

# AGENDA



Keith Wood, Chairman  
Wayne Barneycastle, Vice Chairman  
Brad Chandler, Commissioner  
Sonya Cox, Commissioner  
Rick Morris, Commissioner

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, February 24, 2025**  
**1014 MAIN STREET**  
**DANBURY, NC 27016**  
**2:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Approval of the Agenda**

**II. Public Comments**

**III. Comments - Managers/Commissioners**

**IV. Conflicts Of Interest**

**V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Budget Amendments**
- b. Tax Office Agenda**

**VI. Information Agenda**

- a. Register of Deeds Quarterly Report**
- b. Senior Center Expanded Services Update**
- c. Northwestern Regional Library Update**

**VII. Discussion Agenda**

- a. Five-Year Financial Forecast Update**
- b. JCPC Appointment Request**

**VIII. Action Agenda**

- a. Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities**

**IX. Adjournment**

\*Anyone with a disability(is) who needs an accommodation to participate in this meeting is requested to inform us 48 hours prior to the scheduled time of the affected group meeting

\*Attachments may be delivered before or at the time of the meeting

\*Times may vary due to times preset for agenda items



**Board of County Commissioners**  
**February 24, 2025**  
**2:00 PM**

**Item number: V.a.**

**Budget Amendments**

Contact: Tammy Keaton Finance Director

Summary:

Budget Amendment #57 - Realign Admin Line Items

Budget Amendment #58 - Realign Fire Marshal Salaries & Wages OT due to Hurricane Helene Relief

Budget Amendment #59 - Realign Jail Salaries & Wages OT due to staffing shortages.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Upload Date	Type
Budget Amendments #57-59	2/21/2025	Cover Memo

## STOKES COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	General Fund Administration			
100.4120.060	Travel/Vehicle Allowance	\$ -	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
100.4120.061	Phone Allowance	\$ -	\$ 810.00	\$ 810.00
100.4120.090	Social Security Tax	\$ 15,525.00	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 16,555.00
100.4120.091	Medicare	\$ 3,631.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,881.00
100.4120.100	Retirement	\$ 39,451.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 43,401.00
100.4120.101	401K&Deferred Comp	\$ 2,927.00	\$ 3,910.00	\$ 6,837.00
100.4120.171	Term Life	\$ 102.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 177.00
100.4120.110	Group Insurance	\$ 19,358.00	\$ (9,600.00)	\$ 9,758.00
100.4120.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 896.00	\$ (440.00)	\$ 456.00
100.4120.311	Training	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (5,385.00)	\$ 4,615.00
	TOTAL	\$ 91,890.00	\$ -	\$ 91,890.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
				\$ -
				\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SECTION 2. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Budget Officer and to the Finance Director.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2025

Verified by the Clerk of the Board



Department Head's Approval

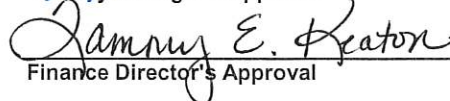
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2/17/25

County Manager's Approval

Date



2/17/25

Finance Director's Approval

Date



*Stokes County Fire Marshal's Office  
P.O. Box 20  
1012 Main Street  
Danbury, NC 27016  
Telephone 336-593-2484 Fax 336-593-2438*

Wednesday, February 2, 2025

Finance Department,

Western North Carolina suffered catastrophic damages from Hurricane Helene. The Fire Marshals Office was instrumental in moving equipment, and supplies to storm damaged areas. While performing the duties the Deputy Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal accumulated overtime. These funds equaled to \$1265.43. The Fire Marshals Office has never received overtime, but since these were above and beyond the normal hours and work being performed under Emergency Management roles the received compensation instead of comp time. We need to move \$1265.43 from 100.4340.5000490 to 100.4340.500010 to cover this overtime funds.

Scott T. Aaron, CFI, IAAI-FIT, EMT-P  
Fire Marshal / Emergency Management  
Stokes County Office of The Fire Marshal  
3169 Highway 8 South  
Walnut Cove, NC 27052  
Office: 336-593-2484  
Fax: 336-593-2438  
Mobile: 336-407-4449  
Email: [saaron@co.stokes.nc.us](mailto:saaron@co.stokes.nc.us)

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100.4340.5000490	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 10,351.00	\$ (1,265.43)	\$ 9,085.57
100.4340.5000010	SALARIES & WAGES OVERTIME	\$ -	\$ 1,265.43	\$ 1,265.43
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Fire Marshal's Office has never received overtime, this was due to Emergency Management Work performed outside of our normal job duties. This was during Hurricane Relief Work in Western NC.

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

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				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
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				\$ -
	TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 2025

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

Department Head's Approval

2/18/2025

Date

County Manager's Approval

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Finance Director's Approval

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**Joey Lemons**  
*Sheriff*



**Eric Cone**  
*Chief Deputy*

Emergency  
Dial 9-1-1

**COUNTY OF STOKES**  
**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

[www.co.stokes.nc.us](http://www.co.stokes.nc.us)

02/19/2025

Memorandum

To: Board of Commissioners

From: E. Cone / Sheriff Lemons

RE: Budget Amendment

This amendment is being done to move money internally to balance the salaries and wages overtime account of the jail. This expense was created, through approval of the interim county manager, due to staffing shortages and staff working on scheduled days off. No additional money from the general funds is being requested

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100.4320.5000000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,455,265.35	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ 1,448,765.35
100.4320.5000010	Salaries and Wages Overtime	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
				\$ -
	TOTALS	\$ 1,460,265.35	\$ -	\$ 1,460,265.35

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To cover approved overtime pay when the jail was short staffed.

No money requested from general funds.

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

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				\$ -
	TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

Eric Cone  
Department Head's Approval

2/19/2025

Date

County Manager's Approval

2/19/25  
Date

Finance Director's Approval

2/19/2025  
Date





**Board of County Commissioners**  
**February 24, 2025**  
**2:00 PM**

**Item number: V.b.**

**Tax Office Agenda**

Contact: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator

Summary:

**Consent:**

1. Monthly Reports for the month of January 2025.
  - a. Tax Collections Status Report FY 2025.
  - b. Real and Personal Releases less than \$100.00 per N.C.G.S. 105-381(b).
2. Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00.
3. Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00.
4. Advertisement of 2024 Tax Liens.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Upload Date	Type
Tax Office Agenda	2/18/2025	Cover Memo

# TAX COLLECTION STATUS REPORT

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED BY MONTH FY 2024-2025

CURRENT 2024 TAX	COUNTY	SCHOOL OPERATING EXP	USE VALUE TAX BILLS	INTEREST PEN & FEES	OCCUPANCY TAX	KING (FIRE)	RURAL HALL (FIRE)	WALNUT COVE (FIRE)	SERVICE (FIRE)	CITY OF KING	TOWN OF WALNUT COVE	DANBURY	EDU DEBT BLDG FUND
JULY	1,028,852.63	969.40	2,396.11	437.48	8,053.36	19,134.45	2,839.18	13,049.18	76,170.52	163,710.07	29,054.16	640.83	61,695.23
AUGUST	14,842,662.46	1,053.11	3,460.57	493.87	11,048.51	338,315.43	49,512.86	186,727.81	1,097,668.68	2,060,502.08	371,619.50	17,887.62	886,470.93
SEPTEMBER	1,092,635.72	795.51	21,118.77	2,973.35	10,029.22	29,453.83	3,039.88	10,902.46	85,961.29	137,087.36	26,968.22	524.64	66,752.77
OCTOBER	515,030.39	465.92	3,289.10	1,130.06	10,032.22	11,912.39	2,128.10	6,571.99	41,960.28	58,157.50	7,576.66	126.39	31,019.90
NOVEMBER	626,521.34	205.30	696.77	161.96	9,701.58	9,011.14	1,810.73	11,629.26	54,587.61	62,003.38	12,467.96	1,059.18	37,548.29
DECEMBER	2,830,470.36	720.50	6,448.44	957.06	8,689.46	47,062.24	8,178.15	51,089.41	223,168.24	353,442.73	67,427.42	5,414.95	169,504.20
JANUARY	7,523,806.38	761.53	2,207.73	10,059.93	7,072.87	43,604.64	6,972.63	61,337.97	952,409.65	197,299.96	62,119.82	3,952.32	449,913.03
FEBRUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	\$28,459,979.28	\$ 4,971.27	CONT'D	CONT'D		\$498,494.12	\$ 74,481.53	\$ 341,308.08	\$2,531,926.27	\$3,032,203.08	\$ 577,233.74	\$29,605.93	CONT'D
BUDGET AMT	\$29,776,629.00	\$ -	CONT'D	CONT'D		\$517,320.00	\$ 79,562.00	\$ 368,325.00	\$2,646,073.00				CONT'D
BALANCE	\$ 1,316,649.72	\$ (4,971.27)				\$ 18,825.88	\$ 5,080.47	\$ 27,016.92	\$ 114,146.73				
PERCENTAGE	95.58%					96.36%	93.61%	92.66%	95.69%				
PRIOR	COUNTY	SCHOOL OPERATING EXP	USE VALUE TAX BILLS	INTEREST PEN & FEES	DOGS	KING (FIRE)	RURAL HALL (FIRE)	WALNUT COVE (FIRE)	SERVICE (FIRE)	CITY OF KING	TOWN OF WALNUT COVE	TOWN OF DANBURY	EDU DEBT BLDG FUND
JULY	34,571.29	27,868.19	-	14,008.20	6.00	935.49	366.15	1,332.83	4,224.27	4,829.13	2,048.09	63.03	4,626.53
AUGUST	30,901.17	23,781.18	-	15,072.63	6.00	251.31	281.19	1,355.14	4,163.85	5,235.63	618.24	80.20	4,207.46
SEPTEMBER	22,653.64	20,044.95	-	6,896.92	-	716.78	149.02	282.80	3,768.66	2,829.29	750.53	1,155.67	3,040.24
OCTOBER	31,145.99	24,141.67	63.32	12,755.34	6.00	1,495.97	143.79	850.44	4,266.26	1,157.89	695.10	-	4,209.57
NOVEMBER	16,637.57	12,202.64	-	9,996.44	42.00	172.21	32.93	309.98	2,332.52	2,812.44	1,645.35	-	2,082.41
DECEMBER	24,731.84	21,118.41	-	14,310.61	12.00	1,269.82	8.51	441.24	3,739.10	1,717.03	1,129.13	-	3,602.87
JANUARY	15,375.53	12,205.22	276.13	8,952.80	-	232.39	87.03	509.21	2,533.65	675.71	571.54	-	2,227.97
FEBRUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	\$ 176,017.03	\$ 141,362.26	\$ 39,956.94	\$ 98,206.65	\$ 72.00	\$ 5,073.97	\$ 1,068.62	\$ 5,081.64	\$ 25,028.31	\$ 19,257.12	\$ 7,457.98	\$ 1,298.90	\$ 23,997.05
BUDGET AMT	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 35,000.00				\$ 1,777,709.00
BALANCE	\$ 88,982.97	\$ 93,637.74	\$ 43.06	\$101,793.35	\$ (72.00)	\$ 526.03	\$ (68.62)	\$ 1,918.36	\$ 9,971.69				\$ 1,753,711.95
PERCENTAGE	66.42%	60.15%	99.89%	49.10%		90.61%	106.86%	72.59%	71.51%				1.35%

# STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION RELEASE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

## REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RELEASES LESS THAN \$100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BRIGHTSPEED OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA	1120 SOUTH TRYON ST - SUITE 700 CHARLOTTE, NC 28203	885300-2024-2024	\$68.61
BRIGHTSPEED OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA	1120 SOUTH TRYON ST - SUITE 700 CHARLOTTE, NC 28203	885301-2024-2024	\$0.60
BRIGHTSPEED OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA	1120 SOUTH TRYON ST - SUITE 700 CHARLOTTE, NC 28203	885302-2024-2024	\$38.48
RODELL, GARY L RODELL, BONNIE C	PO BOX 125 DANBURY, NC 27016	868631-2021-2021	\$57.31
RODELL, GARY L RODELL, BONNIE C	PO BOX 125 DANBURY, NC 27016	868631-2022-2022	\$57.31
RODELL, GARY L RODELL, BONNIE C	PO BOX 125 DANBURY, NC 27016	868631-2023-2023	\$57.32
RODELL, GARY L RODELL, BONNIE C	PO BOX 125 DANBURY, NC 27016	868631-2024-2024	\$81.96

TOTAL AMOUNT \$361.59

  
RICHARD T. BRIM  
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

2/18/25  
DATE

# STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION RELEASE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

## REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RELEASES MORE THAN \$100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
ROBINSON, MARVIN CLARK MCR EXPRESS	1020 ROBINSON DR MADISON, NC 27025	873283-2024-2024	\$205.82	BUSINESS CLOSED / BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY RELEASE
BRIGHTSPEED OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA	1120 SOUTH TRYON ST - SUITE 700 CHARLOTTE, NC 28203	885297-2024-2024	\$1,154.74	BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY LISTING AMENDMENT PER NCDOR
BRIGHTSPEED OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA	1120 SOUTH TRYON ST - SUITE 700 CHARLOTTE, NC 28203	885298-2024-2024	\$120.23	BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY LISTING AMENDMENT PER NCDOR
BRIGHTSPEED OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA	1120 SOUTH TRYON ST - SUITE 700 CHARLOTTE, NC 28203	885299-2024-2024	\$219.20	BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY LISTING AMENDMENT PER NCDOR

TOTAL AMOUNT      \$1,699.99

Richard T. Brim  
RICHARD T. BRIM  
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

2/18/25  
DATE

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KEITH WOOD  
CHAIRMAN-STOKES COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION REFUND REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

## REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>LEDGER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
BOZORTH, GLENN LORiot	1150 SIMMONS RD WESTFIELD, NC 27053	51026529	100-3100-3100113	\$102.13	VEHICLE SOLD
			209-3100-3100112	\$15.24	
			211-3100-3100001	\$6.10	
MOORE, ANTHONY LEON	1030 LANKFORD RD LAWSONVILLE, NC 27022	73622566	100-3100-3100113	\$235.45	VEHICLE SOLD
			209-3100-3100112	\$35.14	
			211-3100-3100001	\$14.06	

TOTAL AMOUNT

\$408.12

  
RICHARD T. BRIM  
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

2/18/25  
DATE

KEITH WOOD  
CHAIRMAN-STOKES COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE



# COUNTY OF STOKES

**Richard T. Brim**  
Tax Administrator



Phone (336) 593-2811

**TAX ADMINISTRATION**

Fax (336) 593-4019

Post Office Box 294 • 1014 Main Street • Government Center • Danbury, NC 27016

**Date: February 10, 2025**

**To: Stokes County Board of Commissioners**

**From: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator**

**Reference: Advertisement of 2024 Tax Liens**

**Based on NCGS 105-369(a)**, "In February of each year, the tax collector must report to the governing body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property...". "Upon receipt of the report, the governing body must order the tax collector to advertise the tax liens...".

**Based on NCGS 105-369(b1)**, "After the governing body orders the tax collector to advertise the tax liens, the tax collector must send a notice to the record owner of each affected parcel of the property, as determined as of the date the taxes became delinquent. The notice must be sent to the owner's last known address by first-class mail at least 30 days before the date of advertisement is to be published...". Our projected date for the mailing of second notices is March 3, 2025.

(As of February 1, 2025)

<u>Delinquent 2024 Tax Bills</u>	<u># of Bills</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>
General County	3359	\$1,539,490.03
Schools Operating Expense	13	\$ 401.95
Education Fund	3359	\$ 91,937.73
Town of Danbury	10	\$ 1,900.67
City of King	198	\$ 119,754.68
Town of Walnut Cove	110	\$ 24,984.14
King Fire District	256	\$ 22,149.24
Rural Hall Fire District	86	\$ 5,146.71
County Service Fire District	2326	\$ 142,857.00
Walnut Cove Fire District	385	\$ 26,652.35
<b>Total Bills Delinquent</b>	<b>3359</b>	<b>\$1,975,274.50</b>

Through this memo, I am requesting the governing body order the tax collector to advertise these unpaid accounts no earlier than 30 days after the mailing of past due notices (less any bills paid between the report date and the advertising date). Our projected date for the publication of the 2024 tax liens in The Stokes News is June 26, 2025.

Date 2/10/25

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Brim  
Stokes County Tax Administrator

Keith Wood  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners



**Board of County Commissioners  
February 24, 2025  
2:00 PM**

**Item number: VI.a.**

**Register of Deeds Quarterly Report**

Contact: Register of Deeds Brandon Hooker

**Summary:**

Register of Deeds Brandon Hooker will present a report for the first quarter of the calendar year 2025 (also the second quarter of fiscal year 2024-2025). Attached is the report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Upload Date	Type
ROD 2nd Quarter Report	2/24/2025	Cover Memo

Brandon Hooker

Register of Deeds



February 24, 2025

To the Honorable  
Board of County Commissioners  
Stokes County, North Carolina

Dear Board Members,

I, Brandon Hooker, in my capacity as Register of Deeds of the County of Stokes, submit to you the monies taken in by this office for the **2025 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter/ 2nd Fiscal Quarter**.

Total Recording Fees: \$59,083.75  
Total Excise Tax: \$140,744.00  
  
**Total Revenue: \$199,827.75**

For the reporting period of **October 1, 2024 – December 30, 2024**, this office recorded:

<b>Deeds</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>Marriage Licenses</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Deeds of Trust</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>Notary Oaths</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Documents</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>Notarized Signatures</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Plats</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Certified Copies</b>	<b>754</b>
<b>Birth Certificates</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Un-Certified Copies</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Death Certificates</b>	<b>94</b>		

The table below represents the monies collected by the state from this office.

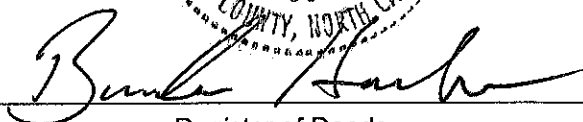
Conveyance Tax	\$70,372.00
Domestic Violence Center	\$1,950.00
Children's Trust Fund	\$325.00
State Treasurer	\$7,148.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,795.60</b>

<b>Gross Revenue</b>	<b>\$199,827.75</b>
Less monies collected by the state	\$79,795.60

**Net Revenue** 119,920.15

Witness my hand and seal this February 24, 2025.



  
Register of Deeds



**RECEIPTING ALLOCATION REPORT**  
**10/01/2024 - 12/31/2024**

Total fees* for the date range		199,827.75
Pension Fund (1.5% of applicable fees)		886.26
State Treasurer Allocation(total)		7,148.60
Floodplain Mapping Fund (55%)	3,931.73	
Dept. of Cultural Resources (25%)	1,787.15	
General Fund (20%)	1,429.72	
Marriage License Allocations:		2,275.00
Children's Trust Fund (\$5)	325.00	
Domestic Violence Center Fund (\$30)	1,950.00	
Excise Tax Collections:		140,744.00
NCDAVE (FKA EBRs/VRAS) Collections:		112.00
Preservation and Automation Fund:		5,098.94
Undesignated County Receipts:		43,562.95

\* This is the total fees for the date range. It may not be equal to total receipts if there was a refund issued by the Finance Department for that date range.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	NO. OF INSTRUMENTS AND/OR TRANSACTIONS	QTY	AMOUNT
104	Additional (Multi-Instrument)	MISC	9	13	120.00
205	Cancellation	D T	282	282	0.00
301	Plat - 1st Page	PLATS	50	50	1,050.00
310	Highway Maps - 1st Page	PLATS	16	16	336.00
311	Highway Maps - 2+ Pages	PLATS	16	67	335.00
401	Marriage License	MARR	65	65	3,900.00
403	Marriage License Certified Copy	CERT M	110	121	1,210.00
501	Oath	NOTARY	43	43	430.00
502	Document Notary	NOTARY	10	10	100.00
503	Notary Change - NO CHARGE	NOTARY	1	1	0.00
601	Certified Copy of Birth Record	BIRTH	20	23	220.00
607	Certified Copy of a Death Record	DEATH	108	500	2,860.00
609	Recorded Death Certificate	DEATH	94	94	0.00
631	GCN Certified Birth Copies	GCN	6	7	70.00
632	GCN Certified Death Copies	GCN	16	77	770.00
633	GCN Certified Marriage Copies	GCN	8	10	100.00
634	GCN Uncertified Birth Copies	GCN	1	1	0.25
635	GCN Uncertified Death Copies	GCN	1	4	1.00
651	NC Dave Search	NCDAVE	8	8	112.00
654	NC Dave - Certified Copy	CERCOP	7	7	70.00
701	UCC - 1 to 2 Pages	UCC	11	11	418.00
702	UCC - 3 to 10 Pages	UCC	8	8	360.00
803	Payment on Copy Account	MISCOP	5	5	2,840.00
804	Copies	MISCOP	5	47	11.50
805	Postage	MISCOP	32	32	32.00
901	Certified Copy - 1st Page	CERCOP	9	12	60.00
902	Certified Copy - 2+ pages	CERCOP	7	63	126.00
1001	Excise Tax	EXCISE	267	267	140,744.00
1103	Military Discharges	MISC	2	2	0.00
1104	Certified Military Discharge	CERCOP	2	2	0.00
1106	County Filing - no fee	MISC	4	4	0.00
1205	Administrative Notice	DEEDS	6	6	0.00
2101	Miscellaneous - first 15 pages	MISC	319	319	8,294.00
2102	Miscellaneous - addl pages	MISC	9	116	464.00
2105	Foreclosures - first 15 pages	MISC	1	1	26.00
2201	Deed of Trust - first 35 pages	D T	345	345	22,080.00
3201	Deeds - first 15 pages	DEEDS	442	442	11,492.00
3301	Right of Way - first 15 pages	R W	46	46	1,196.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2,391</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>199,827.75</b>



**Board of County Commissioners  
February 24, 2025  
2:00 PM**

**Item number: VI.b.**

**Senior Center Expanded Services Update**

Contact: Paula Hall, Director of King Senior Center

**Summary:**

Paula Hall will be present to update the Board and citizens on the expanded services with the senior center. Attached is the presentation that she will go over at the meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Senior Center Expanded Services Update Presentation	2/21/2025	Cover Memo

# Senior Center

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## Expanded Services Update

February 2025



# Creating Access for Active Aging in:

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Lawsonville  
Sandy Ridge  
Pine Hall  
Francisco  
Danbury







Senior Fitness

Line Dance

Yoga

Sit & Fit

Cardio Drumming

Gentle Yoga

Ready, Set, Go



# Still Building Interest in Cardio Drumming!

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We strive to offer classes for all abilities.

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# Cultural Arts

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# Stokes County Fair Senior Citizens Day

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Because of Senior Center Expanded Services, there has been more participation in the Senior Citizens Day during Stokes County Fair Week!

We are connecting older adults across the county!





# Upcoming Presentations & Special Classes

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A Matter of Balance Class is scheduled to begin March 18<sup>th</sup> in Sandy Ridge. This is an 8-week evidence-based fall prevention class that can significantly reduce the risk of injury or death from falls.

Richard Brim, Brandon Hooker, and Tory Mabe are scheduled for a presentation in Lawsonville on April 28<sup>th</sup> followed by a potluck luncheon.

We will also be offering an Easter Ceramics class in Sandy Ridge and a Barn Quilt Painting Class in Pine Hall.

Cooperative Extension is planning a couple of presentations on lawn and plantbed care in Pine Hall and Francisco and an evidence-based strength building class, L.I.F.T., in Danbury.

## Embracing Technology

King Senior Center now has the technology to share just about any program, class, or presentation with older adults across the county. While not meant to replace in-person activities, it can certainly help those who would like to experience a broader scope of classes or share in the presentations that we offer about a variety of topics that are most important to older adults. When illness, injury, or distance prevents them from attending in-person activities virtual access can be a good option for engagement. Participants must have access to a smartphone, or a tablet or computer with internet connection, and an email. They can contact our staff in King and we will send them a link through email for them to view the activity in real time. We are also able to offer tech support as well. In addition Reba Dodson, provides a live weekly cooking class on Facebook. These are great ways to supplement what we are able to provide adults across Stokes County!







# Measurable Benefits

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*“I am a 76-year-old retired public school teacher. I have participated in Sit and Fit at Sandy Ridge since classes began in September of ‘24. It has changed my whole life. I have met and got to know people in my community that I have lived in for 34 years. There is wonderful fellowship together. My diabetes medicine has been cut in half; my A1c, a measure of how I control blood sugar, has dropped to average; my gout medication has been cut in half, as has a diuretic I take to control water retention. My back has stopped hurting, and my arthritic hands have stopped aching. I feel more alive than I have in years. I now have added an additional class for exercise on Fridays. This program has been an absolute blessing. Please, please do not let it end.”*

Sincerely,  
Carolyn B. Wood

Since October, over 100 seniors have participated in Senior Center Expanded Services and we would like to welcome more. We respectfully ask that you continue funding these free programs that we know can improve the health and wellness of older adults. Thank you for valuing them.

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*thank you*



**Board of County Commissioners  
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**Item number: VI.c.**

**Northwestern Regional Library Update**

Contact: Joan Sherif, Northwestern Regional Library

**Summary:**

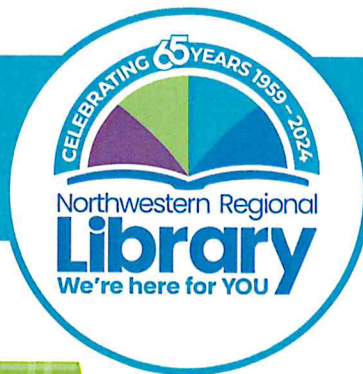
Joan Sherif with the Northwestern Regional Library will be presenting an update on the system and the county libraries. Also joining her will be the library branch managers from King, Walnut Cove, and Danbury to present brief updates as well.

Attached for viewing is FY 23-24 highlights of stats: one for the entire Northwestern Regional Library System and one for Stokes County libraries specifically.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

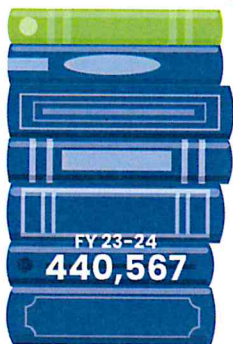
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FY 23-24 Stats Highlights	2/20/2025	Cover Memo





# FY23-24

## BY THE NUMBERS



### Book Circulation

▲0.86%

Book circulation for the NWRL has increased by 0.86% for FY23-24  
FY22-23 was 436,762

FY 23-24  
440,567



### Computer Use

▲22.65%

Technology lending includes laptops, launchpads & hotspots  
FY22-23 was 24,476

FY 23-24  
30,021

### Library Programs



▲26.23%

Programs offered in the library is up 26.23% from FY22-23

### Program Attendance

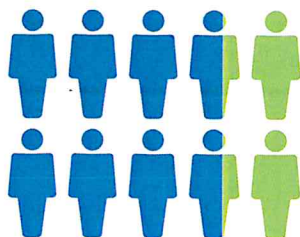


▲12.06%

Attendance of Programs at the library is up 12.06% from FY22-23

### Library Visits

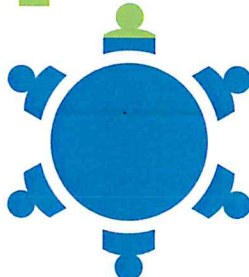
▲15.05%



Library visitation has increased ▲15.05% over FY22-23

### Meeting Attendance

▲3.69%



Meeting room usage is, however, ▼14.29% over FY22-23

### WiFi Usage

▲41.97%



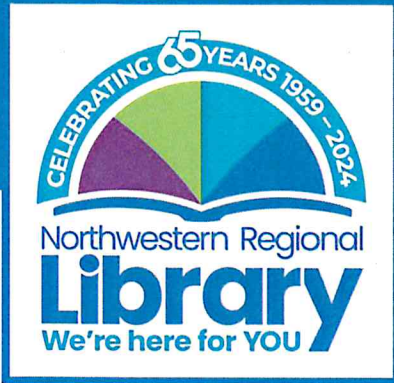
Patrons accessing our free wifi is up by 41.97% over FY22-23  
FY22-23 was 128,457

FY 23-24  
182,369

### Registered Users

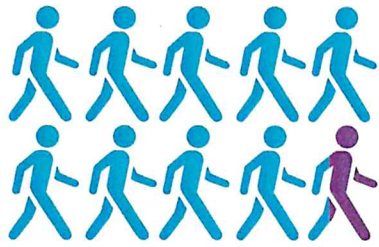
FY22-23 85,828 FY23-24 99,244 - ▲13.52%  
NCCardinal did 3 year purge in FY2023-24.





# Stokes County Branches FY 23-24

Danbury, King, & Walnut Cove

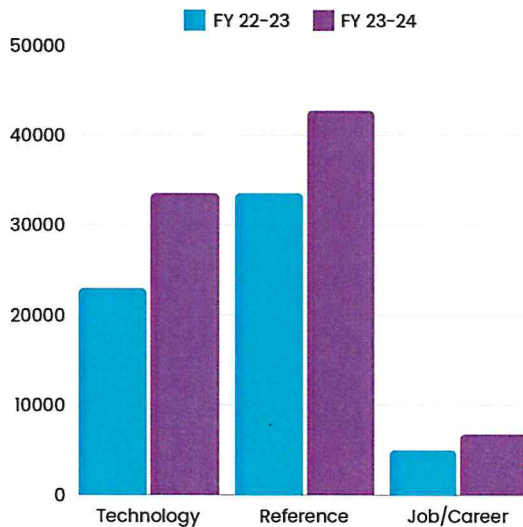


## Library Visits

↑6.85%

Visits are counted daily with how many people come into the library during open hours.

FY 23-24 usage counts were 77,764



## Transactions

↑30.90%

All technology, reference, & job or career questions answered by library staff.  
FY 23-24 counts at 80,539



## Patrons

↑16.54%

Registered patrons that are active has increased.

26,827 active patrons in FY 23-24



## Programs

↑23.92%

A wide variety of programs are offered at each branch for all ages.

7,092 programs were offered in FY 23-24



## Attendance

↑4.86%

Attendance of patrons to programs offered by the branch libraries.  
FY 23-24 attendance was 30,900



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**Item number: VII.a.**

**Five-Year Financial Forecast Update**

Contact: Jeff Sanborn, County Manager

**Summary:**

During our planning retreat on January 16-17, the Board of Commissioners agreed to several funding and planning priorities relevant to the next five years. As a follow-up to that discussion, the attached briefing summarizes those priorities, their timing, and the impact on our five-year financial forecast. A draft recommended tax rate structure based on this year's revaluation is also included in that forecast. Additionally included are several changes made to the five-year forecast related to the various funds, funding projections for the Animal Shelter, and updated COLA based on 2024 CPI.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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FY 26 Operating Update	2/21/2025	Cover Memo



# FY 2026 Five-Year Financial Forecast Update

Feb 24, 2025

# Agenda



- Review priority Opportunities for Improvement (OFIs) identified during the planning retreat
- Discuss revenue neutral tax rates and inflation adjusted revenue neutral tax rate
- Review updated five-year financial forecasts
  - General Fund (100)
  - School Capital Fund (211)
- Review way foreword

# Draft Impacts to 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-01	Address pay salary compression (50% solution), added to operating	\$400K	→			
25-02	Improve EMS staffing and performance (24/72, +\$3), added to operating	\$675K	→			
25-04	Update Comprehensive Plan		\$200K			
25-05	Implement use and personal property tax compliance program, add to operating	\$20K	→			
25-06	Develop & implement annual resident survey, add to operating	\$20K	→			
25-07	Complete broadband expansion county-side ahead of BEAD cycle		\$1M			
25-09	Add 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor to DSS building or build new structure (fund with debt)				\$1.5M	
25-10	Add Mountain View Rd greenbox site, <del>add \$60K to operating</del>		\$530K			
25-12	Renovate plumbing in Jail			\$225K	\$225K	\$450K
25-15	Demo old Danbury School				\$200K	
25-17	Remodel King health facility		\$100K			
25-19	Replace an elementary school and begin school consolidation (debt service, possible grants)				\$50M	

# Draft Staffing Impacts to 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-S1	Environmental health specialist	\$73K	_____→	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S4	Deputy DSS director (50% paid by state)	\$95K	_____→	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S6	Animal wellness technician		\$53K	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S13	EMS training officer	\$80K	_____→	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S9	Building inspector or planner		\$68K	_____→	_____→	_____→

# Evaluations and Projects that do not impact 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-03	Evaluate response truck program	X				
25-11	Evaluate options for addressing future landfill capacity needs		X			
25-13	Evaluate disposition of old courthouse	X				
25-16	Expand EMS Station #3 (King) (\$350K plus \$600K operating) Push to FY31+					
25-18	Build Capital Replacement Plan	X				
25-20	Evaluate options for real-time tracking of fire apparatus and fire fighters (AVL, FOBs, etc)	X				
25-21	Evaluate/Develop Code for housing condemnation	X				
25-22	Evaluate efficacy of contracted solid waste		X			
25-S2	Evaluate addition of Health Dept processing assistant (mental health workload, King facility)			X		
25-S3	Evaluate addition of mental health provider (King facility)			X		
25-S5	Evaluate shelter attendant and/or rescue coordinator			X		
25-S8	Evaluate additional vehicle mechanic	X				
25-S9	Evaluate Planning & Inspections staffing (inspector vs planner)	X				

# Evaluations and Projects that do not impact 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-S10	Evaluate addition of a custodian	X				
25-S11	Evaluate addition of a HR position	X				
25-S12	Evaluate addition a tax compliance review officer		X			
25-S14	Evaluate addition of a community paramedic		X			
25-S15	Evaluate addition of an IT position (tech vs security)	X				



# Capital Replacement Plan -- Should not Impact 5 yr Financial Plan



OFI #	Title/Description	Cost	Year
25-C1	Replace front load solid waste truck (#138, 2016 model, 224,953 miles)	\$415K	27-28
25-C2	Replace transfer station scales	\$100K	26
25-C3	Replace two ambulances (financed?)(we have spoken for two that are in the pipeline due to long lead times)	\$612K	26-27
25-C4	Replace EMS Supervisor/medical examiner transport truck (240K miles)	\$200K	26-27
25-C5	Replace one ambulance	\$336K	27-28
25-C6	Replace one ambulance	\$369K	28-29
25-C7	Replace ventilators (EMS)	\$210K	29
25-C8	Replace one ambulance	\$406K	30
25-C9	Replace Lucas CPR devices	\$200K	30
25-C10	Replace one ambulance	\$447K	31

# Changes Made to Five-Year Financial Forecast



- Pulled School Capital Fund (211) out of the overall forecast to create two separate forecasts
- Pulled the existing MOE Fund, School Current Expense Fund and Title XIX Fund into the General Fund Forecast – This is an accounting change we intend to put in place this year
- Changed the Animal Shelter from debt funded to cash funded
- Updated the 2026 COLA to reflect actual calendar year 2024 CPI

# Tax Rates – General Fund & School Capital Fund



- NCGS require that we conduct real property revaluation at least every four years
- Our revaluation process is nearly complete and, on average, real property has appreciated in value by roughly 41 percent over the last four years
- NCGS require that local governments identify the revenue neutral tax rate prior to adopting a new tax rate after each revaluation
- The General Fund revenue neutral tax rate for this revaluation is 0.5410 compared to the current tax rate of 0.67
- Adjusting the revenue neutral rate for the impact of inflation results in a rate of 0.6058

0.5410 ← ————— New Tax Rate ————— → 0.6058

- The revenue neutral tax rate for the School Capital Fund is 0.0323 compared to the current (and proposed) tax rate of 0.04

# Updated General Fund Five-Year Financial Forecast



	Budget		Forecast			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
<b>Population</b>	<b>46,353</b>	<b>46,605</b>	<b>46,802</b>	<b>46,955</b>	<b>47,075</b>	<b>47,168</b>
<b>Property Tax Rate</b>	<b>0.670</b>	<b>0.575</b>	<b>0.575</b>	<b>0.575</b>	<b>0.575</b>	<b>0.575</b>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>						
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 34,192,298	\$ 37,992,163	\$ 39,152,820	\$ 40,702,783	\$ 42,314,469	\$ 44,103,956
Intergovernmental Revenues - (Restricted & Unrestricted)	13,073,006	10,738,006	10,915,472	11,096,488	11,281,124	11,469,453
Permits & Fees	592,083	598,004	598,004	598,004	598,004	598,004
Sales & Services	5,021,401	5,019,101	5,019,101	5,019,101	5,043,101	5,043,101
Other Operating Revenues	145,690	240,500	242,920	245,437	248,054	250,776
Interest Income	750,150	1,079,584	1,046,408	958,843	994,857	1,019,531
Other Taxes & Licenses	10,264,000	10,461,500	10,662,950	10,868,429	11,078,018	11,291,798
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	<b>64,038,628</b>	<b>66,128,858</b>	<b>67,637,676</b>	<b>69,489,084</b>	<b>71,557,627</b>	<b>73,776,619</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (OFS)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total GF Revenues &amp; OFS</b>	<b>\$ 64,038,628</b>	<b>\$ 66,128,858</b>	<b>\$ 67,637,676</b>	<b>\$ 69,489,084</b>	<b>\$ 71,557,627</b>	<b>\$ 73,776,619</b>
<b>Highlighted cells reflect "What If Scenarios" Decisions Tab</b>						
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>						
Personnel in FTEs	362.0	365.0	367.0	367.0	367.0	367.0
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 27,403,114	\$ 30,565,367	\$ 32,158,775	\$ 33,620,393	\$ 35,183,088	\$ 36,727,896
Operating	25,186,037	26,325,708	25,581,723	24,448,677	25,130,071	25,646,092
Stokes County Public Schools	15,089,840	15,277,637	15,585,470	15,899,459	16,219,728	16,546,403
Debt Service	943,432	3,038,076	3,007,669	2,563,956	2,758,550	2,474,039
Contingency	350,000	357,000	364,140	371,423	378,851	386,428
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>68,622,423</b>	<b>75,206,786</b>	<b>76,333,637</b>	<b>76,532,485</b>	<b>79,291,438</b>	<b>81,394,430</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses (OFU)</b>	<b>993,177</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total GF Expenditures &amp; OFU</b>	<b>69,615,600</b>	<b>75,206,786</b>	<b>76,333,637</b>	<b>76,532,485</b>	<b>79,291,438</b>	<b>81,394,430</b>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Exp</b>	<b>\$ (5,576,972)</b>	<b>\$ (9,077,929)</b>	<b>\$ (8,695,961)</b>	<b>\$ (7,043,401)</b>	<b>\$ (7,733,811)</b>	<b>\$ (7,617,811)</b>

Between .5410 and .6058; 9.5 cents below the current rate of .67

Still working on these. Expect them to increase. May result in a slightly lower recommended tax rate

# Updated General Fund Five-Year Financial Forecast

## Continued



	Budget		Forecast			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
<b>Projected Impact on Fund Balance in the General Fund:</b>						
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 26,299,521	\$ 29,887,208	\$ 28,866,408	\$ 28,353,088	\$ 29,553,557	\$ 30,376,034
Budgeted Revenues Over (Under)						
Exp	(5,576,972)	(9,077,929)	(8,695,961)	(7,043,401)	(7,733,811)	(7,617,811)
Budget to Actual Variance <sup>1</sup>	7,476,976	8,057,128	8,182,642	8,243,870	8,556,287	8,846,385
Projected Revenues Over (Under)						
Expenditures	1,900,004	(1,020,800)	(513,319)	1,200,469	822,476	1,228,574
<b>Projected Ending GF Bal</b>	<b>\$ 29,887,208</b>	<b>\$ 28,866,408</b>	<b>\$ 28,353,088</b>	<b>\$ 29,553,557</b>	<b>\$ 30,376,034</b>	<b>\$ 31,604,607</b>
<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>38.6%</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>38.8%</b>
<sup>1</sup> Assumes actual operating revenues of 101% of budget and actual operating and salary expenditures of 87% of budget						
<b>Revenue per Penny of Property Tax</b>						
<b>Rate</b>	511,295.33	663,319.18	683,853.29	711,291.72	739,822.20	771,504.06
<b>Tax Rate Needed to Balance Forecast</b>						
		1.54	0.75	(1.69)	(1.11)	(1.59)
<b>Operating Revenues</b>						
	\$ 64,038,628	\$ 66,128,858	\$ 67,637,676	\$ 69,489,084	\$ 71,557,627	\$ 73,776,619
Operating Expenditures	69,615,600	75,206,786	76,333,637	76,532,485	79,291,438	81,394,430
Operating Margin	93%	97%	96%	94%	94%	94%
Debt Service as % of total exp	1.36%	4.04%	3.94%	3.35%	3.48%	3.04%
Policy Minimum for FB graph	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
* Operating Expense for FY 25-26 includes one-time amount of \$1,136,685 for Riverstreet Contract						

Projected annual end-of-year impact on combined fund balance

Projected annual end-of year fund balance

Acceptable operating margins

Debt service well below 10%

# Updated School Capital Fund Five-Year Financial Forecast



	Budget		Forecast			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Population	46,353	46,605	46,802	46,955	47,075	47,168
Property Tax Rate	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040
<b>Operating Revenues</b>						
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,009,092	\$ 2,605,368	\$ 2,686,109	\$ 2,793,933	\$ 2,906,050	\$ 3,030,536
IRS Interest Refund-QSCAB/QZAB & Lottery	1,248,000	1,248,000	1,248,000	1,248,000	450,000	450,000
Permits & Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales & Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Taxes & Licenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	3,257,092	3,853,368	3,934,109	4,041,933	3,356,050	3,480,536
<b>Other Financing Sources (OFS)</b>	911,820	911,820	911,820	911,820	911,820	911,820
<b>Total Dedicated Debt Revenues &amp; OFS</b>	\$ 4,168,912	\$ 4,765,188	\$ 4,845,929	\$ 4,953,753	\$ 4,267,870	\$ 4,392,356
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>						
Debt Service	3,628,673	3,600,315	3,571,957	3,543,598	6,437,698	5,943,470
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	3,628,673	3,600,315	3,571,957	3,543,598	6,437,698	5,943,470
<b>Other Financing Uses (OFU)</b>	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000
<b>Total Dedicated Debt Expenditures &amp; OFU</b>	3,742,673	3,714,315	3,685,957	3,657,598	6,551,698	6,057,470
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Exp</b>	\$ 426,240	\$ 1,050,873	\$ 1,159,973	\$ 1,296,154	\$ (2,283,828)	\$ (1,665,114)
<b>Projected Impact on Fund Balance in the Dedicated Debt Fund:</b>						
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	\$ 2,431,320	\$ 2,857,560	\$ 3,908,433	\$ 5,068,405	\$ 6,364,560	\$ 4,080,732
Budgeted Revenues Over (Under) Exp	426,240	1,050,873	1,159,973	1,296,154	(2,283,828)	(1,665,114)
Budget to Actual Variance <sup>1</sup>						
<b>Projected Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	426,240	1,050,873	1,159,973	1,296,154	(2,283,828)	(1,665,114)
<b>Projected Ending Dedicated Debt Bal</b>	\$ 2,857,560	\$ 3,908,433	\$ 5,068,405	\$ 6,364,560	\$ 4,080,732	\$ 2,415,618
<b>% of Total Budget</b>	76.4%	105.2%	137.5%	174.0%	62.3%	39.9%

Maintained 4 cents

Impact of \$50M School Construction (20 years, 5% interest)

\$50M may not be sustainable

\$45M probably is; can get to \$50 (or more) with some combination of:

- Grant(s)
- Increase annual funding
- Use of General Fund fund balance
- Longer term



# Next Steps



- Feb 28: Revaluation expected to be completed
- March: Senior Budget Team reviews departmental level budgets with department heads
- Apr 14: Manager presents budget preview to the board and public
- May 12: Manager will present the proposed budget
- **May 15: School budget request deadline**
- Mid-May: Half-day Commissioners' budget work session
- May 27: Public Hearing on the budget
- Jun 9: Adopt budget





**Board of County Commissioners  
February 24, 2025  
2:00 PM**

**Item number: VII.b.**

**JCPC Appointment Request**

Contact:

**Summary:**

Two members on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) can no longer continue serving on the council. Recommendations were sent from these members of staff from their respective organizations to serve as designees. These individuals are Kayla Bohannon for the Health Department designee and Lieutenant B.G. Haynes for the King PD designee. The JCPC approved the recommendations at their January meeting and now requires Board approval for appointment. Attached is a recommendation letter from the council.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Upload Date	Type
Appointment Recommendation Letter	2/20/2025	Cover Memo

February 13, 2025

Stokes County Board of Commissioners  
Stokes County Government Center  
1014 Main Street  
Danbury, NC 27016

Dear County Commissioners:

I was recently informed by two JCPC members that they were unable to attend the Stokes Juvenile Crime Prevention Council meetings on a regular basis. Those members are Tammy Martin, Stokes Health Department appointee and Chief Jordan Boyette, Chief of Police appointee. Ms. Martin and Chief Boyette recommended designees to serve in their positions.

The Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council would like to make the following recommendations for appointment of board members to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to fill the designee positions for the Stokes County Health Department and designee for the Chief of Police positions:

Kayla Bohannon  
Lieutenant B.G. Haynes

Health Department Appointee designee  
King Police Department designee

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Moose  
Chairperson, Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council



**Board of County Commissioners  
February 24, 2025  
2:00 PM**

**Item number: VIII.a.**

**Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities**

Contact: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator

Summary:

**Items for Approval on February 24, 2025:**

1. Increase the Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Upload Date	Type
Tax Office Agenda	2/7/2025	Cover Memo



# COUNTY OF STOKES

## TAX ADMINISTRATION

Post Office Box 294 • 1014 Main Street • Administration Building • Danbury, NC 27016  
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**Date: February 7, 2025**

**To: Stokes County Board of Commissioners**

**From: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator**

**Reference: Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities**

**Board Members:**

The Stokes County Tax Office collects property taxes for all three of the municipalities located in Stokes County (Danbury, King and Walnut Cove). Stokes County currently charges the municipalities a rate of 1%, based upon their levy, to provide this service. The Tax Office recently polled every county in North Carolina. We received responses from 74 counties. The median percentage that other counties charge their municipalities to provide collection services is 1.75%.

It is the recommendation of the Stokes County Tax Office to increase our "Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities" to 1.75% of the municipalities' levy.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard Brim

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Approval

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Denial

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Keith Wood  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Date