

Recessed Meeting May 7, 2019
(Budget Work Session)

The Nash County Board of Commissioners met in a budget work session on May 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Claude Mayo, Jr. Administration Building in Nashville, NC.

Present were Chairman Robbie B. Davis and Commissioners Fred Belfield, Jr., Dan Cone, Sue Leggett, J. Wayne Outlaw, Lou M. Richardson, and Mary P. Wells.

Others present were Donna Wood, Stacie Shatzer, Amanda Clark, Jonathan Boone, Janice Evans, Zee B. Lamb, and Vince Durham.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order and called on Ms. Mary P. Wells for the invocation.

Ms. Stacie Shatzer, Assistant County Manager provided information to the Board on Second Meeting Inside/Outside Presenter History for the Board of Commissioners' second meetings of the month.

Mr. Zee B. Lamb, County Manager, and Mr. Vince Durham, County Attorney, provided an update to the Board and explained the process for the Farmland Lease on property at 3279 E. NC Hwy. 97, Wilson, NC of approximately 115 acres of cultivatable land that Nash County owns.

Mr. Lamb and Ms. Donna Wood, Finance Officer provided the following information to the Board of Estimates for Revenue and Expenditures for FY2019-2020.

NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
ESTIMATES
FY 2019-2020

	ACTUAL 2017-2018	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2018-2019	RECOMMENDED ESTIMATED 2019-2020
GENERAL FUND:			
PROPERTY TAXES	49,981,908	48,593,225	49,908,128
SALES TAXES	14,858,386	14,763,166	15,645,976
OTHER TAXES	724,303	665,145	699,725
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	5,084,997	6,082,207	3,758,418
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	8,777,538	8,518,706	8,741,087
OTHER RESTRICTED	3,199,043	3,096,192	2,097,757
SERVICES AND FEES	5,997,612	5,781,025	5,703,044
OTHER REVENUE	1,729,769	1,595,618	1,646,729
	<u>90,353,555</u>	<u>89,095,284</u>	<u>88,200,864</u>
TRANSFERS IN COURTHOUSE PROJECT			1,158,442
TRANSFERS IN PS RADIO PROJECT	50,000	0	339,907
TRANSFERS IN MIDDLESEX SHELL BUILDING			306,819
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,805,168</u>
HEALTH RESERVES		278,746	908,399
GENERAL FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION		2,800,000	2,833,903
CAPITAL FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION		1,754,316	745,735
PEG GRANT RESERVE			50,013
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,833,062</u>	<u>4,538,050</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	90,403,555	93,928,346	94,544,082

	ACTUAL 2017-2018	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2018-2019	RECOMMEND 2019-2020
GENERAL FUND:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	8,787,481	9,293,530	9,813,007
PUBLIC SAFETY	21,761,845	24,179,538	23,959,819
ECONOMIC & PHYSICAL DEV.	2,552,451	2,990,301	3,195,443
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	7,936,094	9,227,188	8,096,465
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	13,284,565	13,729,792	14,109,243
OTHER HUMAN SERVICES	1,918,301	2,053,110	2,135,565
CULTURAL	1,756,631	1,849,126	2,094,029
EDUCATION	24,097,336	24,497,151	24,707,377
DEBT SERVICE	6,176,931	5,983,610	6,308,134
CONTINGENCY		25,000	25,000
	<u>88,271,635</u>	<u>93,828,346</u>	<u>94,444,082</u>
TRANSFER TO REVALUTATION	65,000	100,000	100,000
TRANSFER TO PS RADIO PROJECT	1,335,000		
TRANSFER TO EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYS	35		
TRANSFER TO CDBG-NR	5,000		
TRANSFER TO SENIOR CENTER	300,000		
TRANSFER TO NNWS	175,900		
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	<u>1,880,935</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	90,152,570	93,928,346	94,544,082

Ms. Wood presented for the Board's consideration and discussion the following
FY19/20 Budget Retreat Follow-Up items.

NASH COUNTY
COMMISSIONER FY19/20 BUDGET RETREAT FOLLOW-UP

1. Braswell Library funding requests

AMOUNT CURRENTLY IN FY19/20 BUDGET 872,350.00 0106110-569301

Braswell Library updated the funding formula to reflect current registrants and population.
 Braswell Library requested an additional 3% funding

	FY18/19 Funding %	FY18/19 Funding \$	FY19/20 Reallocation %	Flat funding w/ reallocation \$	3% Increase with reallocation \$
As Requested					
Nash County	51.6870%	850,739.00	53.00%	872,350.32	898,520.66
City of Rocky Mount	37.2589%	613,260.00	36.00%	592,539.84	610,315.92
Edgecombe County	11.0541%	181,945.00	11.00%	181,053.84	186,485.42
		1,645,944.00		1,645,944.00	1,695,322.00

REVISED REGISTRANT CALCULATION (Removed Unknown addresses from Nash County portion)
 Recommended revision by the Library Finance Committee

	FY18/19 Funding %	FY18/19 Funding \$	REVISED FY19/20 Reallocation %	Flat funding w/ reallocation \$	3% Increase with reallocation \$
REVISED					
Nash County	51.6870%	850,739.00	51.00%	839,431.44	864,614.22
City of Rocky Mount	37.2589%	613,260.00	37.50%	617,229.00	635,745.75
Edgecombe County	11.0541%	181,945.00	11.50%	189,283.56	194,962.03
		1,645,944.00	100.00%	1,645,944.00	1,695,322.00

2. Economic Development Funding

AMOUNT CURRENTLY IN FY19/20 BUDGET 322,370.00 0104920-569000

	FY18/19 Funding \$	FY 19/20 Funding Request	FLAT FY19/20 FUNDING 1 qtr	AS REQUESTED FY19/20 FUNDING 1 qtr
Carolina Gateway	322,370.00	336,000.00	80,592.50	84,000.00

Other - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY19/20 FUNDING?

New Position\$
 New Operating \$
 New Consultant\$

3. Sheriff's Budget Requests

A. SALARY/POSITION REQUESTS

New Position	PT Evidence Tech RCLS to Full Time 66 Civilian Evidence Tech	\$42,476	Net Cost to reclass to FT
New Position	66 Deputy sheriff	\$55,397	Cost to add new position
New Position	66 Deputy sheriff	\$55,397	Cost to add new position
RECLASS TO GF	GF assume Hwy Safety Grant Match from 029 Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$32,580	Cost to reclass
RECLASS TO GF	GF assume Task Force Liason Position from 029 Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$82,783	Cost to reclass

B. VEHICLE REQUESTS

AMOUNT CURRENT IN FY19/20 BUDGET 0.00 0104310-554000 and related equipment

VEHICLES - CHARGERS (\$25,500 EA)	5	\$127,500	0104310-554000	Replacing (5) Chargers with increasing age, mileage, maintenance costs and mechanical issues of current vehicles
EQUIPMENT FOR NEW VEHICLES (\$6,000 EA)	5	\$30,000	0104310-526500	Blue lights, sirens, antennas and push bumpers for each vehicle
VEHICLES - CHARGERS (\$25,500 EA)	2	\$51,000	0104310-554000	New (2) Chargers for two new deputies requested

4. Fire District

Tax Rate Increase Requests	Current Rate	Requested	
		Rate	Increase
1 West Mount Volunteer Fire Department	0.10	0.13	0.03
2 Davenport Fire District (Whitakers VFD)	0.075	0.085	0.01
3 Castalia Fire District	0.0785	0.11	0.0315

FIRE DISTRICT	APPROVED	APPROVED	INCREASE
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	
Stanhope	0.075	0.075	0.0000
Stony Creek	0.070	0.070	0.0000
Green Hornet	0.070	0.070	0.0000
Harrison	0.100	0.100	0.0000
Ferrells	0.1336	0.1336	0.0000
N. S. Gulley	0.1200	0.1200	0.0000
Silver Lake	0.090	0.090	0.0000
Sims	0.0464	0.0464	0.0000
Tri-County	0.100	0.100	0.0000
Salem	0.120	0.120	0.0000
West Mount	0.100	0.130	0.0300 *
Coopers	0.085	0.085	0.0000
Castalia	0.0785	0.1100	0.0315 *
Spring Hope	0.100	0.100	0.0000
Middlesex	0.080	0.080	0.0000
Whitakers	0.075	0.085	0.0100 *
Red Oak	0.070	0.070	0.0000
Momeyer	0.080	0.080	0.0000

* Requesting Tax Rate Increase for FY19/20

5. NRMS

BUDGET BY PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

May a Board of County Commissioners Appropriate Funds by Line-item to its Public Schools for Operating Expenses?

No. A board of county commissioners, acting in its own discretion, may not appropriate funds for operating expenses to its local school administrative unit(s) on a line-item basis.

A county, however, is authorized to allocate part or all of its appropriation for operating expenses within the local current expense fund by purpose or function, as defined in the uniform budget format. G.S. 115C-429. The uniform budget format (now uniform chart of accounts) defines purpose code to include the activities or actions which are performed to accomplish the objectives of the school unit. The function codes are the first level subdivisions of purpose codes. Function codes represent the greatest level of specificity to which a county may allocate funds for operating expenses. Click [here](#) for a list of the purpose and function codes to which county appropriations may be allocated.

May A Board of County Commissioners Appropriate Funds to its Public Schools for Specific Capital Projects?

Yes. According to the uniform budget format (now uniform chart of accounts) there are three categories of expenditures to which a county may appropriate capital funds to its public school(s). A county may appropriate moneys for Category I expenditures for a specific capital project or projects. Moneys appropriated for Categories II and III expenditures, however, are allocated to the entire category, not to individual expenditure items.

Category I: Acquisition of real property and acquisition, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation or replacement of buildings and other structures for school purposes.

Category II: Acquisition or replacement of furnishings and equipment.

Category III: Acquisition of school buses, activity buses, and other motor vehicles.

If a Board of County Commissioners Allocates Funds to its Public Schools by Purpose, Function, or Project, Must the Local School Board Spend the Funds According to the Allocations?

Generally yes. If a county allocates funds to its local school administrative unit(s) by purpose, function, or project, the school budget resolution must conform to the allocations. G.S. 115C-432.

The local school board, however, may modify up to 25 percent of an allocation for operating expenses. The board of county commissioners may reduce the local school board's discretion to modify allocations if it so specifies in the county budget ordinance, but not to less than 10 percent. G.S. 115C-433.

If the board of county commissioners allocates part or all of its capital appropriations by project, the local school board must obtain approval from the county for any changes in the allocation for specific Category I expenditures—acquisitions of real property for school purposes, and acquisitions, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovations, or replacement of buildings and other structures. G.S. 115C-433. However, a local board of education has full discretion to reallocate funds within Categories II and III.

Chairman Davis called for a five (5) minute recess.

Upon reconvening, the Board continued discussion on the FY19/20 Budget Retreat Follow-Up items.

Mr. Jonathan Boone, Public Utilities and Facilities Director presented for the Board's consideration the following Public Utility Proposed Fee Changes:

**NASH COUNTY
PUBLIC UTILITY PROPOSED FEE CHANGES**

PROPOSED	
Deposit Fee (Water-Residential)	(\$0, \$60, \$100)*
Deposit Fee (Sewer-Residential)	(\$0, \$60, \$100)*
*Deposit Fee For "New Customers" (\$0 low risk, \$60 medium risk, \$100 high risk)	
CURRENT	
Deposit Fee (Water-Residential)	(\$0, \$40, \$80)*
Deposit Fee (Sewer-Residential)	(\$0, \$40, \$80)*
*Deposit Fee For "New Customers" (\$0 low risk, \$40 medium risk, \$80 high risk)	

PROPOSED			
Connection Fees			
This fee shall be paid to Nash County prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.			
Water*			Irrigation Split Tap
3/4" Tap	\$1,100		\$600
1" Tap	\$1,250		\$700
>1" Tap	At County Cost + 10%		At County + Cost 10%
Sewer*			
4" Tap (same side of road)	\$1,600		
4" Tap (opposite side of road)	\$2,400		
>4" Tap	At County Cost +10%		
* Note: The County will be responsible for installing taps once paid.			
** Note: The Irrigation Split Tap also shall include the cost of the Meter Fee below.			
CURRENT			
Connection Fees			
This fee shall be paid to Nash County prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.			
Water*			Irrigation Split Tap
3/4" Tap	\$800		\$550
1" Tap	\$1,000		\$640
>1" Tap	At County Cost + 10%		At County Cost 10%
Sewer*			
4" Tap (same side of road)	\$1,500		
4" Tap (opposite side of road)	\$2,300		
>4" Tap	At County Cost +10%		
* Note: The County will be responsible for installing taps once paid.			
** Note: The Irrigation Split Tap also shall include the cost of the Meter Fee below.			

On motion of Dan Cone seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that the meeting recess until May 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Northern Nash High School for a joint meeting with Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools Board of Education

Janice Evans, Clerk
Nash County Board of Commissioners