

Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: Discussion on Updated Budget Draft FY 25/26

Board Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

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Overview: Following the April 29th Budget Workshop, several adjustments have been made to align projected revenues and expenditures. These updates ensure that the annual budget is balanced in compliance with North Carolina General Statute 159-8. Additionally, 3 non-profit funding applications are included for review/consideration.

Department/Revenue Source	Details	Revenue	Expenditures	Balance
				4/29/25
				-\$812,244
Emergency Medical	Pending finalization of		-365,559	-\$446,685
Services	County agreements			
Fire Department	Expenditures reallocated		\$48,379	-\$495,064
	after EMS was removed			
	from the budget			
Various	Group Health Insurance		-62,788	-\$432,276
Grant Revenue	Funding for Sidewalks	\$500,000		\$67,724
Capital Reserve Revenue	Sidewalk set aside	-76,346		-\$8,622
Non-Departmental	Additional HRA Costs		\$5,000	-\$13,622
Taxes-Ad Valorem-Revenue	Estimated updated-5-7-	\$6,912		-\$6,710
	2025-Per Tax Collector			
Parks & Recreation	Salaries/Benefits		\$3,051	-\$9,761
Interest Investment	Updated Projection	\$9,761		\$0.00

The updated budget draft FY 25/26 appropriates a total of \$823,654 from fund balance. This includes:

- \$150,000-Pickleball Court
- \$250,000-Project Coffee
- \$423,654- Balance the budget

Action:			

Current Draft- Expenditures Exceed Revenues By (\$812,244)

The following is a list of General Fund Expenditures with significant impact to the Budget:

➤ Impact to FY 25/26 Budget

*New Department- Emergency Medical Services-\$365,559

Retirement increases before COLA/Merit-\$19.351

*1.5% COLA/1.5% Merit-\$97,523.63 (FICA & Retirement included)

Health Insurance-\$37,647-10% Rate Increases predicted

NCLM Property & Liability Insurance-\$16,272-10% Rate Increases predicted

NCLM Workers Compensation Insurance-\$5,000-10% Rate Increases predicted

VFIS Insurance-Fire-\$12,288

*Land Use Update-\$50,000

Elections-\$15,000

- *UDO Amendments-\$5,000
- *Parks & Recreation-Part Time-\$16,090
- *Non-capital Outlay-\$24,098

Public Safety Salary increase-\$135,888

Total:\$799,717

Capital Outlay budget requests funded to (date)

- Police Interceptors (2) -\$104,000-Funded using loan proceeds
- Sidewalks-\$423,654 Fund Balance Appropriated
- Pickleball Court-\$150,000 Fund Balance Appropriated

Capital Reserve transferred to the General Fund: \$111,546

- Sidewalks-\$76,346
- Police Set aside for Police vehicle/equipment-\$23,200
- Downtown Square-\$12,000

The current draft appropriates \$823,654 from fund balance for three specific items requested by the Board of Commissioners.

- ➤ Sidewalks-\$423,654
- ➤ Pickleball Court-\$150,000
- ➤ Project Coffee-\$250,00

Major budget requests that were unfunded (to date) (\$1,522,901 Removed)

- ➤ Personnel-Benefits included-\$334,401
 - o Recreation Coordinator: \$56,025
 - o Dock Attendants (2): April 1st November 23rd) \$20,884
 - o Firefighter (3) July 2025-June 2026: \$213,513
 - o Fire Administrative Lieutenant Accreditation 1/2025-6/2026-\$38,678
 - o Firefighter-Skill Bridge Program-June 2025-\$5,301

➤ Capital Outlay budget requests that were unfunded (to date)-\$130,500

- o Extrication Equipment-\$56,000
- o Radios-\$18.500
- o Treadmill-\$6,000
- o Municipal TOT Lot-\$50,000

^{*}Board of Commissioners has discretion with these items.

> Capital Outlay budget requests that were unfunded (to date)-Funding using Loan Proceeds-\$633,000

- o Replacement Boat/Equipment-\$51,500
- o Brush Truck-\$125,000
- o Utility Truck/Quick response vehicle/Equipment/Monitors-\$120,500
- o Deployment Ready Trailer with Dams-\$232,000

> Capital Set aside:\$425,000

- o Fire Department-\$200,000
- o Emergency Medical Services-\$15,000
- o Parks & Recreation-\$195,000
- o Emergency Management-\$15,000

Background Attachment(s): Updated Budget Draft FY 25/26

Recommended Action: Offer direction on the next steps for the updated Budget Draft FY 25/26