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FY 2025-26
Budget In Brief
Adopted June 3, 2025

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Pitt County Board of Commissioners



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Mary Perkins-Williams

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Vice Chairman, District 2



Ann Floyd Huggins

District 1



Christopher Nunnally

District 3



Mark C. Smith

District 5



Lauren White

District 6



Melvin C. McLawhorn

District A: 1 & 2



Rochelle Brown

District B: 3 & 6



Mac Manning

District C: 4 & 5



Janis Gallagher

County Manager

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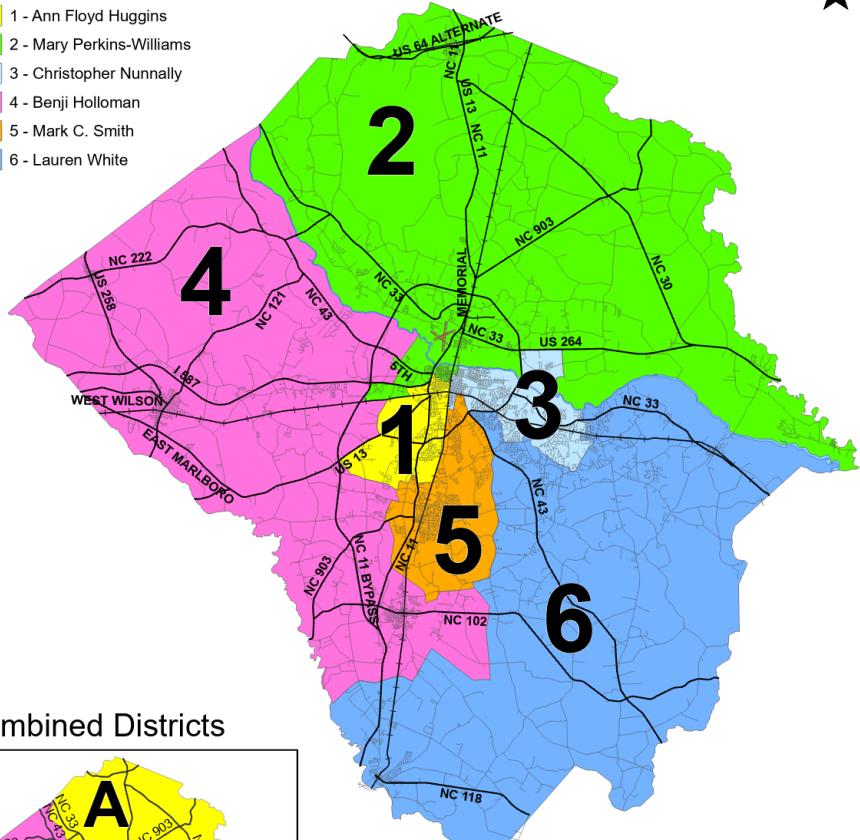


Pitt County Commissioner Districts

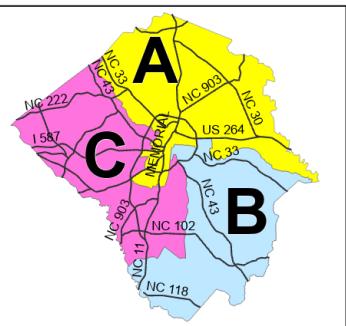


Districts

- 1 - Ann Floyd Huggins
- 2 - Mary Perkins-Williams
- 3 - Christopher Nunnally
- 4 - Benji Holloman
- 5 - Mark C. Smith
- 6 - Lauren White



Combined Districts



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- A - Melvin C. McLawhorn
- B - Rochelle Brown
- C - Mac Manning

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Pitt County Quick Stats

- *Incorporated in 1760*
- *Commissioner-Manager form of Government*
- *County Seat - Greenville*
- *Square Miles in area - 657*
- *Population - 180,783*
- *County Employees - 1150.80*
- *Total Budget - \$420,649,900*
- *Ad Valorem Tax Rate - 56.63¢ per \$100*

Mission

The mission of Pitt County Government is to enhance the health, safety, and well-being of our community by advocating for and providing quality services in a friendly, efficient and cost effective manner.

Vision

A Leader in the State, Best in the East.

Values

Pitt County Government believes our purpose is public service. Thus, we adhere to the following:

- *Encourage honesty and behavior that is consistent with our mission;*
- *Recognize and promote competence, excellence, and open communication;*
- *Support each other in working towards our goals;*
- *Maintain an open government that is a good steward of public resources;*
- *Support decision making that is deliberate, conscientious, and based on fact.*



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Priorities

Priorities reaffirmed by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners for this fiscal year are:

- To promote quality education;
- To promote community safety through enhanced emergency service programs;
- To enrich the quality of life for Pitt County citizens through opportunities for improved health, welfare and environmental concerns;
- To address the facility and space needs of all county government programs — general government, public schools and community college;
- To promote the provision of and access to recreational activities for county citizens;
- To advance economic development opportunities for Pitt County;
- To champion infrastructure improvements throughout the county.



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Budget Highlights

The total budget for FY 2025-26 is \$420,649,900. This budget represents an increase of 5.93% when compared to the previous year's budget. \$72,100,760 of the recommended budget is representative of municipal taxes required by GASB 84/97. The General Fund, the County's main control fund, is projected at \$248,313,928 or a 6.06% increase from last year.

The adopted tax rate to support the General Fund budget is 56.63 cents per \$100 of valuation. The EMS district tax rate remains unchanged at 5.95 cents.

The theme for this year's budget is "Sunny with a Chance of Clouds". The recommended budget seeks to maintain the Board of Commissioner's stated priorities listed below. In addition to these stated priorities, the budget includes a number of employee benefits including a 3.0% market adjustment (COLA), Pay for Performance compensation, funding for mandated retirement rate increases, and funding for enhanced Longevity Benefit for employees. The budget also includes increases in staffing for multiple departments.



Education

- Funds Pitt County Schools request providing a 6.61% increase, or \$3,476,858 over prior year. The total combined appropriation of operating and capital funding is \$56,109,123.



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- Fully funds requested teacher supplement, includes 2% market adjustment (COLA), additional funding for classified positions and IT staff.
- Funds Pitt Community College request providing a 4.11% increase, or \$288,670, in current expense appropriation over the prior year with a total appropriation of \$7,318,919.
- Funding includes market adjustment for campus police officers. In addition, funds one-time capital improvement expenditures in the amount of \$7,021,370 for capital improvement other building renovations.



Public Safety

- Maintains Emergency Medical Services (EMS) tax rate of 5.95 cents per \$100 valuation.
- Includes minimal fire district tax increase or decrease to the following fire departments:

District	Current Rate	New Rate
Eastern Pines	0.0775	0.0750
Grifton	0.0649	0.0700



Human Services

- Increases funding for outside affiliate agency, Pitt County Council on Aging, to provide services to the elderly of Pitt County and one time funding to Salvation Army for purchase of heating station to be used in emergencies.
- Maintain funding for outside sustaining agencies including the Little Willie Center, NC Stop Human Trafficking and Community Crossroads Center to provide specialized services to children and adults.



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Facility and Space Needs

- Provides \$4,500,000 in funding for architectural and design fees for a new County Office Building.



Recreational Activities

- Continues funding for newly added Cultural Arts & Recreation Department along with funding for 1 additional staff position and up-fitting a new park.
- Continues funding for outside sustaining agencies that provide Cultural & Recreational opportunities to citizens. Agencies funded include Ayden Cultural Arts and Recreation, Farmville Community Arts Council, Grifton Civic Center, Greenville Museum of Art, Pitt County Arts Council, NC Museum of Natural Sciences at Contentnea Creek and Greenville and all public libraries within Pitt County.



Economic Development

- Continues funding for Pitt Community College Bulldog Promise Scholarship and Pitt-Greenville Airport.



Infrastructure Improvements

- Provides \$400,000 in funding for Facilities Capital Maintenance needs for improvements to County Buildings.
- Provides \$380,000 for Detention Center Facility Fire Alarm Panels.
- Provides \$1,070,000 for various equipment needs and repairs at the Solid Waste & Recycling Facilities.



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Where The Money Comes From



FY 2025-2026 Revenues

- Ad Valorem - 59.31%
- Other Taxes - 9.09%
- Intergovernmental - 8.81%
- Permits & Fees - 1.70%
- Sales & Services - 8.18%
- Interest Earnings - 0.83%
- Miscellaneous - 5.13%
- Fund Balances - 6.96%
- Appropriated

FY 2025-26 REVENUE SOURCES	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 220,872,444
Other Taxes	\$ 33,838,134
Intergovernmental	\$ 32,798,829
Permits & Fees	\$ 6,321,704
Sales & Services	\$ 30,473,047
Interest Earnings	\$ 3,088,988
Miscellaneous	\$ 19,117,990
Fund Balances Appropriated	\$ 25,903,026
UNDUPLICATED TOTAL	\$ 372,414,162
Interfund Transfers	\$ 48,235,738
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 420,649,900

Note: Interfund transfers are an expense in one fund and a revenue in another, therefore, the resources are recorded twice or "duplicated" in the total budget. Deducting this duplication gives a more accurate budget estimate.



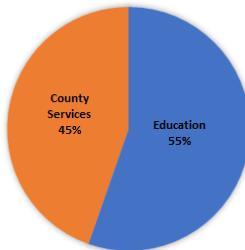
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Revenue for use by Pitt County is received from many different sources, and therefore, is affected by an array of outside factors. State and Federal sources are of significant impact to the County's revenues. Current trends and expected changes, as well as past trends and the County's growth, are all considered when estimating these revenues. A 56.63¢ tax rate is established for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.

Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes

The Ad Valorem tax revenue estimate is based on \$23.969 billion valuation of property taxed at 56.63 cents per \$100. The collection rate is projected at 99.38% for the 2025-26 fiscal year. For comparative purposes, funding for education in Pitt County (both Pitt County Schools and Pitt Community College) represents 55% of the property taxes collected.

Revaluation of real property is required by statute at least every eight years. Pitt County has chosen to perform revaluation on a four-year cycle. Pitt County completed its revaluation for levy of



taxes effective January 1, 2024. As of the 2024 property revaluation cycle, property values increased by 56.42% when compared to 2020. The growth in the property valuation represents the highest amount on record and reflects the County's continued economic growth.

Other Taxes

Other taxes consist primarily of sales and use taxes. The current sales tax rate in Pitt County is 7%; The state retains 4.75% while Pitt County receives two and one-quarter percent (2.25%). The make-up of the 2.25% in sales tax proceeds received by the County is as follows: Article 39 – 1%, Article 40 – .5%, Article 42 – .5%, and Article 46 – .25%.

Intergovernmental Revenues

Intergovernmental revenues consist of restricted and unrestricted



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revenues from the State and Federal governments as well as various grant programs. State estimates and contract arrangements are included in the various Human Services and Public Safety areas where these monies are primarily earned.

Permits and Fees

Fees charged by various departments are included in this category such as building permits, inspection fees, and fees charged by the Register of Deeds. Reimbursements from Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance for Public Health are a significant portion of this revenue source.

Sales and Services

Sales and services consist of revenues from housing Federal, State, and other counties' inmates at the Detention Center; user charges from the Solid Waste program; the E 9-1-1 surcharge; and miscellaneous rents, concessions, and fees.

Interest Earning

The County's investment options are governed by N.C. General Statutes. Earnings reflect anticipated interest rates as well as the amount of County funds available to be invested.

Miscellaneous

All revenues not previously identified are included in this category. These are typically revenues of a non-recurring nature.

Fund Balance Appropriated

Fund Balances which have been appropriated in the budget are reflected here. No fund balance appropriation was utilized in the General Fund in this budget. Fund balances were carried forward from sources such as the 911 fees, state contracts with the Health Department, and available funds in the Social Services Fund.



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Where The Money Goes



FY 2025-26 Expenditures

- Education - 21.53%
- Public Safety - 17.54%
- Human Services - 14.43%
- General Government - 12.96%
- Environmental Protection - 4.61%
- Debt Service - 4.18%
- Internal Service - 4.04%
- Econ & Physical Development - 2.61%
- Cultural & Recreational - 0.53%
- Transportation - 0.31%
- Other - 17.27%

FY 2025-26 EXPENDITURES	
Education	\$ 90,562,894
Public Safety	\$ 73,777,634
Human Services	\$ 60,696,124
General Government	\$ 54,529,601
Environmental Protection	\$ 19,377,345
Debt Service	\$ 17,568,016
Internal Service	\$ 16,977,127
Econ & Physical Development	\$ 10,992,878
Cultural & Recreational	\$ 2,216,522
Transportation	\$ 1,308,630
Other	\$ 72,643,129
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 420,649,900
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFER	\$ 26,598,253
UNDUPLICATED TOTAL	\$ 394,051,647

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Pitt County organizes its expenditures into several different categories based on the intended use of funds. Below are the major divisions of annual expenditures with a listing of the departments, agencies, and types of expenditures associated with the particular category. These categories are based on financial considerations and may not always correspond to the actual organizational structure of Pitt County Government.

General Government

General Government includes the Governing Body, County Manager, Economic Development, Financial Services, Tax Administration, Legal, Elections, Register of Deeds, Public Information, Human Resources, Imaging Services/Mail Services, Management & Geographic Information Systems, Buildings and Grounds, Housekeeping, Court Facilities, Nondepartmental, and Law Enforcement Officers' Pension.

Public Safety

Public Safety includes Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, 911 Communications, School Security, Detention Center, Jail Health Services, Jail Inmate Services, Inspections, Animal Services, Medical Examiner, and other public safety programs.

Cultural & Recreational

Cultural & Recreational encompasses the newly created Cultural Arts & Recreation department, contributions to public libraries, arts councils, museums and other programs that provide opportunities to Pitt citizens.

Economic & Physical Development

Economic & Physical Development departments include Transportation, Planning, Engineering, Cooperative Extension, Farmers' Market, Community Garden, Industrial Development, and other economic development programs.



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Human Services

Human Services includes major departments of Public Health and Social Services, as well as Veterans Services, and other human service programs.

Environmental Protection

Pitt Soil and Water Conservation and other environmental protection contributions are included along with the Solid Waste & Recycling program.

Education

Funding appropriated for operating expenses and capital outlay for Pitt County Schools and Pitt Community College are included in this section.

Transportation

Transportation includes funding for the Pitt Area Transit System.

Other Programs

Other programs include contingency funds and funds for matching new grants.

Internal Service

Employee medical insurance, retiree medical insurance and worker's compensation are included as well as the County Garage.

Debt Service

Debt Service accounts for principal and interest payments on debt for general county, public schools and community college facilities.



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County Data Comparisons

	2024 Estimated Pop.	2024-25 Tax Rate	2025-26 Total Assessed Valuation*	Valuation per Capita	Median Home List Price
Comparable Size Counties					
Alamance	183,040	0.4690	25.351	\$139,210	\$354,475
Brunswick	167,112	0.3420	50.322	\$314,470	\$441,000
Carrabus	244,925	0.5760	32.387	\$132,766	\$399,475
Davidson	177,809	0.5400	18.664	\$105,979	\$333,182
Harnett	146,096	0.5910	15.510	\$109,614	\$345,000
Iredell	206,361	0.5000	40.848	\$201,437	\$427,500
New Hanover	243,333	0.4500	50.661	\$211,622	\$562,500
Onslow	212,954	0.6550	21.076	\$99,240	\$340,575
Orange	152,877	0.8629	22.865	\$152,267	\$593,250
Pitt	180,783	0.5663	16.647	\$94,279	\$294,450
Randolph	148,389	0.5000	17.227	\$118,220	\$309,718
Rowan	153,384	0.5800	19.973	\$131,350	\$310,000
Close Proximity Counties					
Beaufort	44,576	0.6250	6.452	\$147,379	\$442,300
Craven	104,167	0.4448	14.076	\$134,865	\$347,220
Edgecombe	49,124	0.8900	3.543	\$73,889	\$187,500
Lenoir	55,332	0.8450	4.653	\$86,476	\$238,675
Wilson	79,958	0.5950	8.178	\$104,299	\$290,124

* Measured in billions

Source: U.S. Census; NC Department of State Treasurer, NCACC research publications.





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