

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 5, 2007 MINUTES

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was to hear public comment on the County's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Commissioners present:

Beth Ward, Chairman
Mark Owens, Jr., Vice Chairman
Eugene James, Commissioner
David Hammond, Commissioner
Tom Coulson, Commissioner
Jimmy Garris, Commissioner
Melvin McLawhorn, Commissioner
Kenneth Ross, Commissioner
Tom Johnson, Commissioner

Staff present:

Scott Elliott, County Manager
Scott Elliott, County Manager
Trish Staton, Clerk to the Board
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney
Melonie Bryan, Deputy County Manager/Financial Services
Phil Dickerson, Deputy County Manager/Public Services
Michael Taylor, Chief Information Officer

Call to Order

Meeting Notes

Chairman Ward welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing on the budget for FY 07-08.

Roll Call

Invocation and Pledge

Meeting Notes

The Invocation was offered by Commissioner Hammond.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner James.

Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Approval of agenda as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Jimmy Garris.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Melvin McLawhorn.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Presentation

FY 07-08 Proposed Budget - Scott Elliott

Information Provided with the Agenda

Overview of FY 07-08 Proposed Budget

Meeting Notes

Mr. Elliott gave the Board and public an overview of the budget.



FY 2007-08 Manager's
Recommended Budget Overview

June 4, 2007



Manager's Recommended Budget

- **Total Budget** **\$198,889,114** (-4.26%)
- **General Fund** **\$108,050,539** (+5.36%)



Highlights

- Increases ad valorem tax 1.5 cents
- Sustains & Exceeds Top One-Third in State for Funding to Pitt County Schools
- Addresses staffing issues in Sheriff's Department, Public Health, and Social Services
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Priority Areas

1. Education / Schools
2. Community Safety / Emergency Services
3. Health / Welfare
4. Economic Development
5. Facilities / Space Needs
6. Infrastructure
7. Recreation & Parks



Major Initiatives

- Address the stated priorities of the Board of Commissioners – education, public safety, public health and welfare - by adding positions and additional funding;
- Construct \$20 million Detention Center expansion of 192 beds - should begin in mid summer;



Major Initiatives

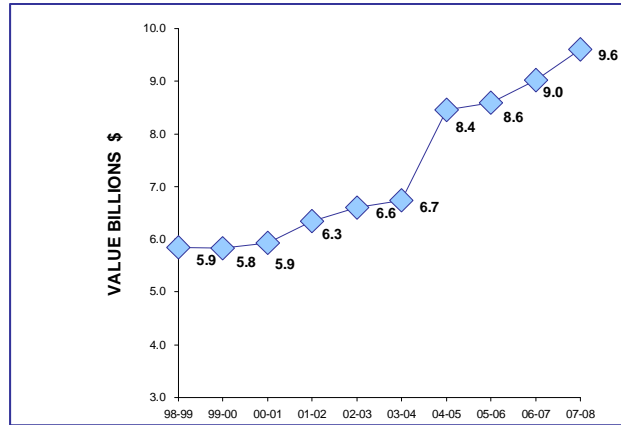
- Complete final fieldwork for reevaluation 2008;
- Address critical staffing needs in Public Health (lab technician & nurses), Social Services (Medicaid division), and the Sheriff's department (deputies & part time help);
- Implement a Health Management Program to address long term costs and utilization of the Employee Health Insurance Plan;



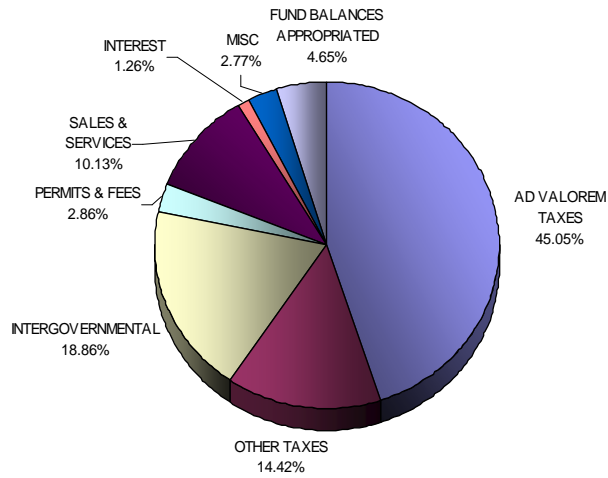
Major Initiatives

- Move the Mosquito Control Program to Environmental Health implementing one new position, vehicle, equipment and much needed educational outreach;
- Seek General Assembly action to identify additional revenue source(s) to assist with school construction needs (local option sales tax, menu of revenues); and
- Create Pitt Area Transit System "in-house" operations effective July 1, 2007.

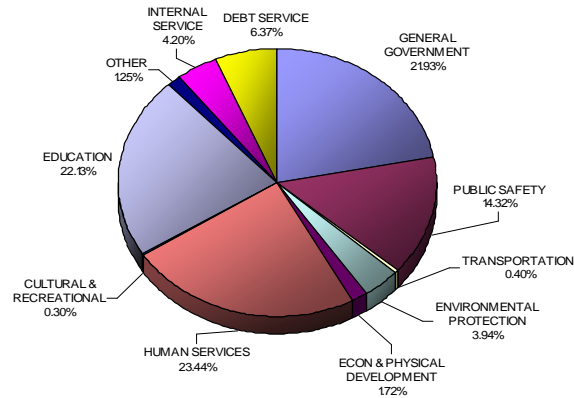
Property Valuation for Tax Base



Revenues



Expenditures

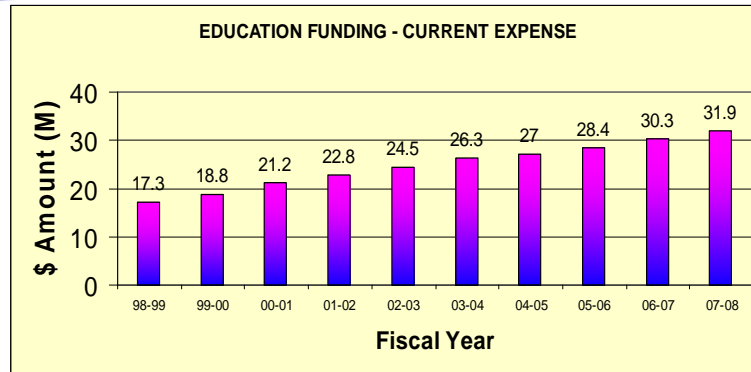


Education—Pitt County Schools

- Provides a 5.14% increase, \$33,050,776 total

Current Expense	\$31.9 million
Capital I, II, III	\$ 750,000

Education—Pitt County Schools



Increases Incorporated

- Education - \$1,791,211
- Sheriff/Detention - \$1,197,545
- Public Health/DSS - \$2,933,788
- Employee Medical - \$850,000*
- Retiree Medical - \$190,000

*General Fund portion

Public Hearings

Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposed Budget

Meeting Notes

Chairman Ward opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Roal, Winterville. Mr. Roal spoke about the property tax increase. He spoke about money for the school system. He said he opposes the tax increase. He thanked the Board for their time.

Keith Holley, Rosewood subdivision. Mr. Holley spoke about living in Pitt County and owning property. He asked the Board to approve the property tax increase. Mr. Holley said the tax increase is a small amount that can do a lot of good.

Charlie Anderson, 4129 Highway 11 N. Mr. Anderson spoke about the expenses for prisoners paid for by tax payers. He spoke about the money from the lottery. He spoke about listing of unpaid taxes in the Daily Reflector.

Margie Ward spoke against a tax increase. She spoke about being on a fixed income. She spoke about raising taxes in other ways. She asked the board not to increase taxes.

Nancy Colville, Greenville. Ms. Colville spoke about appreciating the efforts of the staff and the board. She spoke about supporting the increase for Pitt County Schools to open an alternative school. Ms. Colville said the proposed budget is good but there does not need to be a tax increase at this time. Ms. Colville spoke about the Council on Aging. She asked the board to remove the Council on Aging item from the budget.

Bob Sheck, Brick Kiln Road. Mr. Sheck spoke against increasing property taxes. He said a sales tax increase would bring more revenue. He said property owners are being taxed to no end and he would like to see an end to it.

Tom Tonsol spoke in support of a property tax increase. He spoke about the needs of the county. He spoke about the property increase not having an effect on all residents. He spoke about a sticker identifying Pitt County residents. He thanked the Board for their time.

Jeanette Taft, Old River Road. Ms. Taft spoke in support of raising taxes to support education. She said her major concern were the juveniles. She spoke about using tax money for rehabilitation of children.

Minster Edna Atkinson, Greenville. Ms. Atkinson spoke about Medicaid. She spoke for citizens that are not able to pay taxes. She spoke about 264 Bypass. She said the expressway is coming.

Chairman Ward closed the Public Hearing.

Items for Decision

Consider Adoption of Budget Ordinance

Meeting Notes

Chairman Ward stated the only tax the County can impose is an Ad Valorem Tax on property. The County cannot tax other items. This is done by the General Assembly and the

Federal Government. All of the tax money received comes from Ad Valorem Taxes. She spoke about the county pursuing the sales tax for three years.

Mr. Elliott said the county can not do anything without the General Assembly's approval. He said the board has no local authority to raise revenue.

Vice Chairman Owens thanked the employees that work for the county. He said the Manager and staff are doing an excellent job. He said the Board has been studying and reviewing the budget information for several months. He thanked the citizens present for attending the public hearing. He said the citizens not present trust this board will do what is right for citizens of Pitt County.

Motion:

Approve Budget FY 2007-2008 as presented by the Manager.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Owens.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Coulson.

Discussion:

Commissioner James said he disagrees with the motion. He spoke about taxes increasing 30% three years ago. He said re-evaluation is scheduled for 2008. He spoke about the poor people being hurt by a tax increase. Commissioner James said 90% of people in his district oppose a tax increase. He spoke about money not buying education.

Commissioner Johnson spoke about the General Assembly providing a means for citizens of North Carolina who are poor who can apply for relief on property tax. He spoke about concerns with the General Assembly not giving the County alternative means of taxing. He said the 1.5 cent increase is needed at this time to fund the Pitt County budget. He asked the County Manager if the amount budgeted for the Council on Aging would pay for dual use of facilities. Mr. Elliott said the current budget appropriates \$174,000 to Council on Aging. He said there will be a continuation of in-direct services, utilities, insurance, and janitorial at current sight. Commission Johnson offered an amendment to the motion.

Amendment:

Mandate once the new Council on Aging facility is complete, Council on Aging will vacate the current facility so there will not be an increase in cost to the County due to operating two facilities.

**Vice Chairman Owens as the motion maker accepted the amendment.
Commissioner Coulson as the second to the motion accepted the amendment.**

Amendment to motion:

Fund Council on Aging at the same rate the County funded last year.

Motion made by Commissioner Ross.

Seconded by Commissioner Hammond.

**Vice Chairman Owens as the motion maker accepted the amendment.
Commissioner Coulson as the second to the motion accepted the amendment.**

Commissioner McLawhorn said he spoke with Senator Kerr before the meeting. He said the conversation was about Medicaid Relief in the amount of 12 million dollars forthcoming to the County next year. He said a tax increase will hurt

citizens on a fixed income. He said he was not in a favor of a tax increase for the citizens of Pitt County.

Commissioner Coulson spoke about the alternative school not being a holding block for the detention center. He said if the County does not fund schools properly classrooms will be at risk. Commissioner Coulson said he had received many responses from citizens in support of a property tax increase. He said a penny and half is worth supporting the children.

Commissioner Ross said he believes in education. He said he also believes with living within your means. Commissioner Ross said if the County receives the funds from Medicaid Relief at that time the money can be given to schools. He said you can't take it away once it is given. He said he can not vote to hurt the citizens in his district. He said he does not support a tax increase.

Commissioner Hammond spoke about the growth in the County. He spoke about education and the funds the Board has given to schools. Commissioner Hammond said when the State mandates service and does not send money it puts the burden on the County. He said he can not support a tax increase.

Vice Chairman Owens said he made the motion and he would like to respond to some of the comments. He said there has been twenty to thirty percent growth in Pitt County since 1998. He said the charts included in the budget information the Board received show education better than it was ten years ago. He spoke about the Board working with the Senators in Raleigh. He said he puts no merit in the statement that the County will receive twelve million in Medicaid Relief. These are deficiencies and we are all harmed.

Commissioner Hammond said if education was working then the County would not need to expand the jail by twenty million dollars.

Motion:

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Amendment:

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Amendment to motion:

Fund Council on Aging at the same rate the County funded last year

Motion made by Vice Chairman Owens.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Coulson.

Vote Recorded:

Tom Johnson	Yes
Mark Owens, Jr.	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
Tom Coulson	Yes
Eugene James	No
David Hammond	No
Kenneth Ross	No
Jimmy Garris	No
Melvin McLawhorn	No

Total Yes Votes: 4
Total No Votes: 5
Motion Failed.

Commissioner Garris said he voted against the motion because a penny and half was heavy. He said he has heard the needs of the various departments and he is reluctantly supporting not a penny and half but he will support a one cent increase. Commissioner Garris said he asked the manager to give him some options with a one cent increase.

Motion:

Increase property tax by one penny reduce current budget 459,000 or half cent.

Commissioners Coulson said he will vote against the motion. He asked Mr. Elliott to explain the employee/spouse cost in the budget. Mr. Elliott said the \$50,000 will be a impact to the general fund to create the employee/spouse coverage.

Commissioner James said he is against any tax increase and can not support the motion.

Commissioner Garris said this is a compromise. He said it was his objective that when he made the motion to increase property taxes by penny to have a reasonable explanation as to how the Board could do it.

Vice Chairman Owens said the motion presented by Commissioner Garris was not what he wanted. He said it is not what he wants personally, it is for the children, the citizens, health and social service departments. He said he can support the motion and it will be helpful.

Motion:

Adopt budget with one cent tax increase with reductions in the 1.5 budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Garris.

Motions seconded by Chairman Ward.

Vote Recorded:

Tom Johnson	No
Mark Owens, Jr.	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
Tom Coulson	No
Eugene James	No
David Hammond	No
Kenneth Ross	No
Jimmy Garris	Yes
Melvin McLawhorn	No

Total Yes Votes: 3

Total No Votes: 6

Motion Failed.

The Board of Commissioners took a break.

Motion:

Adopt the budget as presented with a one cent tax increase.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Owens.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garris.

Discussion:

Substitute Motion:

Adopt budget with no tax increase for Pitt County.

Motion made by Commissioner McLawhorn.

Motion seconded by Commissioner James.

Vote Recorded:

Tom Johnson	No
Mark Owens, Jr.	No
Beth Ward	No
Tom Coulson	No
Eugene James	Yes
David Hammond	Yes
Kenneth Ross	Yes
Jimmy Garris	No
Melvin McLawhorn	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 4

Total No Votes: 5

Motion Failed.

Motion:

Adopt the budget as presented with a one cent tax increase.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Owens.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garris.

Vote Recorded:

Tom Johnson	Yes
Mark Owens, Jr.	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
Tom Coulson	Yes
Eugene James	No
David Hammond	No
Kenneth Ross	No
Jimmy Garris	Yes
Melvin McLawhorn	No

Total Yes Votes: 5

Total No Votes: 4

Motion Passed.

COUNTY OF PITT, NORTH CAROLINA

BUDGET ORDINANCE

Fiscal Year 2007-08

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Pitt, North Carolina:

SECTION I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation and maintenance of the County's various governmental departments, for the payment of debt service obligations, and for capital outlay purchases during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

GENERAL FUND

Governing Board, County Manager, Legal, Public Information	\$1,648,105
Finance, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Elections	3,643,336
Register of Deeds	864,953
Human Resources, Veteran Services	653,436
Mgmt Information Sys, Geographic Information Sys, Imaging Services/Mail Room	2,643,337
Buildings & Grounds, Housekeeping	2,829,367
Sheriff, School Security, Detention, Jail Inmate Services, Jail Health Services	19,855,938
Emergency Management, Communications	1,716,057
Medical Examiner	95,000
Other - Environmental Protection, Economic Development, Public Safety, Human Services, Cultural/Recreation	1,231,166 --
Planning, Permitting Center	950,033
Engineering, Inspections, Animal Control	1,022,166
Cooperative Extension, Farmers' Market	377,304
Soil & Water Conservation	229,913
Pitt County Schools	33,005,776
Pitt Community College	3,779,400
Transfers to Other Funds	27,784,283
Non-Departmental, Contingency	<u>5,479,216</u>
 TOTAL	 \$107,808,786

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION FUND

LEO Pension Operating Expenses	\$99,400
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HEALTH FUND

Administration	\$2,225,958
Environmental Health	1,275,090
Communicable Disease	1,441,674
Chronic Disease Prevention	335,979
Women's & Children's Health	<u>3,776,755</u>
 TOTAL	 \$9,055,456

SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

Administration	\$2,561,800
Services & Programs	18,581,451
Public Assistance	13,313,939
Child Support	<u>2,071,261</u>

TOTAL \$36,528,451

COURT FACILITIES FUND

Court Facility Operating Expenses \$351,500

MENTAL HEALTH FUND

General Agency \$680,000

SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

School Reserve Operating Expenses \$6,486,035

STATE GRANTS FUND

CJPP Grant	131,535
JCPC Methodist Home Grant	49,420
JCPC Alternative Education Grant	56,087
JCPC Juvenile Restitution Grant	82,950
JCPC Resolve & Mediation Grant	70,913
JCPC Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant	7,975
JCPC Teen Court Grant	68,104
Soil & Water Watershed Grant	<u>45,164</u>

TOTAL \$512,148

PITT AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM FUND

Pitt Area Transit \$793,700

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FUND

Industrial Development Operating Expenses	\$1,575,066
ECTC Rental Operation	<u>181,238</u>

TOTAL \$1,756,304

FIRE DISTRICTS FUND

Fire Districts	Levy
Ayden	\$67,507
Bell Arthur	73,917
Black Jack	45,296

	Clarks Neck	23,827
	Eastern Pines	182,501
	Falkland	76,782
	Farmville	31,286
	Fountain	18,169
	Gardnerville	48,777
	Grifton	55,232
	Grimesland	40,077
	Pactolus	41,886
	Red Oak	93,724
	Sharp Point	2,358
	Simpson	116,988
	Staton House	145,886
	Stokes	31,754
	Winterville	86,905
	TOTAL	\$1,182,872
	EMS DISTRICT FUND	
	Pitt County (less Greenville)	\$3,318,700
	E-911 SURCHARGE FUND	
	Communications, Planning, Other Projects, Sheriffs Communication	\$514,831
	Wireless Communication	<u>181,335</u>
	TOTAL	\$696,166
	DEBT SERVICE FUND	
	Principal and Interest on Debt	\$12,669,908
	SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	
	Capital Outlay Expenses	\$750,000
	SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING FUND	
	Solid Waste Operating Expenses	\$7,608,098
	GARAGE FUND	
	Garage Operating Expenses	\$467,792
	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND	
	Administration Expenses	\$7,367,045
	WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND	

Workers' Compensation Operating Expenses	\$515,000
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GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS - EXPENDITURES	\$198,647,361
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SECTION II. It is hereby estimated that the following revenues will be available during Fiscal Year 2007-08 to meet the foregoing appropriations:

GENERAL FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$65,984,295
Other Taxes	22,783,767
Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	644,180
Permits & Fees	2,722,395
Sales & Services	4,666,105
Investment Earnings	1,930,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,022,718
Debt & Non Revenue Receipts	1,000,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>6,055,326</u>

TOTAL	\$107,808,786
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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION FUND

Transfer from General Fund	\$99,400
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HEALTH FUND

Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	\$4,491,339
Fund Balance Appropriated	902,718
Transfer from General Fund	<u>3,661,399</u>

TOTAL	\$9,055,456
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SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	\$20,149,090
Transfer from General Fund	<u>16,379,361</u>

TOTAL	\$36,528,451
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COURT FACILITIES FUND

Facilities Fees	\$350,000
Investment Earnings	<u>1,500</u>

TOTAL	\$351,500
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MENTAL HEALTH FUND

Fund Balance Appropriated	\$80,000
Transfer from General Fund	<u>600,000</u>

TOTAL	\$680,000
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SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Local Option Sales Tax	\$5,859,650
State Public School Building Capital Funds	<u>626,385</u>

TOTAL	\$6,486,035
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STATE GRANT FUNDS

CJPP Grant	131,535
JCPC Methodist Home Grant	49,420
JCPC Alternative Education Grant	56,087
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JCPC Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant	7,975
JCPC Teen Court Grant	68,104
Soil & Water Watershed Grant	<u>45,164</u>

TOTAL	\$512,148
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PITT AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM FUND

Pitt Area Transit	\$793,700
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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,378,797
Rental Income	\$69,580
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>307,927</u>

TOTAL	\$1,756,304
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FIRE DISTRICTS FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,182,872
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EMS DISTRICT FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,962,700
Sales & Services	1,335,000
Miscellaneous	<u>21,000</u>

TOTAL	\$3,318,700
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E-911 SURCHARGE FUND

911 User Fees	\$671,335
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>24,831</u>

TOTAL	\$696,166
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

Transfer from General Fund	\$6,544,123
Transfer from School Capital Reserve	5,736,035
Other Transfers	143,471
Miscellaneous	<u>246,279</u>

TOTAL	\$12,669,908
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SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Transfer from School Reserves	\$750,000
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SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING FUND

Fees & Charges	\$7,122,153
Investment Earnings	50,000
Other Revenues	<u>435,945</u>
Investment Earnings	0

TOTAL	\$7,608,098
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GARAGE FUND

User Charges	\$467,792
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EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND

Premiums	\$7,367,045
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND

Transfer from General Fund	\$500,000
Transfer from Solid Waste & Recycling Fund	<u>15,000</u>

TOTAL	\$515,000
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GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS - APPROPRIATIONS	\$198,647,361
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SECTION III. The following tax rates, based upon collections of 95.50%, are hereby levied for the Fire and EMS Districts for Fiscal Year 2007-08:

Fire Districts	Tax	Estimated Valuation
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	Rate		Levy
Ayden	\$0.0375	\$188,500,000	\$67,507
Bell Arthur	\$0.0500	\$154,800,000	\$73,917
Black Jack	\$0.0450	\$105,400,000	\$45,296
Clark's Neck	\$0.0500	\$49,900,000	\$23,827
Eastern Pines	\$0.0350	\$546,000,000	\$182,501
Falkland	\$0.0600	\$134,000,000	\$76,782
Farmville	\$0.0360	\$91,000,000	\$31,286
Fountain	\$0.0500	\$38,050,000	\$18,169
Gardnerville	\$0.0750	\$68,100,000	\$48,777
Grifton	\$0.0499	\$115,900,000	\$55,232
Grimesland	\$0.0550	\$76,300,000	\$40,077
Pactolus	\$0.0425	\$103,200,000	\$41,886
Red Oak	\$0.0700	\$140,200,000	\$93,724
Sharp Point	\$0.0600	\$4,115,000	\$2,358
Simpson	\$0.0500	\$245,000,000	\$116,988
Staton House	\$0.0190	\$804,000,000	\$145,886
Stokes	\$0.0500	\$66,500,000	\$31,754
Winterville	\$0.0250	\$364,000,000	\$86,905
Total Fire Districts			\$1,182,872
EMS District			
Pitt County (less Greenville)	\$0.0400	\$5,165,000,000	\$1,973,030

SECTION IV. The County Manager and/or Deputy County Manager - Financial Services are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. The Deputy County Manager - Financial Services or designee may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department.
- b. The County Manager may transfer amounts less than \$20,000 between departments within a fund upon finding they are consistent with operational needs.
- c. The funding for merit (step) increases, reclassifications, and cost of living allowances may be moved from the budgeted reserve with the approval of the Deputy County Manager - Financial Services.
- d. No revenues may be increased, no funds may be moved from the Contingency account, and no transfers between funds may be processed unless formal action is taken by the Board of Commissioners.
- e. Upon notification of funding decreases from state, federal or grant sources, budgets may be adjusted to

match with the approval of the County Manager or Deputy County Manager - Financial Services.

Board of Commissioners' action will not be required unless staffing is affected.

SECTION V. The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute new contracts, service agreements, and change orders valued \$50,000 or less on behalf of the County and its operating departments, including the Industrial Development Commission, provided that sufficient funding is available and the action is consistent with County policy. Actions between \$30,000 and \$50,000 will be reported back to the Board. Additionally, renewal contracts already budgeted and accounted for as a part of the annual budget process may be signed regardless of the amount.

SECTION VI. County Commissioners are to be compensated at a rate of \$900 per month for regular service. Additionally, County Commissioners are compensated to cover mileage and expenses incurred in their service to Pitt County in the amount of \$200 per month for regular members, \$300 for the Vice Chair, and \$400 for the Chair.

SECTION VII. The Pitt County Commissioners authorize compensation for members of the Pitt County Board of Education, once their regular meetings are televised, at an amount equal to 50 percent of the Board of Commissioners' regular service compensation.

SECTION VIII. The Pitt County Commissioners authorize the compensation for the members of the ABC Board as follows:
\$75/month for the Chairman and \$50/month for the members effective July 1, 2007.

SECTION IX. Changes to Pitt County fees and charges as presented in Budget Workshops will be effective July 1, 2007, and incorporated into the Pitt County Manual of Fees.

SECTION X. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a tax rate of sixty-nine and one-half cents (.6950) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation on property for the County General Fund, and one and one-half cents (.0150) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation on property listed for taxes for the Industrial Development Commission Fund, for a total levy of seventy one cents (.7100) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for current year's property tax.

The tax rate is based upon an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation at \$9,605,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 95.70%.

SECTION XI. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a per household assessment fee on solid waste disposal in the amount of \$68 per household and \$42 per ton for non-residential tipping fees, and authorizes the assessment amount to be printed on the Pitt County Property Tax statement. The assessment is authorized to be collected in the same manner as property tax.

SECTION XII. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Pitt County Tax Collector to collect taxes for the City of Greenville, the Towns of Falkland, Grimesland, Bethel, and the Village of Simpson in compliance with the contracts adopted by the governing boards. The County will also be collecting vehicle taxes and gross receipts taxes for the Towns of Ayden, Farmville, and Grifton in compliance with G.S. 105-330 and G.S. 105-275(42). The County also collects vehicle taxes for the Towns of Fountain and Winterville in compliance with G.S. 105-330. A charge of 1-1/2% of all taxes collected for the units of government will be payable to Pitt County for said collection services.

Adopted this 5th day of June, 2007.

Beth B. Ward,
Chairman
Pitt County
Board of
Commissioners

(SEAL)

Patricia A.
Staton, Clerk
Pitt County Board of
Commissioners

Commissioners' Comments

Adjourn

Motion:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mark Owens, Jr.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Garris.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Staton
Clerk to the Board