-2025

*Presented to the Board of Commissioners
January 17, 2024*

Henderson County Board of Commissioners
2023 - 2024 Total Budget Allocation



HCPS Allocations for 2023-24

Current Expense Appropriation	\$32,878,000
Capital Outlay Appropriation[Annual Maintenance/Safety Enhancements]	\$1,500,000
MRTS [Maintenance, Repairs, Technology, Safety]	\$4,603,500
Total Allocations for 2023-24	\$38,981,500

HCPS Financial Contributions 2023-2024

Estimated 23-24 Budget

- \$34,838,000
- \$34,378,000

Actual 23-24 Budget

- \$36,379,317
- \$34,378,000
- \$2,001,317

HCPS Fund Balance

- \$5,532,000

HCPS Request (May 2023)

County Appropriation

Current HCPS Budget (November 2023)

County Appropriation

HCPS fund balance appropriated

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.

<u>HCPS Financial Commitments</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>	<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	Source	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

Approved:

2024 - 2025 Total Budget Request



Request	Total
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 <i>PLANNED PROJECTS - DRAFT</i>	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

Approved:

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

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- State Legislated Local Payroll Impact: \$779,000**
(FY25 Legislated Salary(\$556,000), Hospitalization Rate Increases(\$135,000), & Retirement (\$88,000 @.5% increase)
- Local Operational Increases: \$200,000**
(Property Insurance(flat)/Utility Rate Increases(\$200,000))
- Statutory Charter School Contribution Increase: \$430,662**
- 1.5% Increase to Local Supplement: \$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. Garrett 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.

Approved:



Future
PROOF
your investment in education
for a stronger Henderson County.

BlueRidge
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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



100%
NCLEX-RN PASS RATE

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 - **16**
 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**
 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**



Approved:

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023

Cannon Foundation: Bathrooms for Greenhouse	\$150,000
Carolina Cyber Network: Security Network Lab	\$200,000
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**

Approved:

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.

<i>DUES & NON-PROFIT CONTRIBUTIONS</i>		
Expenditures by Category	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 REQUESTED
Non-Profits (569900)		
Agribusiness Henderson County (AgHC)	\$ 190,000	\$ -
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	\$ 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
Pisgah 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	\$ 11,100	\$ 23,000
WNCSource: Community Transportation Grant Match	\$ 38,905	\$ 57,588
Non-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	\$ 7,000
Other Non-Profits Funded in the General Fund		
Rescue Squad (115442-569900)	\$ 757,750	\$ -
Henderson County Heritage Museum Contribution (115494-569900)	\$ 100,000	\$ 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.

Approved:

ARPA Update

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN							
Funding Plan - Approved Projects							
\$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		\$ 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		\$ -	IN PROGRESS
9043	Stryker Power Load Systems (5.2.2022)	6.1 - Revenue Replacement	\$143-517, \$153A-149(c)(5)	\$ 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	\$ -	NOT STARTED
TOTAL				\$ 10,000,000	\$ 12,806,876	\$ 4,180,633.97	
REMAINING BALANCE				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,626,242.03	

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

Approved:

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.

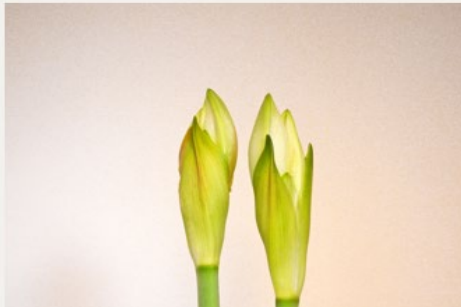
1 : Fully operational Adult Recovery Court, meeting twice a month, beginning February 14

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.

Approved:

Community Paramedic Program

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

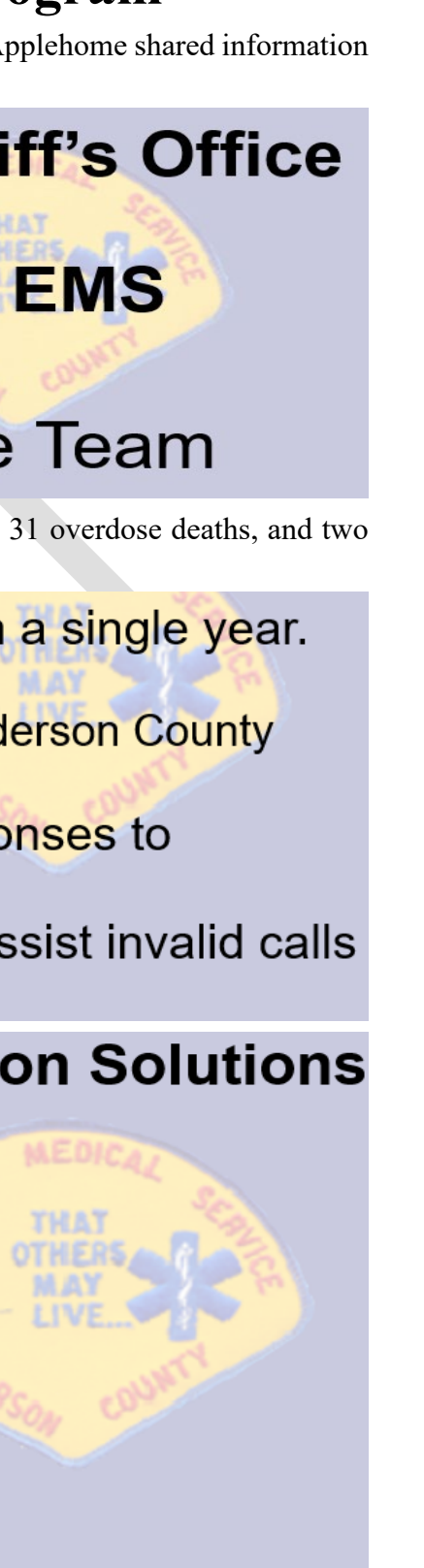


Henderson County Sheriff's Office and Henderson County EMS Community Resource Team

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

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

Approved:

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

- HCSO
 - \$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

Approved:

Community Benefits

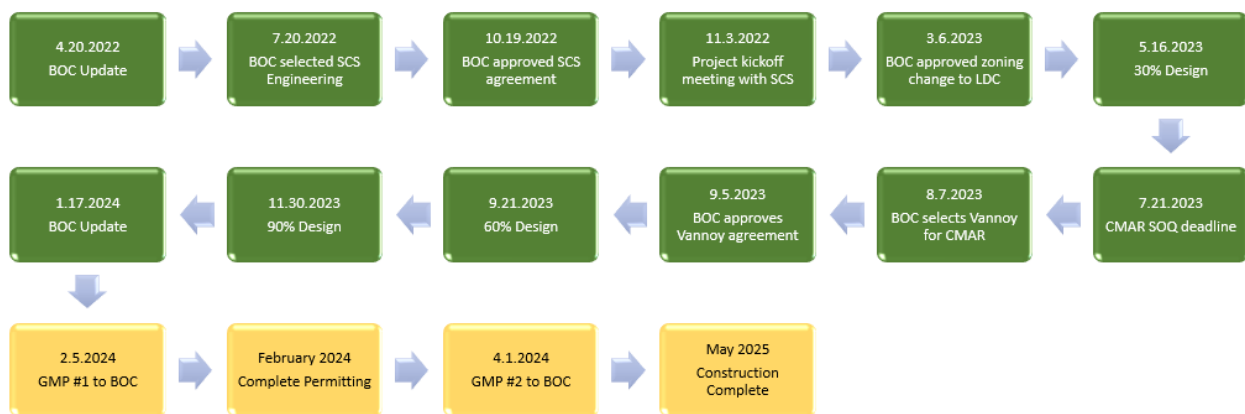
- Improve health and wellness of program participants
 - Address needs not currently met by EMS and/or LE response
 - Focus on long-term solutions instead of acute stabilization
- Decrease impact of substance abuse in Henderson County
 - Assist individuals in moving away from substance abuse
 - Reduce 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



Approved:

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.

Approved:

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

J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman

Approved: