

Davidson County Board of Commissioners

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The Board of Commissioners holds regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:00pm. In addition, informational meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:00am. The meetings are held on the 4th floor of the Governmental Center, which is located at 913 Greensboro Street in Lexington and all meetings are open to the public.

Commissioner's Telephone Number: 336-242-2200

County Manager

Zeb M. Hanner 242-2200

Departments

Cooperative Extension	Troy Coggins	242-2081
Ambulance	Larry James	242-2270
Board of Elections	Ruth Huneycutt	242-2190
Assist. County Manager	Casey Smith	242-2213
Clerk of Court	Brian Shipwash	242-2264
Communications	Terry Bailey	242-2132
County Attorney	Chuck Frye	236-3084
Finance	Jane Kiker	242-2029
Fire Marshal	Danny Ward	242-2281
Health	Lillian Koontz	242-2349
Human Resources	Kathy Cashion	242-2919
Inspections	Tod Hancock	242-2807
DavidsonWorks	Pam Walton	242-2065
Landfill/Solid Waste	Zeb Hanner	242-2200
Library	Ruth Ann Copley	242-2064
IT	Joel Hartley	242-2032
Museum	Caitlin Williams	242-2064
Planning & Zoning	Guy Cornman	242-2224
Public Services	Zeb Hanner	242-2008
Support Services	Dwayne Childress	242-2030
Recreation	Thomas Marshburn	242-2285
Register of Deeds	David Rickard	242-2150
Risk Management	Slade Cole	242-2917
Senior Services	Thessia Everhart	242-2290
Sheriff	David S. Grice	242-2100
Social Services	Dale Moorefield	242-2562
Soil & Water	Andy Miller	242-2075
Tax Administration	Jerry Ward	242-2160
Transportation	Rex Buck	242-2008
Veterans Services	Rick Johnson	242-2037

The Layman's Budget

A Citizen's Guide to the Budget

Fiscal Year

Adopted 2018-2019

Beginning July 1, 2018



Statement of Philosophy and Guiding Principles of Davidson County Government

Davidson County delivers services devoted to excellence, maintaining standards of professionalism and integrity while enhancing the well-being of our community.

Our philosophy is based on:

- Encouraging teamwork through collaboration and partnerships*
- Offering responsive services to obtain positive results*
- Delivering excellent services through committed employees who are sensitive to the needs of our citizens*
- Creating and maintaining a safe, professional work environment that promotes leadership and empowers employees*
- Providing fiscal accountability and environmental stewardship by effectively using human and natural resources*



REVENUES

- Tax rate remains \$0.54 per \$100 of assessed property valuation. Total tax base equals \$13.87 billion, with a 96.75% overall blended collection rate, and the County expects to collect \$72,489,646 in property taxes for next fiscal year. This is an increase of \$717,719 or 1.0% over the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget total of \$71,771,927.
- Sales Tax accounts for 20% of total County revenues totaling \$26 million dollars. This represents a \$1M dollar or 4.3% increase over the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget of \$25 million dollars. The natural sales tax growth totals 4.3% or \$826,000. The budget includes \$3.03 million dollars in Article 46 Sales Tax revenues (0.25%), as these funds will be used for the debt service related to the new Oak Grove Area High School. Lastly, the budget includes an additional \$2.8 million dollars in Article 44 sales tax approved by the North Carolina General Assembly fall 2015. These funds must be spent on Local Schools, Community Colleges and / or Economic Development.
- Intergovernmental revenue is expected to decrease by (\$6.1M) or -24.9%. Majority of this decrease is due child daycare subsidy revenues within Social Services (\$5.8M) now being paid directly to providers via NCFAS as opposed to the County first then the provider. Lastly, the local matches for certain transportation grants are expected to lower for the upcoming fiscal year (from 50% to 10%).
- The FY 2019 Adopted Budget increases total funding to the Sewer Fund by \$22,300 or 5.0%. This increase is expected to match the fee increase imposed on the County by its waste water treatment provider the City / County Commission (Winston-Salem / Forsyth County).
- The adopted budget for the landfill also includes changes in fees related to e-waste and per passenger vehicle minimum fees for the upcoming fiscal year. The changes are designed to ensure the landfill can cover the increased cost of collecting and disposing of such waste for the upcoming fiscal year and beyond.
- The adopted budget includes two fire district tax rate increases for the upcoming fiscal year: 1) Hasty — \$0.01 and 2) Linwood—\$0.02. These increases are needed to deal with increasing call volume, increases in staff workload as well as replacement of aging equipment.

EXPENDITURES

- Employee pay increases are included in the budget using the same formula approved for FY 2017-18 (Base pay + \$500 + 1.5% COLA.). In addition, the budget includes \$80K for the Sheriff's Office to "finalize" the last portion of staff pay increases which were begun in FY 2018, as the county adjusted starting pay for "front-line" patrol / detention officers. This measure will hopefully allow for better recruitment / retention among all law enforcement personnel. The budget keeps "flat" health insurance cost for employees as well as the county for the upcoming fiscal year. The county will use FY 2019 to focus on wellness "campaigns" utilized via the county's insurance provider — Blue Cross / Blue Shield.
- Per pupil funding is expected to increase from \$1,202.80 to \$1,215.60, which is a total increase of \$332,000 or 1.06% per pupil, with a 1.17% cumulative overall increase in education spending over the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget. All three school systems received a 1.0% increase in Type II Capital Outlay, with the community college also receiving 1.0% above the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget. The adopted budget includes \$294K in Type I Capital Outlay funding to the Community College for repair of the 20 year old Briggs Building roof and construction of a walkway from the Love Resource Center to Smith Health Science Center. Lastly, the adopted budget provides school capital outlay funding for the three school systems at the same level as for FY 2017-18 (\$2.66 million dollars) but does add \$7K in old OSCB debt "fall-off" each school district pays back annually to the County.
- Debt Service is expected to increase by (\$199K) for next fiscal year and include funding for the I-85 Corporate Center (expected to be covered by Article 44 Sales Tax in order to begin payback of low interest Federal loans) and \$1.2M to cover debt service related to any of the three architect options (Option A, D, or F) for the proposed courthouse / clerk of court renovation projects (\$887K - Courthouse and \$327K - Clerk of Court).
- Lastly, the adopted budget includes \$785K for (15) new high priority positions: 1) DSS (6), 2) Sheriff's Office (2), 3) EMS (4), 4) Emergency Communications (1), Public Health (1) and 5) P&R (1). All of these positions were included to address increased workload, growing regulatory guidelines and assist with major public safety issues / projects. County funding for these positions total approximately \$500K, as majority of the cost is covered via a reduction in operating funding, additional cost reimbursement opportunities and / or an elimination of existing funded positions.

Davidson County Adopted 2018-2019

General Fund Budget

General Government

County Commissioners	\$ 354,085
County Manager	\$ 678,923
County Attorney	\$ 580,827
Human Resources	\$ 1,050,483
Finance	\$ 840,417
Purchasing	\$ 416,432
Assessor & Collector	\$ 2,846,378
Board of Elections	\$ 544,635
Register of Deeds	\$ 498,774
State Agencies	\$ 187,519
Public Buildings	\$ 3,704,269
IT	\$ 1,367,802
Contingency	\$ 75,000
Total General Government	\$13,154,044

Public Safety

Sheriff	\$11,867,050
Sheriff Resource Officers	\$ 1,034,064
Jail	\$ 4,207,745
Emergency Communications	\$ 2,310,726
Inspections	\$ 978,056
Medical Examiner	\$ 152,000
Emergency Management	\$ 123,631
Fire Marshal	\$ 396,748
Ambulance	\$ 7,787,576
Animal Shelter	\$ 555,733
JCPC Operating Supplies	\$ 2,500
Contributions to National Guard	\$ 3,000
Contributions to Rescue Squads	\$ 97,000
Total Public Safety	\$29,515,829

Transportation

Financing Use-Transfer to Airport	\$ 119,317
Financing Use-Transfer to Transportation	\$ 96,099
Total Transportation	\$ 215,416

Environmental Protection

Sanitation	\$ 1,192,527
Soil & Water	\$ 207,950
Total Environmental Protection	\$ 1,400,477

Economic And Physical Development

Planning	\$ 516,850
GIS	\$ 234,256
Cooperative Extension	\$ 252,783
Contribution to Economic Development	\$ 248,000
Contribution to Forester	\$ 104,554
Contribution to Chambers of Commerce	\$ 27,500
Financing Use-Transfer JTEC	\$ 145,147
Financing Use-Transfer Airport Project	\$ 16,667
Financing Use-Transfer Economic Dev. Reserve	\$ 951,934
Total Economic and Physical Development	\$ 2,497,691

Human Services

Health	\$ 7,036,702
Social Services	\$ 12,393,517
Public Assistance	\$ 5,008,108
Senior Services	\$ 2,174,986
Veterans Services	\$ 134,267
Contribution to Life Center (HHCBG)	\$ 96,726
Family Services Grant	\$ 85,730
Financing Use-Transfer to Mental Health	\$ 824,344
Total Human Services	\$ 27,754,380

Culture and Recreation

Recreation	\$ 810,287
Library	\$ 3,472,883
Museum	\$ 151,587
Lake Thom-a-Lex	\$ 151,707
Tourism	\$ 73,360
Total Culture and Recreation	\$ 4,659,824

Debt Service

Principal	\$ 9,727,769
Interest	\$ 5,350,834
Total Debt Service	\$ 15,078,603

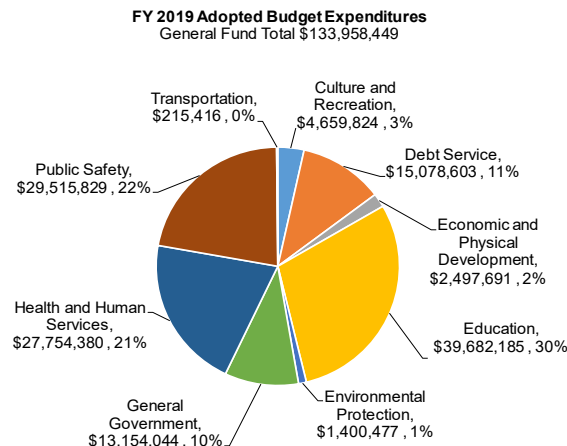
Education

School Current Expense	\$ 31,122,493
School Capital Outlay	\$ 4,847,053
Community College - Current Expense	\$ 3,306,639
Community College - Capital Outlay	\$ 406,000
Total Education	\$ 39,682,185

Total General Fund \$ 133,958,449

Other Funds Budget

Mental Health Fund \$ 824,344
Mental Health is funded by County dollars in the amount of \$824,344. The remainder comes from other sources.



DavidsonWorks \$ 1,275,865

DavidsonWorks is to help retrain workers and get them back in the workforce. DavidsonWorks receives \$145,147 in County Funds.

Special Revenue Funds Budget

Fire District Fund \$ 8,815,586

This fund includes revenue collected through fire district taxes for operational cost and capital needs for the County's 26 volunteer fire districts.

Transportation Fund \$ 1,051,067

This fund is for the Davidson County Transportation System. The fund will receive \$96,099 from the General Fund. The remainder comes from charges for services, sale of Fixed Assets, Federal / State funds as well as contributions from the Cities of Lexington and Thomasville.

Special School District Fund \$ 1,507,165

This fund includes revenue collected for the Lexington City Schools through a special school district tax.

Emergency Telephone Fund \$ 582,173

This fund holds revenues from the monthly surcharge fee on telephone service. The fees are used to pay for maintenance and upgrades to the County's emergency communication system.

Capital Improvement Project Plan \$ 16,667

This fund is used for specific capital projects, with the \$16,667 being for the airport.

School Capital Outlay Fund \$ 2,952,545

This fund pays for construction of new buildings, additions to older facilities and purchase of land and equipment.

Total Special Revenue Funds \$ 14,925,203

Internal Service Fund Budget

Garage \$ 1,696,820

This fund is used by the Garage for maintenance, gas and insurance of County owned vehicles. The cost is distributed to the various County Departments.

Insurance Fund \$ 10,556,334

This fund is used to charge the various departments health insurance cost. Davidson County is self insured. Health claims and administration cost are paid from this fund.

Workers Compensation \$ 793,894

Davidson County is self insured for workers compensation claims. All departments are charged based on the workers compensation rate for their job code. All claims and administration are paid from this account.

Total Internal Service Funds \$ 13,047,048

Enterprise Funds Budget

Landfill \$ 2,186,912

Revenues in this fund are raised through landfill tipping fees, tire disposal fees, and sale of recyclable materials are used for capital improvements and operations of the solid waste system of the County.

Airport \$ 368,817

This fund is used to operate the local airport. The County portion of this is \$119,317.

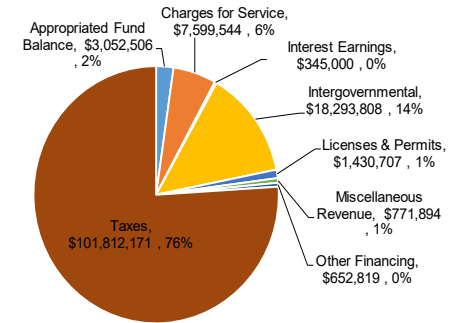
Sewer \$ 468,294

This fund is used to track the operating cost of the Davidson County sewer program.

Total Enterprise Funds \$ 3,024,023

Total of All Types of Funds \$ 167,054,932

FY 2019 Adopted Budget Revenues
Total \$133,958,449



Property Tax Rate

The FY 2018-2019 Adopted Budget tax rate of \$0.54 is equal to the current property tax rate of \$0.54 per \$100 dollars of valuation. The County Budget is 54% funded by property tax revenue. The proposed tax rate will yield total revenue of \$72,489,646 on a collection rate of 96.75%. One penny of property tax equals \$1,342,401. The current tax base is \$13.87 billion.

Davidson County Profile

Davidson County was formed in 1822 including an area of 549 square miles. It was named for General William Lee Davidson, who was killed in a battle with British forces during the Revolutionary War. With a mild climate free of extremes, citizens enjoy each of the distinct four seasons of the year. The average annual temperature is 59 degrees and the average rainfall is 44 inches. Lexington is the county seat of Davidson County and is located in the center of the North Carolina industrial piedmont. The County has six municipalities Lexington, Thomasville, Denton, Wallburg, Midway and High Point. The County population is approximately 165,193

Davidson County Parks



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