

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

May 21, 2024

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met on this date, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Kevin Gordon, Chairman
Deb Hardin, Vice-Chair
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner
Doug Bridges, Commissioner
Tim Moore, County Attorney
David Cotton, County Manager
Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager
Rebecca Johnson, Social Services Director
Philip Steffen, Finance Director
Martha Thompson, Chief Deputy County Attorney
Jason Falls, Business Development Director
Clifton Philbeck, Board of Elections Director
Major Durwin Briscoe, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order, and Small Business Center Director Steve Padgett led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the agenda as presented.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2023 NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards program was created by the Office of the Governor in 1979 to recognize North Carolina's most dedicated volunteers. Through the years, the award has been bestowed on thousands of North Carolinians who have shown concern and compassion for their neighbors by volunteering in their local communities. Judy Scism, a Kings Mountain Life Enrichment Center volunteer, was awarded a certificate for her outstanding volunteer service. The Commissioners took turns giving congratulations to Ms. Scism.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

FOSTER CARE MONTH 2024

Chairman Gordon recognized Social Services Director Rebecca Johnson to present Foster Care Month 2024. Foster care serves as a temporary refuge for children who are facing crisis situations. It provides safe, secure, and stable homes through the compassion and nurturing of foster families or kinship families. These families open their hearts and homes to children, helping them heal, reunify, and transition successfully into adulthood. Every child deserves a safe, loving, and nurturing place to call home. Unfortunately, there are approximately 10,042 children and youth in the foster care system in North Carolina, along with approximately 841 young adults aged 18 to 20 in

extended foster care. Cleveland County has 238 children in foster care through the Social Services Department.

Mrs. Johnson spoke about the need for more licensed foster care homes and facilities in the county and across the country. She read the following proclamation issued by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper:



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FOSTER CARE MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the youth of North Carolina are our most precious resource and hope for the future, and all children deserve a safe, loving, and nurturing place to call home; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 10,042 children and youth in the foster care system, and approximately 841 young adults ages 18 to 20 in extended foster care in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of foster care is to provide temporary safe, secure, and stable homes through the compassion and nurturing of a foster family or kinship family; and

WHEREAS, foster families and kinship families open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, and play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reunify, while launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, we encourage North Carolinians to think about how they can help meet the need for more foster, kinship, and adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, communities, and public and private organizations working to increase public awareness of the needs of children both in foster care and exiting foster care, and of the enduring and valuable contributions made by foster and kinship families; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month is an opportunity to recognize the foster parents, kinship families, child welfare professionals, and advocates working to ensure children's safety, permanence, and well-being, and to spread awareness on behalf of the thousands of children in foster care in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages residents to volunteer their time, energy, and talents on behalf of children in foster care and their biological families, kinship caregivers, and foster parents during this month and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2024, as "FOSTER CARE MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Clerk to the Board included Minutes from the *May 7, 2024*, regular Commissioners' meetings in Board members' packets.

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to, *approve the Minutes as written.*

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §105-350.7, the Tax Collector shall submit to the governing body, at each of its regular meetings, a report to include the amount collected on each year's taxes with which she is charged, the amount remaining uncollected, and the steps being taking to encourage payment of uncollected

taxes. The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *April 2024*.

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to, *approve the April 2024 monthly tax report submitted by the Tax Collector.*

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED APRIL 2024			
YEAR	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-GAP	COMBINED AMT
DEF REV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2023	\$462,002.25	\$11,585.07	\$473,587.32
2022	\$51,008.05	\$2,428.75	\$53,436.80
2021	\$16,419.50	\$2,719.76	\$19,139.26
2020	\$8,226.88	\$324.64	\$8,551.52
2019	\$12,024.24	\$0.00	\$12,024.24
2018	\$11,063.29	\$0.00	\$11,063.29
2017	\$4,451.76	\$0.00	\$4,451.76
2016	\$2,960.24	\$0.00	\$2,960.24
2015	\$1,531.58	\$0.00	\$1,531.58
2014	\$232.65	\$0.00	\$232.65
2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			<u>\$586,978.66</u>
TOTALS	\$569,920.44	\$17,058.22	\$586,978.66
DISCOUNT	\$11.11		\$11.11
INTEREST	\$49,400.99	\$1,810.66	\$51,211.65
TOLERANCE	(\$23.56)	(\$25.79)	(\$49.35)
ADVERTISING	\$2,020.24		
GARNISHMEN	\$11,230.47	\$3,741.70	\$4,419.62
NSF	\$0.00		(\$0.20)
LEGAL FEES	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTALS	\$632,559.69	\$22,584.79	
MISC FEE	\$0.00		
TAXES COLL	\$632,559.69		GRAND TOTAL
DEF	\$10,810.62		\$655,144.48
DISC	(\$15.62)		\$11,889.13
TOL	\$0.05		\$4,419.42
INT	\$1,094.08		\$671,453.03
TOTAL TAXES UNCOLLECTED APRIL 2024			
	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-GAP	COMBINED AMT
2023	\$2,406,315.28	\$138,799.96	\$2,545,115.24
2022	\$1,078,229.59	\$97,128.37	\$1,175,357.96
2021	\$388,129.01	\$63,810.63	\$451,939.64
2020	\$307,938.44	\$33,094.25	\$341,032.69
2019	\$476,723.09	\$0.00	\$476,723.09
2018	\$237,263.14	\$0.00	\$237,263.14
2017	\$134,976.81	\$0.00	\$134,976.81
2016	\$94,228.80	\$0.00	\$94,228.80
2015	\$91,407.27	\$0.00	\$91,407.27
2014	\$104,560.98	\$0.00	\$104,560.98
2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$5,319,772.41</u>	<u>\$332,833.21</u>	<u>\$5,652,605.62</u>
DEF REV	\$43,672.79	\$163,347.73	\$207,020.52
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED	<u>\$5,363,445.20</u>	<u>\$496,180.94</u>	<u>\$5,859,626.14</u>

TAX ADMINISTRATION: LATE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION/EXCLUSION/DEFERRAL

Per North Carolina General Statute §105-282.1, every owner of property claiming exemption or exclusion from property taxes under the provisions of this Subchapter has the burden of establishing that the property is entitled to it. Upon a showing of good cause by the applicant for failure to make a timely application, an application for exemption or exclusion filed after the statutory deadlines may be approved by the Department of Revenue, the Board of Equalization and Review, the Board of County Commissioners, or the governing body of a municipality, as appropriate. The Tax Assessor would have approved all of the applications if they had been filed on time.

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to *approve the late applications for exemption, exclusion, or deferral as submitted by the Tax Assessor.*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY

As required by North Carolina General Statute §159-15, all internal transfers shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners. The budget transfer summary from May 26 through May 9, 2024, is included in Commissioner packets.

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to, *approve the budget transfer summary as presented.*

County of Cleveland, North Carolina
 Manager's Budget Summary
 Presented at the May 21, 2024 Board Meeting
 Time Period Covered : 4/26/24 thru 5/9/24
 For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

BUDGET TRANSFERS LEGEND: D = DEPARTMENTAL; L = LATERAL

BUD #	BUDGET TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED BY DEPT	DEPT #	DEPT TO NAME	DEPT #	DEPT FROM NAME	EXPLANATION	BUDGET AMOUNT
1951	D	4/29/2024	010.411	Commissioners			Move funds to cover Clev Cup 5K exps	\$ 1,200.00
1952	L	4/29/2024	010.495	Cooperative Ext	010.998	Contingency	Tfr funds to cover van purchase	\$ 41,996.00
1953	D	4/29/2024	026.454	E911 Phone Sys			Move funds to cover travel/training	\$ 1,150.00
1954	L	4/29/2024	499.256	Cap Proj-Waco Sub	010.998	Contingency	Tfr funds to cover van purchase	\$ 18,400.00
1955	D	4/30/2024	010.411	Commissioners			Move funds to cover rental	\$ 1,488.00
1956	L	4/29/2024	010.411	Commissioners	010.998	Contingency	Tfr funds to cover contribution to CCC for Summer Concert Series	\$ 10,000.00
1957	D	4/30/2024	054.473				Move funds to cover off road vehicle supplies	\$ 25,000.00
1958	D	5/1/2024	010.450	Building Inspections			Move funds to cover motor fuels and travel/training	\$ 4,000.00
1959	D	5/1/2024	070.744	Inmate Commissary/Trust			Move funds to cover commissary	\$ 35,000.00
1960	D	5/7/2024	055.480	LeGrand			Move funds to cover event food and insurance	\$ 904.00
1961	D	5/7/2024	026.454	E911 Phone Sys			Move funds to cover travel/training	\$ 1,000.00
1962	D	5/7/2024	010.441	Sheriff			Move funds to cover portable radios/hwy use tax	\$ 29,000.00
1962	D	5/7/2024	010.444	Detention Ctr			Move funds to cover portable radios	\$ 1,500.00
1963	L	5/9/2024	060.651	Property/Liability	060.650	Workers Comp	Transfer funds to cover property/liability claims	\$ 100,000.00

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #064)

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

Account Number	Project Code	Department/Account Name	Increase	Decrease
010.413.4.540.00		Finance/Contracted Revenue	\$91,742	
010.413.4.540.19		Finance/Contracted Revenue-ROD	\$9,656	
010.413.5.422.00		Finance/Contracted Labor	\$20,000	
010.413.5.210.00		Finance/Departmental Supply	\$2,398	
010.413.5.310.00		Finance/Travel-Training	\$2,000	
010.413.5.442.00		Finance/Penalty Exp	\$2,000	
010.413.5.420.00		Finance/Contracted Services	\$15,000	
010.413.5.121.00		Finance/Salaries-Wages Reg	\$60,000	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget allocation of \$91,472 in contracted revenues over budget to carry the Finance Department through End of Year. Funds will be used for increased expenses due to the addition of contracted services and labor.

CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #065)

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

Account Number	Project Code	Department/Account Name	Increase	Decrease
494.602.4.358.00		Public School Bldg CPF/St Grant Pub Sch Cap	\$804,500	
494.602.5.700.00		Public School Bldg CPF/Grant Pub Sch Cap	\$804,500	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget allocation \$804,500 in school capital funds from the state to be used for renovations at Union Elementary School. These are pass through funds for Cleveland County Schools.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #066)

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.419.4.350.00		Register of Deeds/State Govt Grants	\$2,000	
010.419.5.700.00		Register of Deeds/Grants	\$2,000	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget allocation of \$2,000 in grant funds to be used for the preservation of historic files and records.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: CANCELATION OF DEED OF TRUST

In 2013, the County, by and through the Community Development Program, agreed to provide Roger Dale Scott up to \$67,244.00 for housing rehabilitation at his home located at 116 Shannonhouse Street, Shelby. Roger Dale Scott executed a Deed of Trust dated February 13, 2013, to Bob Yelton, Attorney, Trustee, in favor of Cleveland County, North Carolina, which was recorded March 4, 2013, securing a maximum amount of present and future obligations of \$67,244.00. The terms of the agreement are the subject property would not be sold or disposed of without the prior approval of the County for a period of eight years from the date of that agreement; otherwise, the Grantor is liable to repay the County a portion of the Rehabilitation Grant made to him. More than eight years have passed since the recordation of the Deed of Trust on March 4, 2013. Despite the passage of years since its recordation, the Deed of Trust has not been canceled of record by the Trustee. It is now appropriate for the County to cancel the Deed of Trust.

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to, *approve the cancelation of the deed of trust to Roger Dale Scott as presented.*

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 Cleveland County North Carolina
 Betsy S. Harnage, Register of Deeds
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* *Kevin Gordon*

CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF CLEVELAND

I, KEVIN GORDON, CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY CERTIFY THAT WE ARE THE OWNERS OF THE INDEBTEDNESS SECURED BY THE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED DEED OF TRUST; THAT THE DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,244.00, SECURED BY THE DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY ROGER DALE SCOTT, GRANTOR, BOB YELTON, TRUSTEE; COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, BENEFICIARY AND RECORDED IN CLEVELAND COUNTY IN BOOK 1652, PAGE 0532 HAS BEEN SATISFIED. WE REQUEST THAT THIS CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION BE RECORDED AND THE ABOVE REFERENCED SECURITY INSTRUMENT BE CANCELED OF RECORD.

COUNTY OF CLEVELAND

By *[Signature]* (SEAL)
 KEVIN GORDON, CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD
 OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

STATE OF North Carolina
 COUNTY OF Cleveland

I, Christie Harper Wooten, a notary public of said County, do hereby certify that Kevin Gordon, Chairman to the Board of Commissioners for Cleveland County personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the 21st day of May, 2024.

Christie Harper Wooten
 Notary Public

My Commission expires: 4-24-26



COMMISSIONERS: AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of County Commissioners has decided to cancel its regular meeting on December 3, 2024, and add a regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously approved by the Board to, *adopt the change in meeting schedule resolution.*



REGULAR AGENDA

FY 2024 – 2025 COUNTY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Chairman Gordon recognized County Manager David Cotton to present the FY 2024 – 2025 County Manager’s recommended budget. The budget set by Commissioners is a financial planning document and is the driving mechanism to provide community services and resources, fund personnel, and satisfy debts. The proposed budget is prepared on the North Carolina General Statute § Chapter 153 guidelines. The recommended general fund is \$109.5MM, with a tax rate of 54.75 cents and a school tax rate of 14 cents. There is no recommendation for a tax increase. The budget process begins early in the year and includes:

- North Carolina General Statutes §159.7 – Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act
- Board of County Commissioners
- Departments/Agencies/Offices
- External Funded Agencies
- Budget Team

The top priorities for the budget include:

- Continued partnership with Cleveland County Schools for implementation of the long-term school capital facility plan

- Maintain support for County Public Safety Departments through the implementation of the five-year Public Safety Strategic Plan
- Commitment to the implementation of the County's Capital Improvement Plan – using the Facility Master Plan to prioritize; including creating a Justice Center Campus, 911 Communications Center, Emergency Operations Center and Board of Elections
- Continued recruitment of National Shooting Competitions at Foothills Public Shooting Complex
- Focus on community wellness by identifying health disparities and partnering with community agencies to improve our County's health rankings
- Focus on being an Employer of Choice – competitive pay, modern policy, & career progression
- Develop Performance Measures Linked to Priorities along with a Dashboard to Display the County's Performance in Real-Time Further Improving Transparency

The FY 2024 – 2025 general fund budget highlights include:

- Revenues
 - Ad Valorem Taxes - \$60.70 Million (~ \$156 Thousand/0.26% > FY 23 – 24)
 - Local Option Sales Tax - \$15.97 Million (~\$465 Thousand/3.00% > FY 23 – 24)
 - All Other Revenue Sources – Negligible Change
- Tax Rate Recommendations:
 - Ad Valorem – 0.5475¢ / \$100 = FY 23 – 24
 - 0.10¢ / \$100 – Public Schools
 - 0.4475¢ / \$100 – General Fund
 - Public Schools – 0.140¢ / \$100 = FY 23 – 24
 - Fire District – 0.0875¢ / \$100 = FY 23 – 24

A penny on the county's tax rate equates to approximately \$1MM since 2022. That amount is projected to increase to \$1.1MM in FY 2024 – 2025. Roughly two-thirds of the general fund revenue comes from ad valorem and local sales taxes. The state mandates all North Carolina counties to provide residents with services such as the school system, social services, and health departments. Those services also have mandated funding allocations, which are factored into the budget. Public safety, human services, and education expenditures comprise 80% of the county's budget. Commissioners have set these three areas as their top priorities, and the expenditure portfolio demonstrates commitment to those three main functions.

Next, Mr. Cotton reviewed the FY 2024 – 2025 general fund expenditures. These include costs such as salaries, new positions, and departmental needs.

Expenditures

- Department/Office/Agency & Outside Funded Agency Funding Requests (Unedited) – \$117.03 Million
- Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget – \$116.7 Million
- County Manager's Recommendation
 - All Funds – \$227.4 Million
 - General Fund – \$109.5 Million
 - Δ - \$7.52 Million/6.42% < FY 24 – 25 Unedited Requests
 - Δ - \$7.16 Million/6.15% < FY 23 – 24 Budget

Expenditures

- Inherent Overtime & Salary Related Benefits – + \$4.2 Million
- Personnel Recommendations
 - Cost of Living Adjustment – 3.5% (2.0% July 1st / 1.5% January 1st)
 - Thirty-Two Position Requests
 - Sixteen Position Recommendations
 - Thirteen of the Sixteen Positions – Alternative Revenue Funding Sources

Expenditures

Specific Position Recommendations

- Dental Hygienist II – Health Department
- Dental Assistant – Health Department
- Information Technology Manager – Information Technology
- Processing Assistant III – Veterans Services
- Income Maintenance Caseworker II (4) – Social Services
- Income Maintenance Supervisor – Social Services

- Patrol Sergeant (4) – Sheriff’s Office
- School Resource Officer – Cleveland Community College
- Nutritional Education Program Assistant – Cooperative Extension
- Mechanic II – Solid Waste

Expenditures

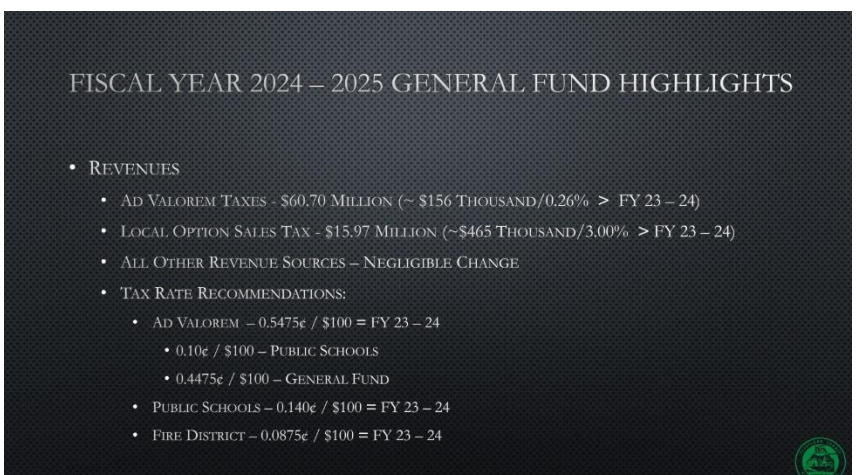
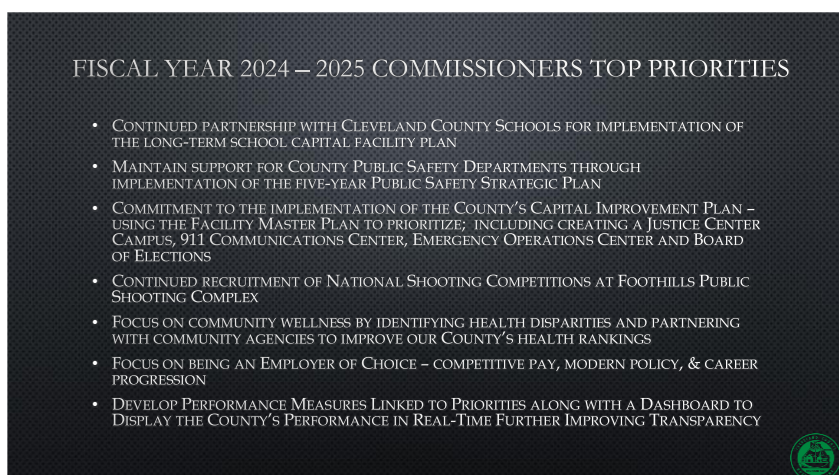
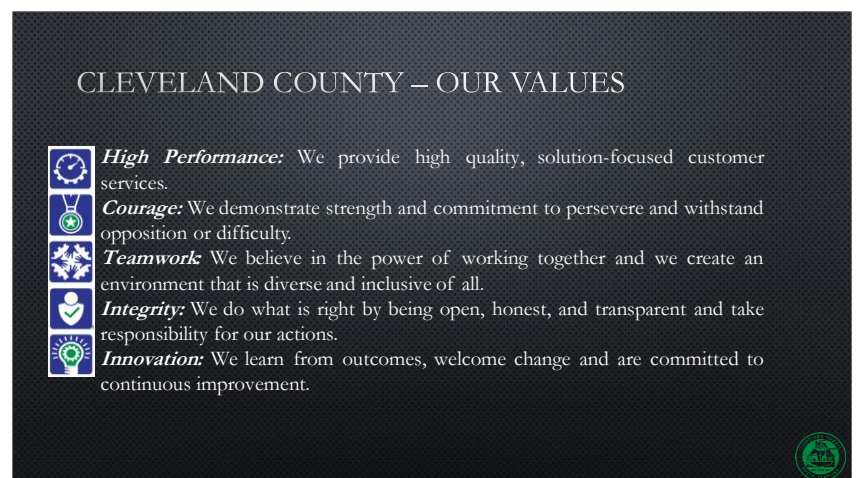
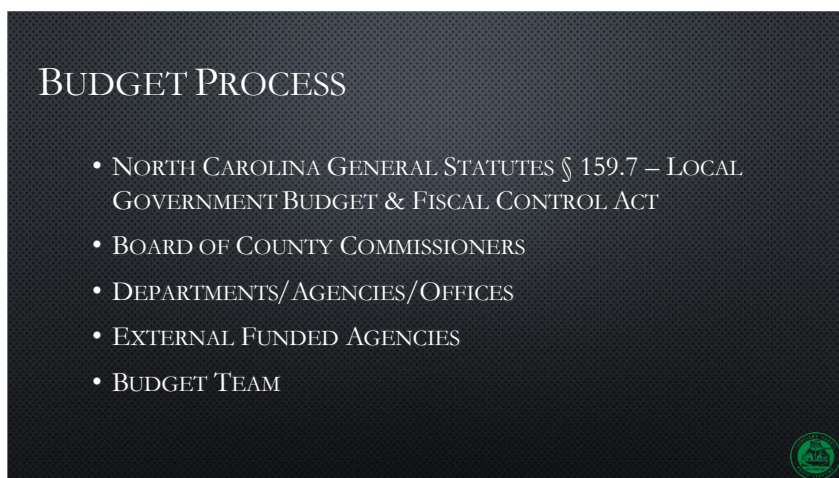
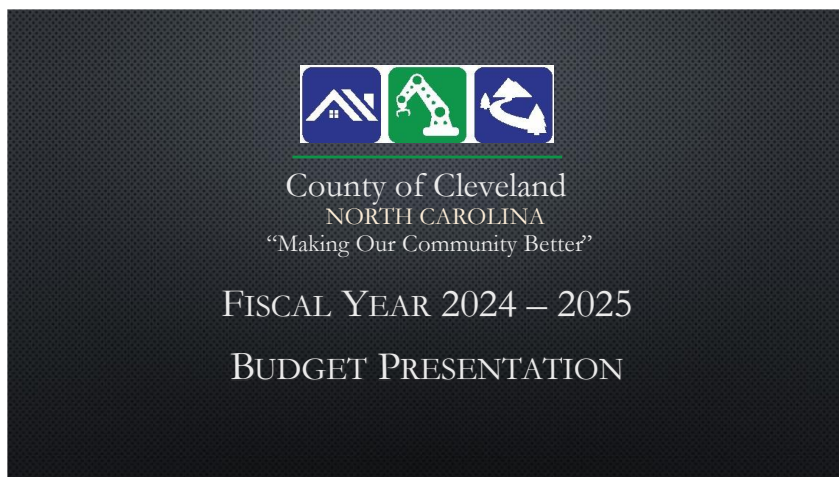
- Capital Outlay Funding Recommendation – Follow Level Funding Plan – \$2,253,127 (-\$904,425 < FY 23 – 24) – Vehicle Replacement Plan, Information Technology & Radio System Replacement Plan, Equipment Replacement, Asset Investment/Maintenance
- Educational Support Recommendations
 - Cleveland County Public Schools – \$33,787,740 (+ \$350,000 – Teacher’s Supplement & +\$1.0 Million – One-Time Appropriation from Reserves – Operational not including Personnel – +\$1.35 Million > FY 23 – 24)
 - Cleveland Community College – \$3,633,873 (+\$250,000 > FY 23 – 24) This is year two of the five-year commitment made by the Commissioners to increase the funding to the community college by \$250,000 each year.
 - Community Funded Agencies Recommendations – \$5,458,967

Enterprise Fund Highlights

Solid Waste

- Continuation of fee structure adjustments with the county’s ten-year rate stabilization metric
- Continuation of Litter Prevention & Clean Up Fee - \$1 per Ton (Municipal Solid Waste)
- Continuation of Life of Site Permitting – Long-Term Solid Waste Handling Model
- Enterprise Total Budget – \$12,010,043 (-\$579,282 < FY 23 – 24)

The following information and PowerPoint were presented to the Commissioners.

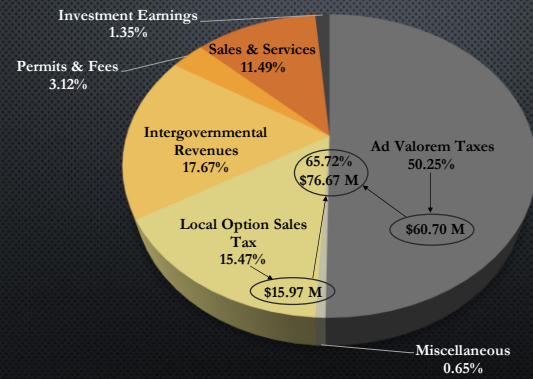


AD VALOREM TAX VALUATION

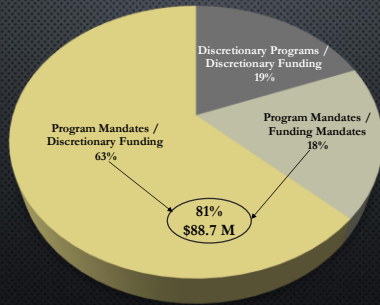
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total County Tax Base	\$9.508 B	\$10.333 B	\$10.615 B	\$11.279 B	\$11.295 B
Tax Rate	0.57¢/\$100	0.5475¢/\$100	0.5475¢/\$100	0.5475¢/\$100	0.5475¢/\$100 ¹
Value of a Penny	\$950 k	\$1.0 M	\$1.025 M	\$1.089 M	\$1.110 M

¹ - Recommended

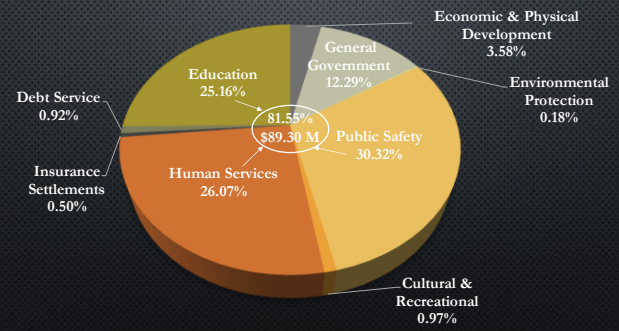
FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUES



FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 PROGRAM & FUNDING MANDATES FOR NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES – GENERAL FUND



FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- EXPENDITURES
 - DEPARTMENT/OFFICE/AGENCY & OUTSIDE FUNDED AGENCY FUNDING REQUESTS (UNEDITED) – \$117.03 MILLION
 - FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 BUDGET – \$116.7 MILLION
 - COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION
 - ALL FUNDS – \$227.4 MILLION
 - GENERAL FUND – \$109.5 MILLION
 - Δ - \$7.52 MILLION / 6.42% < FY 24 – 25 UNEDITED REQUESTS
 - Δ - \$7.16 MILLION / 6.15% < FY 23 – 24 BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- EXPENDITURES
 - INHERENT OVERTIME & SALARY RELATED BENEFITS – + \$4.2 MILLION
 - PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
 - COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT – 3.5% (2.0% JULY 1ST / 1.5% JANUARY 1ST)
 - THIRTY-TWO POSITION REQUESTS
 - SIXTEEN POSITION RECOMMENDATIONS
 - THIRTEEN OF THE SIXTEEN POSITIONS – ALTERNATIVE REVENUE FUNDING SOURCES

FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- EXPENDITURES
 - SPECIFIC POSITION RECOMMENDATIONS
 - DENTAL HYGIENIST II – HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 - DENTAL ASSISTANT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - PROCESSING ASSISTANT III – VETERANS SERVICES
 - INCOME MAINTENANCE CASEWORKER II (4) – SOCIAL SERVICES
 - INCOME MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – SOCIAL SERVICES
 - PATROL SERGEANT (4) – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 - SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER – CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 - NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM ASSISTANT – COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
 - MECHANIC II – SOLID WASTE

FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- EXPENDITURES
 - CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING RECOMMENDATION – FOLLOW LEVEL FUNDING PLAN – \$2,253,127 (-\$904,425 < FY 23 – 24) – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & RADIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PLAN, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT, ASSET INVESTMENT/MAINTENANCE
 - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS
 - CLEVELAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – \$33,787,740 (+ \$350,000 – TEACHER'S SUPPLEMENT & +\$1.0 MILLION – ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION FROM RESERVES – OPERATIONAL NOT INCLUDING PERSONNEL – +\$1.35 MILLION > FY 23 – 24)
 - CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE – \$3,633,873 (+\$250,000 > FY 23 – 24)
 - COMMUNITY FUNDED AGENCIES RECOMMENDATIONS – \$5,458,967

FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 ENTERPRISE FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- SOLID WASTE
 - CONTINUATION OF LITTER PREVENTION & CLEAN UP FEE - \$1 PER TON (MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE)
 - CONTINUATION OF LIFE OF SITE PERMITTING – LONG TERM SOLID WASTE HANDLING MODEL
 - ENTERPRISE TOTAL BUDGET – \$12,010,043 (-\$579,282 < FY 23 – 24)

FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 NEXT STEPS

- BUDGET PRESENTATION AND CALL TO A PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 21ST
- MILESTONE – DEADLINE FOR BUDGET OFFICER TO SUBMIT BUDGET & BUDGET MESSAGE TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – N.C.G.S. § 159-11 – JUNE 1ST
- BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTION – JUNE 4TH
- MILESTONE – DEADLINE FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT BUDGET ORDINANCE – N.C.G.S. § 159-13 – JULY 1ST

FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025 GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- BUDGET MESSAGE, BUDGET DETAILS & BUDGET ORDINANCE AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK TO THE BOARD'S OFFICE (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION), COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS & ONLINE THROUGH THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE

Chairman Gordon opened the floor to the Board for questions and discussion. Commissioners thanked Mr. Cotton and his budget team for their hard work and time spent developing the budget. On May 17, 2024, a full copy of the proposed FY 2024 – 2025 budget will be available at the following locations:

- Office of the Clerk to the Board, 311 E Marion Street, Shelby (during normal business hours)
- Cleveland County Public Libraries (Boiling Springs, Kings Mountain, Lawndale, Shelby)
- Cleveland County website

The Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget for Cleveland County's Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the Commission Chamber, County Administrative Office Building, 311 East Marion Street, Shelby, North Carolina, at which time the public will have the opportunity to make any comments or recommendations relative to the proposed budget. Commissioners will also be able to approve, deny or make modifications to the proposed budget at that time.

ACTION: Commissioner Whetstine made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to *approve setting the public hearing as requested.*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to reappoint Kevin Gordon to serve as a member of this board*, for a four-year term, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2028.

CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to go into closed session per North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3) To consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.*

(Copy of closed session Minutes are sealed and found in the Closed Session Minute Book).

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Gordon stated, *“The Board is in open session. During the closed session, the Board gave directions to staff and legal counsel. No action was taken.”*

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn.* The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm* in the Commissioners' Chambers.

*Kevin Gordon, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Phyllis Nowlen, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*