MINUTES
BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Burke Services Building, 110 N. Green Street in Morganton, N.C. The meeting was streamed live on the County's YouTube channel, BurkeCountyNC, and it was broadcast on the local cable systems. The agenda, in its entirety, was posted to the County's website, www.burkenc.org, several days prior to the meeting as usual. Those present were:

COMMISSIONERS:	Scott Mulwee, Chairman Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman Randy Burns Johnnie W. Carswell Phil Smith
STAFF:	Brian Epley, County Manager Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director J.R. Simpson, II, County Attorney Kay Honeycutt Draughn, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Mulwee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION
Commissioner Burns delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
J.R. Simpson, County Attorney, delivered the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Motion: To approve the minutes of September 6, 2022 (pre-agenda), September 6, 2022 (special) and September 20, 2022 (regular) meetings as written.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

PRESENTATIONS

AS - PET OF THE MONTH

Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director presented a dog (Belle) and cat (Niko) in need of their "furever" home. She relayed several of the ongoing events. Read to a Dog is a collaborative event between the Library Foundation and Animal Services in which children could pick out a book to read to the shelter pets on May 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The "Strutt your Mutt" fundraiser for the Animal Services Foundation, Inc. will be at the Valdese Lakeside Park from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., no mutt needed. Animal Services has dogs that can be walked for the event that are also available for adoption, if desired. On June 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the "Woofstock" event is a festival for cats and dogs at Silver Fork Winery and there will be dogs available for adoption at the event. Lastly, Ms. Settlemyre informed the Board about an upcoming Rabies Clinic on June 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Belle Farm. Vaccines can be purchased onsite for $10.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments and issued a friendly reminder to adopt or foster a pet as well as to spay or neuter your pets.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

BCR - PRESENTATION ON THE BURKE CO. SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

Wes Taylor, NCEMT, Battalion Chief, Burke County Rescue, Vice President, Burke County Search and Rescue Team, presented information on the Burke Co. Search & Rescue Team and the services they provide to the community. Highlights of his presentation were as follows:

Who we are

- Sub-asset to The Burke County Rescue Squad
- ✓ 100% volunteer-based
- ✓ North Carolina State Certified technical rescuers, EMT's and Paramedics

Published for loyal reader Jerry Fisher and all of Burke County

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Revaluation

Property values rise most in Valdese

Town official to recommend tax rate stay the same

BY SHARON MCBRAYER

VALDESE — Valdese properties are seeing the biggest increase as the county goes through a revaluation process this year.

And town residents whose property value increased could be paying more in property taxes come July 1.

On Monday, Valdese Town Manager Seth Eckard said of the municipalities in Burke County, Valdese saw the biggest increase in value and therefore will hold a budget retreat at the Old Rock School on Monday.

Danny Isenhour, tax administrator for Burke County, confirmed that, saying, the overall property value in Valdese increased 10.7 percent. He said the Lake James area (unincorporated) increased 13.8 percent and Longview (unincorporated) increased overall 13.9 percent.

Long View properties that are in Burke County increased overall 13.9 percent and the Burke County properties in Hickory saw an overall increase of 13 percent, he said. The majority of Long View and Hickory properties are in Catawba County, Isenhour said. "If property values are only increased in its early stages so those percentages are before any exclusions are taken out, he said.

The overall property value in Morganton increased 8.89 percent, Isenhour said.

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BURKE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

Rescue workers carry an injured hiker out of the Linville Gorge after an accident last month.

Carrying the Weight

Nonprofit raising money to upgrade equipment used in rescues

BY CHRISSY MURPHY

Whether it's hiking in the Linville Gorge, kayaking on the Catawba River or anything in between, Burke County has a national views office.

Hunting a lost dog that can quickly turn south when a kayaker is stuck on a log floating in the river, or when a hiker gets injured several miles deep in the Linville Gorge.

That's when the Burke County Rescue Squad comes to answer the call. As a non-profit organization, BCRS is comprised of volunteers, said Wes Taylor, one of the group's volunteers.

Volunteers answer just over 2,000 calls per year, including first responder and search and rescue related medical calls, Taylor said.

"We do a little bit of everything," Taylor said. "We have a lot of bases to cover when it

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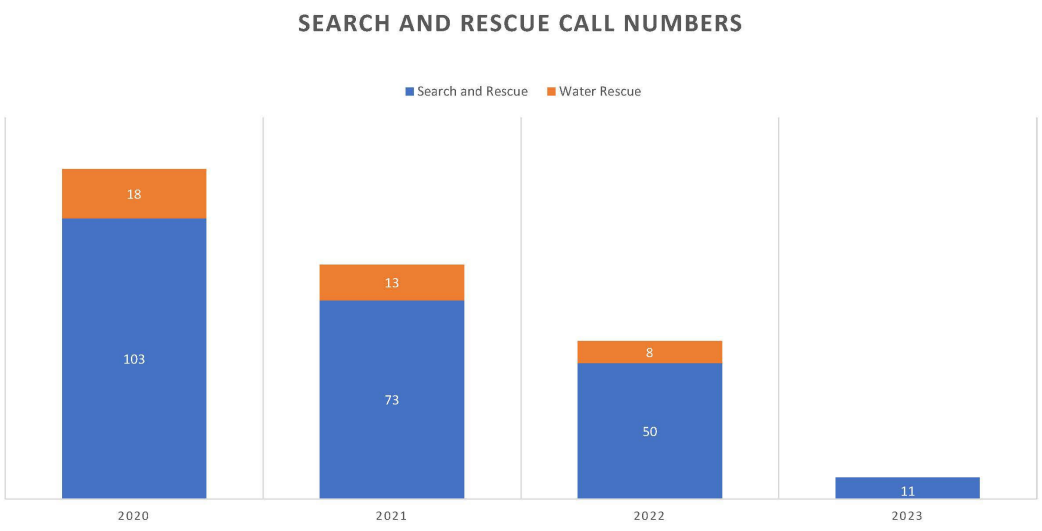
Rescue workers go in for a J-turn during training Thursday.

Our purpose in Burke County

- Respond to lost, injured, missing, sick or deceased persons and/or animals
- Technical Rope Rescue
- High Angle Mountain Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue
- Basic-Life Support



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Fallen hiker carried out of NC's Linville Gorge ...

https://www.charlotteob...

Web Oct 17, 2022 · A hiker who fell from a North Carolina mountain had to be carried out of **Linville Gorge** Wilderness area after weather conditions prevented a helicopter from ...

Blackhawk helicopter rescues injured hiker from Linville ...

https://www.wsoctv.com/news/local/injured-hiker...

Web Aug 17, 2020 · **Burke County**, N.C. — A Blackhawk helicopter was used to **rescue** an injured hiker in the **Linville Gorge** Sunday afternoon. According to our newspaper partners at the ...

Man's death in Linville Gorge marks second in as many ...

https://morganton.com/news/local/man-s-death-in...

Web Jun 5, 2021 · Rescuers used technical rope systems to reach a man who fell off a ledge Wednesday night in the **Linville Gorge**. Photo courtesy **Burke County Rescue** Squad ...

High Country Press

https://www.hcpress.com › front-page › church-group...

Church Group Rescued from Linville Gorge on October 23 ...

Oct 28, 2021 — By Tim Gardner. A 23-person **church group** that had gone hiking got lost last Saturday in **Linville Gorge** near the **Linville Falls** Community.

Dog Trapped In Sinkhole Saved Thanks To Beef Jerky

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/dog-burke-county...

Web Sep 22, 2020 · The bikers called for help and led **rescuers** more than a mile to the stranded animal, where they repelled into the sinkhole, enticed the starving **dog** with some **beef** ...

WSOC TV

Man suffers multiple injuries after falling 60 feet off NC waterfall, park officials say

BURKE COUNTY, N.C. — A young man is in the hospital with multiple injuries after falling approximately 60 feet off of High Shoals Falls in...

1 month ago

Rescuers carry woman out of Linville Gorge after injury

https://morganton.com/news/local/rescuers-carry...

Web Sep 1, 2021 · Rescuers hike a trail in the **Linville Gorge** on Sunday to reach an injured hiker. Photo courtesy **Burke County Rescue** Squad The extraction stretched into the early ...

Crews rescue 18-year-old hiker who fell off mountain in North ...

https://abc11.com/hiker-rescued-nc-mountain-linville-gorge-hawksbill/12339602

Web Oct 17, 2022 · **Burke County** Search and **Rescue** said it believed this was the first whole blood transfusion to happen in the **Linville Gorge**, which is the third largest wilderness ...

Free solo climber Austin Howell falls to his death in North Carolina ...

https://www.scmp.com/sport/outdoor/extreme-sports/...

Web Free solo climber **Austin Howell** falls to his death in North Carolina gorge | South China Morning Post **Austin Howell**, a well-known no-rope climber, fell to his death on Sunday. ...

NC - NC - Frances "Dell" Collett Apperson, deaf adult, car ...

https://www.websleuths.com/forums/threads/nc...

Web Jul 7, 2022 · Jun 15, 2022. #1. Frances **Apperson** was last seen May 17th leaving her home in Charlotte, NC. Her vehicle was later discovered on May 30th in the parking lots near ...

Second Hiker In Three Months Falls to Death In Linville ...

https://www.hcpress.com/front-page/second-hiker-in...

The North Carolina High Country's **Linville Gorge** has again become the scene of a tragic accident. According to reports, Michael Patrick Ryva of Forest Park, Illinois, fell approximately 80 feet...

Hickory Daily Record

https://hickoryrecord.com › ...

Man falls to his death in Linville Gorge

May 25, 2022 — A man hiking with his son in the **Linville Gorge** on Saturday fell 40-60 feet to his **death**, emergency responders said.

The price

Out-of-Pocket Rescuer expenses

Pack & Essentials
PPE
Clothing

= $2,005 – $4,685

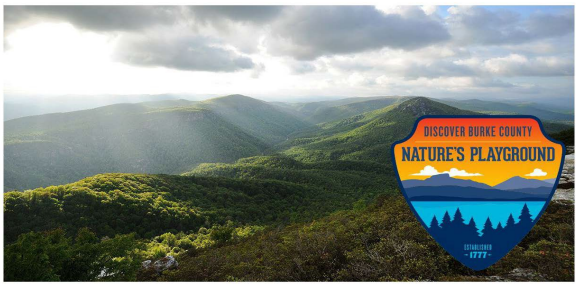
What is needed

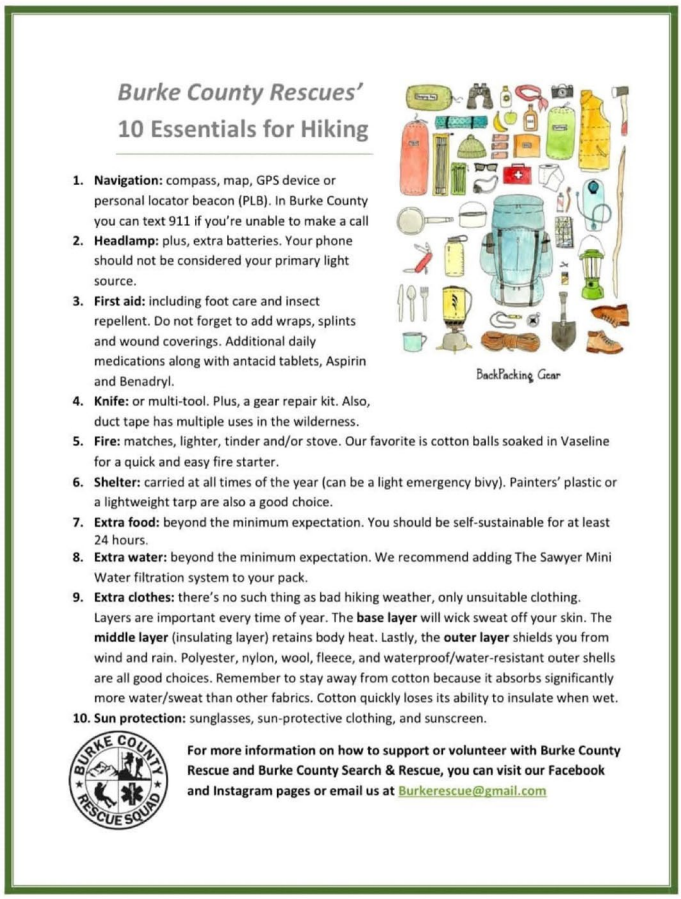
Urgent

- PPE – Includes waterproof outer layer, gloves, helmets, headlamp
- Uniform Shirts
- Vehicle – towing capabilities and 4x4

Long term

- Increase operating costs





Burke County Rescues'
10 Essentials for Hiking

BackPacking Gear

1. **Navigation:** compass, map, GPS device or personal locator beacon (PLB). In Burke County you can text 911 if you're unable to make a call
2. **Headlamp:** plus, extra batteries. Your phone should not be considered your primary light source.
3. **First aid:** including foot care and insect repellent. Do not forget to add wraps, splints and wound coverings. Additional daily medications along with antacid tablets, Aspirin and Benadryl.
4. **Knife:** or multi-tool. Plus, a gear repair kit. Also, duct tape has multiple uses in the wilderness.
5. **Fire:** matches, lighter, tinder and/or stove. Our favorite is cotton balls soaked in Vaseline for a quick and easy fire starter.
6. **Shelter:** carried at all times of the year (can be a light emergency bivy). Painters' plastic or a lightweight tarp are also a good choice.
7. **Extra food:** beyond the minimum expectation. You should be self-sustainable for at least 24 hours.
8. **Extra water:** beyond the minimum expectation. We recommend adding The Sawyer Mini Water filtration system to your pack.
9. **Extra clothes:** there's no such thing as bad hiking weather, only unsuitable clothing. Layers are important every time of year. The **base layer** will wick sweat off your skin. The **middle layer** (insulating layer) retains body heat. Lastly, the **outer layer** shields you from wind and rain. Polyester, nylon, wool, fleece, and waterproof/water-resistant outer shells are all good choices. Remember to stay away from cotton because it absorbs significantly more water/sweat than other fabrics. Cotton quickly loses its ability to insulate when wet.
10. **Sun protection:** sunglasses, sun-protective clothing, and sunscreen.

BURKE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

For more information on how to support or volunteer with Burke County Rescue and Burke County Search & Rescue, you can visit our Facebook and Instagram pages or email us at Burkerescue@gmail.com

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments, then thanked Mr. Taylor and his team for all that they do.

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

FFI - COF - (FOUNDATION FORWARD, INC. / CHARTERS OF FREEDOM) PRESENTATION OF FRAMED CIVIL RIGHTS AMENDMENTS

Dr. David Streater, Education Director, reported that, about a decade ago, Foundation Forward, Inc., a local nonprofit founded by Vance & Mary Jo Patterson, donated replicas of the Charters of Freedom, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights to Burke County because not everyone has the ability to visit and see the original founding documents at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Foundation Forward, Inc., aims to build a Charters of Freedom setting in every county across America and Burke County's setting is currently on display on the grounds of the historic courthouse square in Morganton.

Now, Foundation Forward, Inc. wishes to donate framed replicas of the civil rights amendments (No. 13 - Abolition of Slavery, No. 14 - Citizenship Rights, Equal Protection, etc., No. 15 - Right

to Vote Not Denied by Race, No. 19 - Women's Right to Vote and No. 24 - Prohibiting Any Poll Tax in Elections for Federal Officials) to the County to be displayed in every department before it is permanently mounted. Foundation Forward, Inc. has created distinctive settings that differ from monuments honoring or paying tribute to individuals who have passed away. This distinction arises from the recognition that the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Civil Rights Amendments are dynamic, living documents. Dr. Streater recommended the Civil Rights Amendments' permanent setting be placed near the other settings in the series.

Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Burns, Chairman Mulwee, Dr. Streater, Vice Chairman Brittain, Commissioner Carswell and Commissioner Smith

The display schedule is as follows:

Month	Department
January **2024**	Morganton Public Library
February **2024**	Hildebran Public Library / Senior Center
March **2024**	Community Development
April **2024**	Morganton Senior Center
May **2024**	Cooperative Extension
June **2024**	Communications – 911
July **2024**	Health / Department of Social Services
August **2024**	Register of Deeds
September **2024**	Sheriff's Office
October **2024**	Tax Office
November **2024**	Avery Building – lobby
December **2024**	Return to the Board of Commissioners' room

Motion: To accept the donation of framed replicas of the Civil Rights Amendments to the United States Constitution from Foundation Forward, Inc. and express

appreciation for the gift.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Phil Smith, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

BCCOC - RECOGNITION OF WINNERS FROM THE CHAMBER'S SPRING LITTER SWEEP

Chamber President, Tonia Stephenson, presented the results of the Chamber's Spring Litter Sweep event. Ms. Stephenson recognized Jenna Cole for her role in planning and organizing the event as well as for her passion for the Litter Sweep. There were 241 people registered for the event collecting 239 bags of trash, 14 large, not baggable items, and 24 bags of recycling throughout the week. In 3rd place, with a $150 cash prize, with 20 bags of trash collected, was Girl Scout Group 2396. In 2nd place, with a $250 cash prize, cleaning up an entire homeless encampment, was a group called Loving our Neighbors. They are donating the money to Burke United Christian Ministry. Coming in 1st place for the second year in a row, collecting 80 bags of trash, three (3) car batteries, eight (8) tires, and two (2) sofas, was Gary Jennings. Mr. Jennings donated his prize to Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and was unable to attend the meeting. Each team leader received a commemorative county walking stick in appreciation for their service.

Pictured above: Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Smith, Ashley (Loving Our Neighbors) Chairman Mulwee, Representatives from Girl Scout Group 2396, Vice Chairman Brittain, and Commissioner Carswell

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Commissioner Burns expressed gratitude to everyone who participated or contributed resources to the Litter Sweep event.

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS-NONE

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for informal public comments and asked speakers to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Four (4) citizens pre-registered to speak.

Dr. Kenneth Carrico, a 16-year resident of Burke County, spoke on the Civil War Memorial and asserted his personal support for leaving it on the square. He proposed a memorial to the evils of slavery be designed, developed, dedicated and erected in the courtyard square.

Sam Avery, 115 Riverside Court, Burke Coalition for Racial Reconciliation member (BCRR), reported that the BCRR watched the commencement address at the University of North Carolina and gave the Board a synopsis of Bryan Stevenson's speech. Mr. Avery asserted that reconciliation begins with communication, and he encouraged the Board to take a lead in racial reconciliation in the County.

John McCormack, Silver Creek Golf Club, spoke in favor of adopting the North Carolina Brunch Bill in the unincorporated areas of Burke County.

Maynard Taylor gave a brief historical timeline of the various wars and the corresponding American casualties. Mr. Taylor spoke in favor of leaving the confederate monument in the courtyard square to avoid repeating past mistakes.

There was no one else to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Mulwee closed this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
At the request of the Board, Brian Epley, County Manager, reviewed the following 14 items on the consent agenda, which were approved by a single motion.

AS - ADDITION OF "OTHER SPECIES" FEE TO AS FEE SCHEDULE
This was a request to implement an adoption fee for non-traditional animal species (species other than cats and dogs) that are in the care of Burke County Animal Services. In the past two (2) years, there has been an increase in the assortment of animal species that come through Animal Services including snakes, bearded dragons, pigs, guinea pigs, rats, chickens, horses, cows, emus, rabbits, and most recently, miniature ponies. These intakes are few and far between and, thus far, Animal Services has been able to utilize rescue organizations for the safe placement of these non-traditional animals. With the rescue groups becoming inundated and the magnitude of some of these non-traditional species in need of care, Animal Services would be better equipped to handle the intake of such non-traditional species in-house by implementing an adoption process / fees for these animals. Upon advice from outside counsel, it was advised that Burke County needed to establish a fee for these animals in the Animal Services fee schedule.

Since intakes of non-traditional animals are common enough for a process to be needed, but the species vary so much, Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Service Director, requested that an "other species" fee be set as to be determined by the Animal Services Director. This would eliminate the need to try and capture all species of animals that may come into our care at some point. Adoption fees would be assessed by species and by any medical requirements needed for adoption. The adoption fee would then be listed appropriately by the Animal Services Director and with advisement by the County Manager when needed.

This request was brought to the Board now because there were 51 miniature horses in the care of Burke County (the first baby was born) with seven (7) more on the way. Upkeep and care for these horses is approximately $7,500 per month. Money was raised through the Animal Services Foundation, Inc. and that funding has almost been depleted. If the adoption fee amendment can be moved forward, it would allow for a reduction in the amount of money that is currently being spent on the ponies each month by placing them in their forever homes.

If approved, the new fee would take effect May 17, 2023.

Motion: To approve the addition of an "other species" fee to Animal Services' fee schedule and to authorize the amount of this fee to be determined by the Animal Services Director based upon the species and their care requirements, effective May 17, 2023.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

BCPS - PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL DATA FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2023

In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement approved by the County and the Board of Education, the Board of Education will provide to the County quarterly financial reports on the 2022-2023 budget year, showing the application of the County's local funding by the end of each fiscal quarter. These reports will be presented to the County's Board of Commissioners in November 2022, February 2023 and May 2023, respectively. The Board received the following financial report at the pre-agenda meeting.

BCPS

Estimated Revenues

2022/2023

	Annual		March YTD			% of Budget
	Previous	Current Fcst	Previous	Current	% Change	Received
State	89,567,747	92,339,328	67,976,386	70,804,964	4.2%	76.7%
Federal	23,693,312	27,530,384	16,762,870	14,601,624	-12.9%	53.0%
Local	14,542,099	14,385,243	11,367,038	10,888,664	-4.2%	75.7%
School Nurses	893,155	1,146,958	686,535	767,268	11.8%	66.9%
Charter Schools	613,951	770,807	413,695	478,373	15.6%	62.1%
Fines & Forfeitures	371,986	325,000	314,811	143,277	-54.5%	44.1%
Receivables	12,424	14,908	12,424	53,898	333.8%	361.5%
Special Revenues	5,406,186	6,177,831	3,775,024	4,871,690	29.1%	78.9%
Total	$ 135,100,860	$ 142,690,459	$ 101,308,783	$ 102,609,758	**1.3%**	**71.9%**

4.2% increase in state revenues accounted for primarily in wage increases and employer benefits costs

Although Federal spending is down, still higher than historical numbers due to ESSER spending

We rank 9th out of 115 LEA's in the state in ESSER utilization, allocated 45.4M, remaining 7.0M, spent 84.6%

Much of the broad use ESSER has been used, as a result, local spending will increase as the year progresses resulting in our allocation of $465k in FB this year to balance the budget

Local budget feeling the impact of inflation on supplies, materials & equipment, March annualized inflation 5%

12 fully funded by the county school nurses, 1.4 SNFI Grant, 9.6 funded by ESSER, 2 new ESSER grant thru NCDHHS

F & F last year and this have returned to historical levels, were significantly down during the height of COVID

Special Revenues up for purchase of Drivers' Ed. cars and Activity Buses, & full Pre-K operations

BCPS

Local Financials by Purpose & Function Level

2022/2023

					'22/'23					
	Expenses	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
5XXX	Regular Instructional Services	5,637,807	4,787,687	5,647,012	5,593,992	716,173	2,333,931	1,099,533		4,149,637
6XXX	Instructional Support	9,759,099	10,358,944	10,197,710	10,583,325	3,313,004	2,429,756	2,306,887		8,049,647
8XXX	Other Governmental Units	592,733	635,937	759,694	930,512	86,037	(115,137)	242,044		212,944
4XXX	Revenues Over/(Under)	207,420	509,982	(170,801)	(464,913)	(108,153)	(364,641)	392,046		(80,748)
XXXX	Grand Total	$ 16,197,059	$ 16,292,550	$ 16,433,615	$ 16,642,916	$ 4,007,061	$ 4,283,909	$ 4,040,510	$ -	$ 12,331,480
	% of Annual Budget									74.1%
	Revenue									
4110	Burke County	14,552,494	14,602,211	14,542,099	14,326,691	3,785,752	3,547,839	3,555,073		10,888,664
4110	Timber Receipts	-	58,552	-	58,552	-	-	-		-
4110	Charter Schools	428,556	495,287	613,951	770,807	3,260	241,174	233,939		478,373
4410	Fines & Forfeitures	279,114	230,225	371,986	325,000	61,323	63,561	18,393		143,277
4490	School Nurses	893,153	893,155	893,155	1,146,958	102,828	431,335	233,105		767,268
4493	Schools' Receivables	43,742	13,120	12,424	14,908	53,898	-	-		53,898
44XX	Grand Total	$ 16,197,059	$ 16,292,550	$ 16,433,615	16,642,916	4,007,061	4,283,909	4,040,510	-	$12,331,480

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The appointment of Joset Taylor to the Council on Aging was requested to fill vacant Seat No. 3 with a term ending November 30, 2023.

3		Vacant		A	
				TE	11/30/2023

Motion: To appoint Joset Taylor to the Council on Aging, Seat No. 3, to complete the remainder of a term ending November 30, 2023.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

CLERK - APPOINTMENTS TO THE JCPC

The appointment of Damion Patton, a realtor, was requested to fill vacant JCPC Seat No. 16 to complete the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2023.

16	Member of Business	Vacant	A	
	Community			
			TE	6/30/2023

The appointment of Wesley Hendrix was requested to fill vacant JCPC Seat No. 21, at-large, to complete the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2024.

21	At Large		A	
	(Up to 7 Appt by BOC)		R	
			R	
			TE	6/30/2024

The appointment of Camey Ervin was requested to fill vacant JCPC Seat No. 23, at-large, to complete the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2023.

23	At Large		A-UT	
	(Up to 7 Appt by BOC)		R	
			TE	6/30/2023

Motion: To appoint Damion Patton to the JCPC, Seat No. 16, to complete the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2023. To appoint Wesley Hendrix to the JCPC, Seat No. 21, at-large, to complete the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2024. To appoint Camey Ervin to the JCPC, Seat No. 23, at-large, to complete the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2023.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

CLERK - APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The terms of appointment ended March 31st for the following members of the Parks & Recreation Commission: Jonathan Carter (Valdese/R.C.), Tabbatha Hoilman (George Hildebrand), Ricky Barnes (Hildebran/Icard), Curtis Hildebran (Ray Childers), Brandon Clontz (Salem) and LaPorsche Cuthbertson (Mtn. View). Jason Black (WA Young) and Tabbatha Hoilman (George Hildebrand) resigned. Jonathan Carter, Curtis Hildebran, LaPorche Cuthbertson and Ricky Barnes have applied for reappointment and an application was received from Terry Norton for the WA Young seat. Valerie Mullis applied for the George Hildebrand seat and Cody Clarke applied to represent the Salem community. Chairman Mulwee has verified that Mr. Clarke complies with Section 50-28(b) of the Burke Co. Code of Ordinances.

Motions: To reappoint Jonathan Carter (Valdese), Curtis Hildebran (Ray Childers), LaPorsche Cuthbertson (Mtn. View) and Ricky Barns (Hildebran/Icard) to the Parks & Recreation Commission for the remainder of 3-year terms ending March 31, 2026.

To appoint Terry Norton to the Parks & Recreation Commission for the remainder of a 3-year term ending March 31, 2024, representing WA Young.

To remove Brandon Clontz and thank him for his service to the community.

To appoint Cody Clarke to the Parks & Recreation Commission to complete the remainder of a 3-year term ending March 31, 2026, representing Salem.

To appoint Valerie Mullis to the Parks & Recreation Commission, representing George Hildebrand, for the remainder of a term ending March 31, 2024.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

FINANCE - APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL LOTTERY FUNDS

A portion of lottery proceeds are deposited into a special fund administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction called the Public School Building Capital fund. This fund is used by counties to address their school capital needs. Monies deposited into the fund accumulate and earn interest until drawn down by the county. In order to draw down funds, the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education must approve and submit an application for an eligible project. Historically, the County has used debt service on school construction as their projects. Included in the agenda for the Board's consideration is a $1.3M application for debt service at Patton and Draughn High Schools. The application is hereby incorporated into the meeting minutes by reference. This application was presented for approval by the Board of Education at their May 15, 2023, meeting.

Motion: To approve the Public School Building Capital Fund, North Carolina

Education Lottery application in the amount of $1,300,000 and authorize the Chairman to execute the application on behalf of the Board.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

GENERAL SERVICES - LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY GRANT

As part of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) published December 16, 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that all community water systems (CWS) develop an inventory of all service line connections, including both system-owned and customer-owned. The inventory must identify the potential presence of lead within each service line connection.

The initial inventory must be completed and submitted to the North Carolina Public Water Supply (PWS) Section by October 16, 2024. The inventory must include all service lines connected to the distribution system. Due to staffing constraints, Burke County intends to apply for a grant to assist with compliance.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2023-11.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

Resolution No. 2023-11 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF BURKE COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF
A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY PROJECT

WHEREAS, Burke County operates a public water system and has approximately 2,100 residential and commercial water customers; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that all community water systems (CWS) develop an inventory of all service line connections, including both system-owned and customer-owned. The inventory must identify the potential presence of lead within each service line; and

WHEREAS, the inventory is due by October of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the State is offering grant funding to assist in the preparation of this inventory; and

WHEREAS, Burke County intends to request state grant assistance for the completion of the Lead Service Line Inventory Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISIONERS OF BURKE COUNTY:

That Burke County will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project if approved for a State loan or grant award.

That Burke County will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Brian Epley, the County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Applicant with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the completion of the project described above.

That the County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this 16th day of May 2023.

/s/: Scott Mulwee
Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

SHERIFF - RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY-ISSUED SERVICE SIDE ARM AND BADGE

In accordance with NCGS 20-187.2(a), the Sheriff requested that the gun (Glock, Model 17 Gen 4, Serial Number BERL-511) and badge worn by Sergeant William Townsend be awarded to him upon his retirement for the fee of $1.00. Sergeant Townsend retired on April 28, 2023.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2023-09 declaring Sergeant William Townsend's current firearm and badge as surplus property and awarding it to him upon his retirement.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

Resolution No. 2023-09 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Resolution Awarding County-Issued Service Side Arm and Badge Pursuant to
North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2 A

WHEREAS, Sgt. William Townsend retired from the Burke County Sheriff's Department on April 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. William Townsend was a dedicated law enforcement officer to the citizens of Burke County since March 10, 2003; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2 (a), permits Burke County to donate the badge worn at no cost, and to sell service-issued side arm to retiring law enforcement officers, at a price determined by the Board of Commissioners; and

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BURKE COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. Sgt. William Townsend's service weapon and badge be declared surplus property; and

2. The Sheriff of Burke County, Banks Hinceman, is authorized to present Sgt. William Townsend his Burke County Sheriff's Department issued badge at no cost, upon his retirement; and

3. The Sheriff of Burke County, Banks Hinceman, is also authorized to sell a Glock, Model 17 Gen 4, Serial Number BERL-511 pistol at a set price of $1.00 to Sgt. Townsend upon his retirement.

Adopted this 16th day of May 2023.

/s/: Scott Mulwee
Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

SHERIFF - APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO USE NARCOTICS & FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR TRAINING EVENT

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to use approximately $4,100 of Narcotics and Forfeiture funds to pay for five (5) Narcotics investigators to attend the 2023 NCNEOA Spring Training Seminar in New Hanover County, NC. The seminar will occur from May 21, 2023, to May 25, 2023.

Budgetary Effect: Funding for this training was not included in the FY 22 - 23 budget. Overall revenues and expenditures will increase by $4,100 in the Narcotics Fund.

Motion: To appropriate up to $4,100 of Narcotics and Forfeiture funds to cover the cost of this training opportunity for the Narcotics investigators.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

JCPC - APPROVAL OF COUNTY PLAN FOR BURKE COUNTY & FUNDING ALLOCATION

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) plans for the needs of adjudicated and at-risk youth and assesses the need for delinquency treatment and prevention services in Burke County. The funding from the state Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) for the programs, $287,074, requires a 30% match which is provided by the programs themselves either by cash or in-kind donations.

The Annual Plan describes and documents each step of the state-mandated process required to make decisions on the allocation of funds provided to Burke County by the Division of Juvenile Justice. The plan also documents the required meetings and attendance as well as adherence to open meeting laws and other state-required processes. Most importantly, it lists the programs chosen for funding and the amounts allocated. This plan must be approved by the Burke County Board of Commissioners prior to acceptance and funding by DJJ.

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Burke County

NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: $ $287,074 Local Match: $ $85,953 Rate: 30%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total	% non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/ Federal	Funds		
1	JCPC Admin	$13,911						$13,911	
2	Adolescent Substance Abuse Assessment & Treatment - Burke Council on Alcoholism	$19,191	$2,000		$6,396	$6,393		$33,980	44%
3	Burke Restorative Services - Repay	$66,347			$19,904			$86,251	23%
4	Just Girls - Burke - Repay	$26,798			$8,093	$11,816		$46,707	43%
5	Juvenile Mediation/Conflict Resolution Education Conflict Resolution Center	$45,934			$13,791			$59,725	23%
6	Kids at Work! Burke - Aspire Youth & Family	$45,632			$13,986			$59,618	23%
7	Psychological Services - Burke - Repay	$18,078			$6,428	$2,145		$26,651	32%
8	SAIS - Burke - Repay	$51,183			$15,355	$12,306		$78,844	35%
9									
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12									
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18									
	TOTALS:	$287,074	$2,000		$83,953	$32,660		$405,687	29%

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Burke County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2023-2024

Note: The JCPC agenda materails are hereby incorporated into the meeting minutes.

Motion: To approve the JCPC FY 23 - 24 County Plan for Burke County as presented as well as the annual County Funding Plan. Further, authorize the County Manager and / or the County Finance Director to process revisions to the JCPC FY 23 - 24 Plan administratively and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Allocation on behalf of the Board.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT FOR APRIL 2023

Releases in value and / or refunds of taxes typically occur when:

- ☐ Taxpayers submit information that creates a reduction in value.

- ☐ Situs is corrected between counties and/or municipalities.
- ☐ Valuation appeals reduce the value for real or personal property.
- ☐ The postmark reveals a payment was timely sent.

The Board of Commissioners was presented with the following list of releases and refunds for consideration. The Net Release is a result of the Report Amount minus the Rebilled Amount.

Tax System Refunds and Releases				
	Report Amount	Rebilled Amount	Net Release	Refund Amount
Releases (TR-304)	$10,967.01	$10,375.90	$591.11	$591.11

VTS Refunds Over $100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	$2,154.31

*Note: The net loss amount is a result of the report amount minus the rebilled amount.

Bill #	Taxpayer Name	Bill Date	Operator ID (Name)	Release Date	Orig Bill Amount($)	Release Amount($)	Bill Amount after Release($)
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Not in Burke County							
0000081702-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	SHEFFER ANDREW ATTORNEY	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	3/31/2023	1.46	1.46	0.00
0000081702-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	SHEFFER ANDREW ATTORNEY	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	3/31/2023	1.24	1.24	0.00
0024059023-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	COFFEY, DEREK NEAL	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	4/27/2023	34.75	34.75	0.00
Subtotal					**37.45**	**37.45**	
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Process Correction							
0000084915-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	BRITTAIN, BARRY	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	4/6/2023	174.75	174.75	0.00
0000084915-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	BRITTAIN, BARRY	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	4/6/2023	178.75	178.75	0.00
Subtotal					**353.5**	**353.50**	
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Value Change							
0000022158-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	LANE, WESLEY	7/1/2019	AMANDA CONLEY	4/10/2023	2,353.98	50.04	2,303.94
0000022158-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	LANE, WESLEY EDWARD	7/1/2020	AMANDA CONLEY	4/10/2023	2,625.52	50.04	2,575.48
0000022158-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	LANE, WESLEY EDWARD	7/1/2021	AMANDA CONLEY	4/10/2023	2,795.28	50.04	2,745.24
0000022158-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	LANE, WESLEY EDWARD	7/1/2022	AMANDA CONLEY	4/10/2023	2,801.28	50.04	2,751.24
Subtotal						**200.16**	
Total					**$10,976.01**	**$591.11**	**$10,375.90**

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Address 3	Bill #	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Authorization Date	Tax Jurisd.	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
ANTHONY, MARTHA DAVES	ANTHONY, MARTHA DAVES	MORGANTON, NC 28680	0069109882	275876403	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0069109882-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	4/28/2023 4:52:35 PM	01	Tax	($77.80)	$0.00	($77.80)
								57	Tax	($63.80)	$0.00	($63.80)
								57	Vehicle Fee	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
											Refund	$141.60
BARNES, MICHAEL GARY	BARNES, MICHAEL GARY	NEBO, NC 28761	0071479282	276411501	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0071479282-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	4/28/2023 4:52:35 PM	01	Tax	($271.78)	$0.00	($271.78)
								57	Tax	($222.90)	$0.00	($222.90)
								57	Vehicle Fee	($20.00)	$0.00	($20.00)
											Refund	$514.68
FEERY, DANIEL CHRISTOPHER	FEERY, DANIEL CHRISTOPHER	MORGANTON, NC 28680	0057365937	184121230	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0057365937-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Totalled	4/28/2023 4:52:35 PM	01	Tax	($148.03)	$0.00	($148.03)
								24	Tax	($23.43)	$0.00	($23.43)
											Refund	$171.46
HARTJES, DIANE MARIE	HARTJES, DIANE MARIE	CONNELLY SPRINGS, NC 28612	0051519657	184483384	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0051519657-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold		01	Tax	($136.88)	$0.00	($136.88)
								28	Tax	($20.68)	$0.00	($20.68)
											Refund	$157.56
HODGE, THADDEUS WILLIAM	HODGE, THADDEUS WILLIAM	MORGANTON, NC 28655	0069716626	184421176	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0069716626-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold		01	Tax	($191.74)	$0.00	($191.74)
								55	Tax	($104.84)	$0.00	($104.84)
											Refund	$296.58
PAGE, DARRELL MARCUS	PAGE, DARRELL MARCUS	MORGANTON, NC 28680	0061820320	184121290	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0061820320-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	4/28/2023 4:52:35 PM	01	Tax	($156.44)	$0.00	($156.44)
								33	Tax	($27.01)	$0.00	($27.01)
											Refund	$183.45
PEARSON, AMANDA ROSE	PEARSON, AMANDA ROSE	MORGANTON, NC 28655	0067766262	277231098	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0067766262-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Totalled		01	Tax	($66.10)	$0.00	($66.10)
								57	Tax	($54.21)	$0.00	($54.21)
								57	Vehicle Fee	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
											Refund	$120.31
											Subtotal	$1585.64

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Address 3	Bill #	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Authorization Date	Tax Jurisd.	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
REYNALDO CASANOVA, EDUARDO	REYNALDO CASANOVA, EDUARDO	MORGANTON, NC 28655	0064500994	183430988	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0064500994-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	4/28/2023 4:52:35 PM	01	Tax	($124.89)	$0.00	($124.89)
								25	Tax	($17.97)	$0.00	($17.97)
											Refund	$142.86
SMITH, KIMBERLY CRANE	SMITH, KIMBERLY CRANE	MORGANTON, NC 28655	0064872696	184820772	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0064872696-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Totalled		01	Tax	($161.82)	$0.00	($161.82)
								32	Tax	($24.45)	$0.00	($24.45)
											Refund	$186.27
THAWLEY, ROBERT CHARLES	THAWLEY, ROBERT CHARLES	MORGANTON, NC 28655	0068684027	183911366	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0068684027-2022-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	4/28/2023 4:52:35 PM	01	Tax	($198.37)	($11.40)	($209.77)
								25	Tax	($28.54)	($1.64)	($30.18)
											Refund	$239.95
											Subtotal	$659.08
											Grand Total	$2,154.31

Motion: To approve the Tax Releases and Refunds for April 2023 as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR APRIL 2023

The Board of Commissioners was presented with the Tax Collection Report for the period between July 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023. This reflects the status of collections by the Burke County Tax Collection's Staff. This information is a supplement to the Annual Settlement Report.

Category	Annual Budget	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	$45,800,000.00	$46,915,037.40	102.43%	($1,115,037.40)
Motor Vehicle Tax	$6,000,000.00	$5,031,211.77	88.85%	$968,788.23
Current Year Taxes	$51,800,000.00	$51,964,249.17	100.28%	($146,249.17)
Delinquent Taxes	$700,000.00	$623,774.61	89.11%	$76,225.39
Late List Penalty	$315,000.00	$313,709.84	99.59%	$1,290.16

The Tax Levy is the total property tax value not including motor vehicles times the tax rate. This amount changes monthly with the addition of discoveries, other changes, or corrections, and when Public Utility Values are added, typically during September.

Category	Tax Levy	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	$48,194,561.62	$46,915,037.40	97.35%	$1,279,524.22

Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Report for April 2023 as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

TDA - FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2023

In accordance with Session Law 2007-265, HB 78, the Tourism Dev. Authority must report quarterly and at the close of the fiscal year to the Burke County Board of Commissioners on its receipts and expenditures for the preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the board may require. The Board received the following financial information at the pre-agenda meeting.

BURKE COUNTY TDA
March 31, 2023

Assets		
1014	First Citizens Bank	$ 787,547.98
	Total Checking	$ 787,547.98
Liabilities		
2000	Accounts Payable	$ -
2040	Deposits Received	$ -
2050	City of Morganton - Payable	$ 84,729.60
2075	Town of Valdese - Payable	$ 78,037.86
2100	Payroll Liabilities	$ 8,422.35
	Total Liabilities	$ 171,189.81
Equity		
3900	Retained Earnings	$ 625,448.38
	Net Income	$ (9,090.21)
	Total Equity	$ 616,358.17
Total Liabilities & Equity		$ 787,547.98

BURKE COUNTY TDA
BUDGET TO ACTUAL JULY 1, 2022-MARCH 31, 2023

		Budget	Actual	Available Balanc
Income				
	4010 · Burke Co. Govt. - Occup. Tax	$ 750,000	555,105.14	$ 194,894.86
	4110 · Interest Income	$ -	592.52	$ (592.52)
	4120 Miscellaneous	$ 44,500	31,561.44	$ 12,938.56
	5000 · Trolley Revenue	$ 7,500	26,942.91	$ (19,442.91)
Total Income		$ 802,000	614,202.01	$ 187,797.99
Expense				
	5010 · Accounting	$ 8,500	5,250.00	$ 3,250.00
	5020 · Marketing/Advertising	$ 199,600	156,019.64	$ 43,580.36
	5102 · Membership Dues	$ 2,500	2,525.00	$ (25.00)
	5110 · Building Maintenance	$ 2,000	297.50	$ 1,702.50
	5113 · City of Morganton/Tourism	$ 168,750	124,898.65	$ 43,851.35
	5115 · Town of Valdese/Tourism	$ 93,750	69,388.15	$ 24,361.85
	5117 - Bank Charges	$ 200	100.26	$ 99.74
	5140 · Website Upkeep	$ 500	2,232.62	$ (1,732.62)
	5150 · Insurance	$ 28,000	22,345.67	$ 5,654.33
	5180 · Office Supplies	$ 4,000	3,365.32	$ 634.68
	5200 · Payroll Expenses	$ 260,000	208,386.11	$ 51,613.89
	5250 · Postage	$ 2,500	724.75	$ 1,775.25
	5280 · Office Rent	$ 6,000	4,500.00	$ 1,500.00
	5290 · Telephone	$ 3,500	2,793.63	$ 706.37
	5300 · Travel/Training	$ 14,500	8,399.73	$ 6,100.27
	5301 · Trolley Expenses	$ 7,500	11,984.92	$ (4,484.92)
	5400 · Misc. Expense	$ 200	80.27	$ 119.73
Total Expense		$ 802,000	623,292.22	$ 178,707.78
Net Income		**$ -**	**-9,090.21**	**9,090.21**

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

WPCC – PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL DATA FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2023

An overview of the College's financial data was presented at the pre-agenda meeting for the period ending March 31, 2023.

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WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FY 2022-2023 SUMMARY AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

	STATE			COUNTY			INSTITUTIONAL		
Summary of Revenues	BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAINING	PGLT	ACTUAL	REMAINING	BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAINING
State Appropriations	14,014,839	11,982,053							
Add. Allocations (detail below)	2,915,285								
County Appropriations				2,683,610	2,012,708				
Rent & Interest Income				13,000	20,282				
Institutional Funds					27,302		6,371,479	5,804,192	
Total Budgeted Revenues	**16,930,124**	**11,982,053**	**4,948,071**	**2,696,610**	**2,060,292**	**636,318**	**6,371,479**	**5,804,192**	**567,287**
Summary of Expenditures									
Institutional Support	4,022,203	2,643,147	66%	253,295	215,112	85%	682,287	593,266	87%
Curriculum Instruction	6,518,860	5,081,142	78%				328,855	323,459	98%
Non Curriculum Instruction	2,192,355	1,291,173	59%				52,380	133,586	255%
Academic Support	1,487,341	1,100,223	74%				1,000	240	24%
Student Support	2,136,992	1,465,537	69%				954,192	500,064	52%
Plant Operations & Maint.				2,443,315	1,858,716	76%			
Proprietary / Other							824,200	742,681	90%
Student Aid							3,528,565	3,406,589	97%
Capital Outlay (excluding Capital Improvements)	572,373	338,411	59%						
Total Budgeted Expenditures	**16,930,124**	**11,919,633**	**5,010,491**	**2,696,610**	**2,073,828**	**622,782**	**6,371,479**	**5,699,885**	**671,594**
		70.4%	**29.6%**		**76.9%**	**23.1%**		**89.5%**	**10.5%**

ADDITIONAL FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR APPROVED PROJECTS			
Customized Training Projects	38,932	Carryforward	53,764
Budget Stablization Funds	1,129,267	Perkins Carryforward	10,599
Male Minority Grant - Aviso	38,069	Finish Line Grant	37,523
NCWorks Career Coach	211,104	Golden Leaf	23,448
Federal Portion - Basic Skills	311,699	Small College Prison	10,000
CTP Regional Trainer	147,025	Longevity	162,839
Underserved Outreach/Advising	65,543	Prof. Dev. Net.	30,000
Longleaf Complete & Commitment	90,368	Finish Line Admin	15,538
GEER I & II Scholarships	72,213	Enrollment Growt	19,542
GEER Reversion	(15,904)	Summer Accel	23,360
Faculty Recruitment/Retention	110,441	SBC Reversion	(28,000)
Apprenticeship Expansion Grt	327,820		
ST Workforce Develop Grant	30,095		
Total Other		**2,915,285**	

As of June 30, 2023		
Total College Budget	$ 25,998,213	
Total Expenditures	$ 19,693,346	**75.7%**

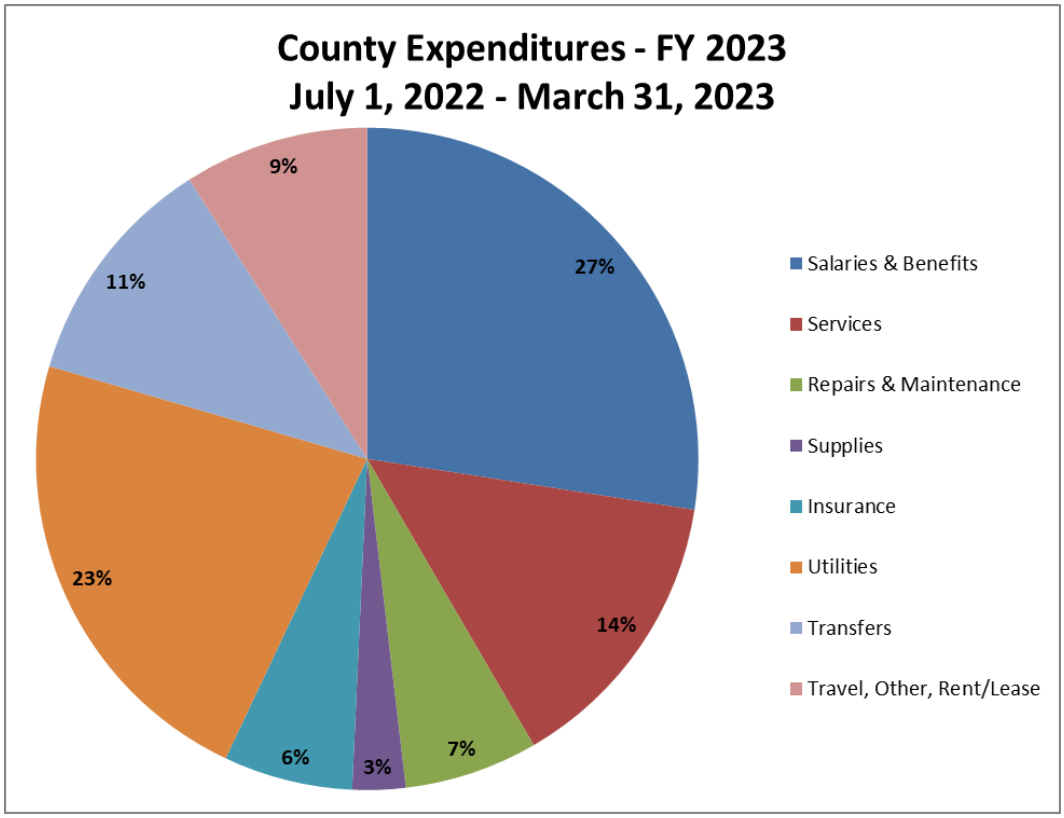
Fund Balance: County Funds	
Fund Balance, Beginning July 1, 2022	898,022
Current Operating Cash	(13,536)
Current Fund Balance	**884,486**
	33%

Western Piedmont Community College

County Expenditures by Category

FY 2023 - Actual Expenditures - July 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2023

Salaries & Benefits	569,437	27.5%
Services	293,574	14.2%
Repairs & Maintenance	135,247	6.5%
Supplies	53,736	2.6%
Insurance	130,694	6.3%
Utilities	466,348	22.5%
Transfers	237,563	11.5%
Travel, Other, Rent/Lease	187,229	9.0%
	2,073,828	**100%**



Motion: To accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

ITEMS FOR DECISION

CO. MGR. - PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 23-24 AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Brain Epley, County Manager, presented a lengthy overview of the FY 2023 - 2024 recommended budget to the Board of Commissioners based on a 56-cent tax rate. However, options for a 52-cent (revenue neutral) and a 54-cent tax rate were also provided. A copy of the recommended budget was filed in the office of the Clerk to the Board that day and is available for public inspection at the Burke County Governmental Offices, public libraries and senior centners during regular business hours. The recommended budget was also posted to the County's website at: http://www.burkenc.org/2265/Budget-Documents. Further, each Commissioner and professional staff member received a printed copy of the recommended budget.

A public hearing on the recommended budget is required and citizens are encouraged to present written or oral comments. Adoption of the recommended budget is anticipated to occur on June 20, 2023.

Highlights of County Manager Epley's lengthy presentation reads as follows:

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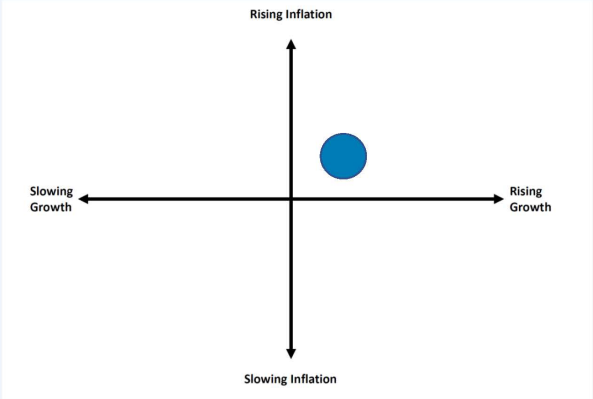
Rising Cost of Doing Business

- Retirement Contribution……$ 220,000
- Supplies……..…..$ 75,000
- Risk Management Costs…....$ 425,000
- Motor Fuels…….. $ 105,000

Total……...$ 825,000

$ 825,000 = .85 Cents



Where have we been?

Prior Year Performance and Budget Trends

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Burke County Government Services…

Services Burke County is required to provide	Statute	Per Capita Cost
911 Communications	N.C.G.S. 143B-1406(h)	$ 23.00
Board of Commissioners	N.C.G.S. 153A-12	$ 2.16
Board of Elections	N.C.G.S. 163-37	$ 5.36
Building Inspections	N.C.G.S. 160D-1102(a)	$ 6.62
Emergency Management	N.C.G.S. 166A-19.15(a)	$ 4.46
Emergency Medical Services	N.C.G.S. 143-517	$ 75.60
Environmental Health	N.C.G.S. 130A-248	$ 2.99
Medical Examiner	N.C.G.S. 130A-381	$ 1.41
Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services	N.C.G.S. 122C-115(a)	$ 2.29
Personnel (Human Resources)	N.C.G.S. 153A-92	$ 6.77
Public Health	N.C.G.S 130A-34(b)	$ 34.82
Public Records	N.C.G.S. 132-1	$ 0.13
Register of Deeds	N.C.G.S. 161-1	$ 5.23
Sheriff	N.C. Const. Art. VII Sec. 2	$ 85.97
Social Services	N.C.G.S. 153A-255	$ 202.45
Tax Administration and Collection	N.C.G.S. 105-296	$ 16.13

Burke County Government Services...

Services Burke County provides that are authorized, but not required	Statute	Per Capita Cost
Animal Services	N.C.G.S. 153A-442	$ 5.41
Community Development	N.C.G.S. 160D-201	$ 6.19
Cooperative Extension Services	N.C.G.S. 153A-439(a)	$ 4.33
Detention Center	N.C.G.S. 153A-218	$ 46.48
Economic Development	N.C.G.S. 158-23	$ 29.48
Fire Marshal	N.C.G.S. 153A-234	$ 0.76
Foothills Conference Center	N.C.G.S. 153A-445(7)	$ 1.36
Library	N.C.G.S. 153A-263	$ 16.99
Planning	N.C.G.S. 160D-201	$ 6.19
Recreation	N.C.G.S. 153A-444	$ 6.53
Senior Services	N.C.G.S. 153A-445(6)	$ 5.29
Soil and Water Conservation	N.C.G.S. 153A-440	$ 1.48
Veterans Services	N.C.G.S. 143B-1211	$ 0.48
Volunteer Fire Departments	N.C.G.S. 153A-233	$ 50.94
Waste Management	N.C.G.S. 153A-136(a)	$ 67.06
Water and Sewer	N.C.G.S. 153A-284	$ 57.33

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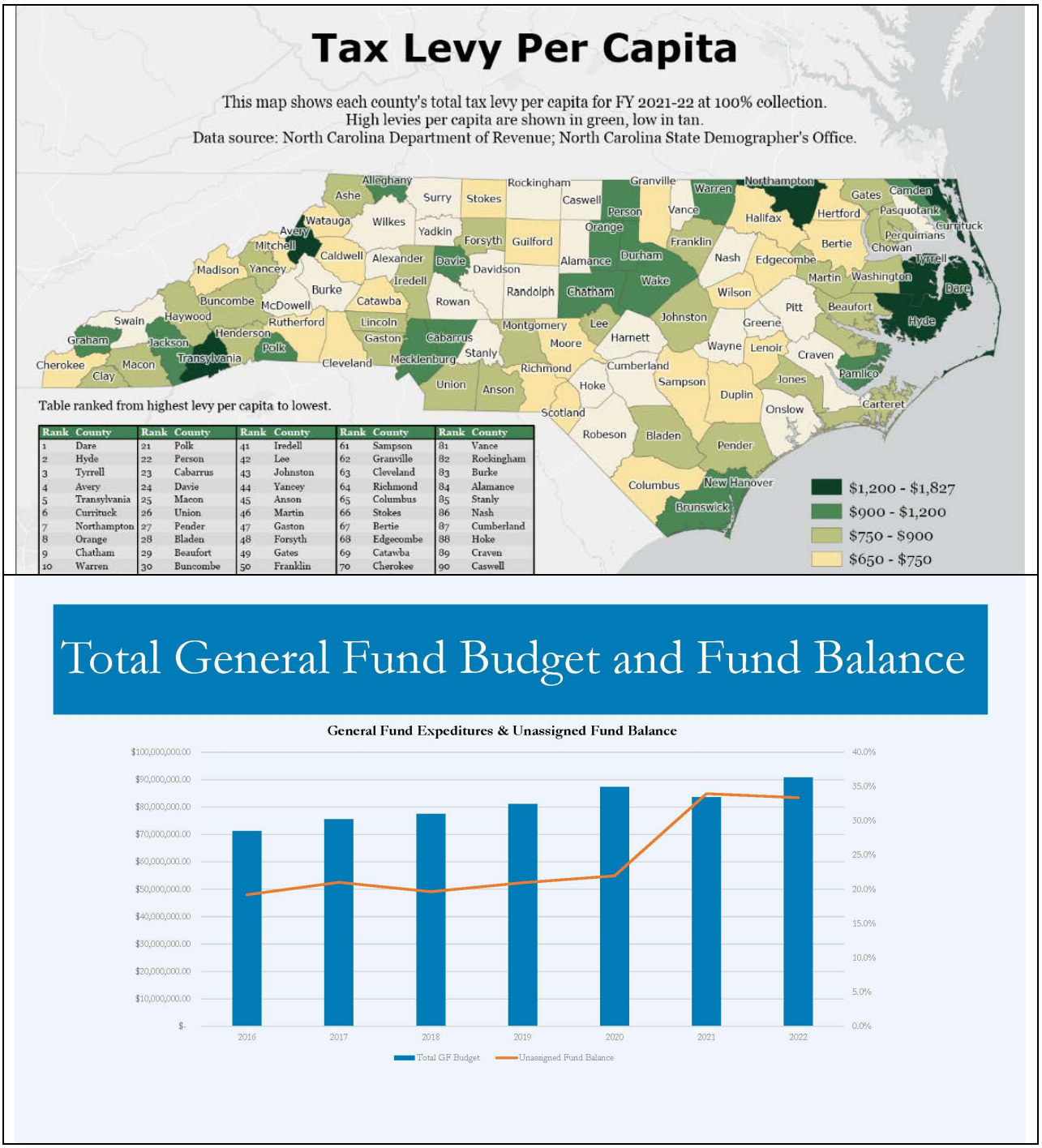

Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank	County
1	Dare	21	Polk	41	Iredell	61	Sampson	81	Vance
2	Hyde	22	Person	42	Lee	62	Granville	82	Rockingham
3	Tyrrell	23	Cabarrus	43	Johnston	63	Cleveland	83	Burke
4	Avery	24	Davie	44	Yancey	64	Richmond	84	Alamance
5	Transylvania	25	Macon	45	Anson	65	Columbus	85	Stanly
6	Currituck	26	Union	46	Martin	66	Stokes	86	Nash
7	Northampton	27	Pender	47	Gaston	67	Bertie	87	Cumberland
8	Orange	28	Bladen	48	Forsyth	68	Edgecombe	88	Hoke
9	Chatham	29	Beaufort	49	Gates	69	Catawba	89	Craven
10	Warren	30	Buncombe	50	Franklin	70	Cherokee	90	Caswell

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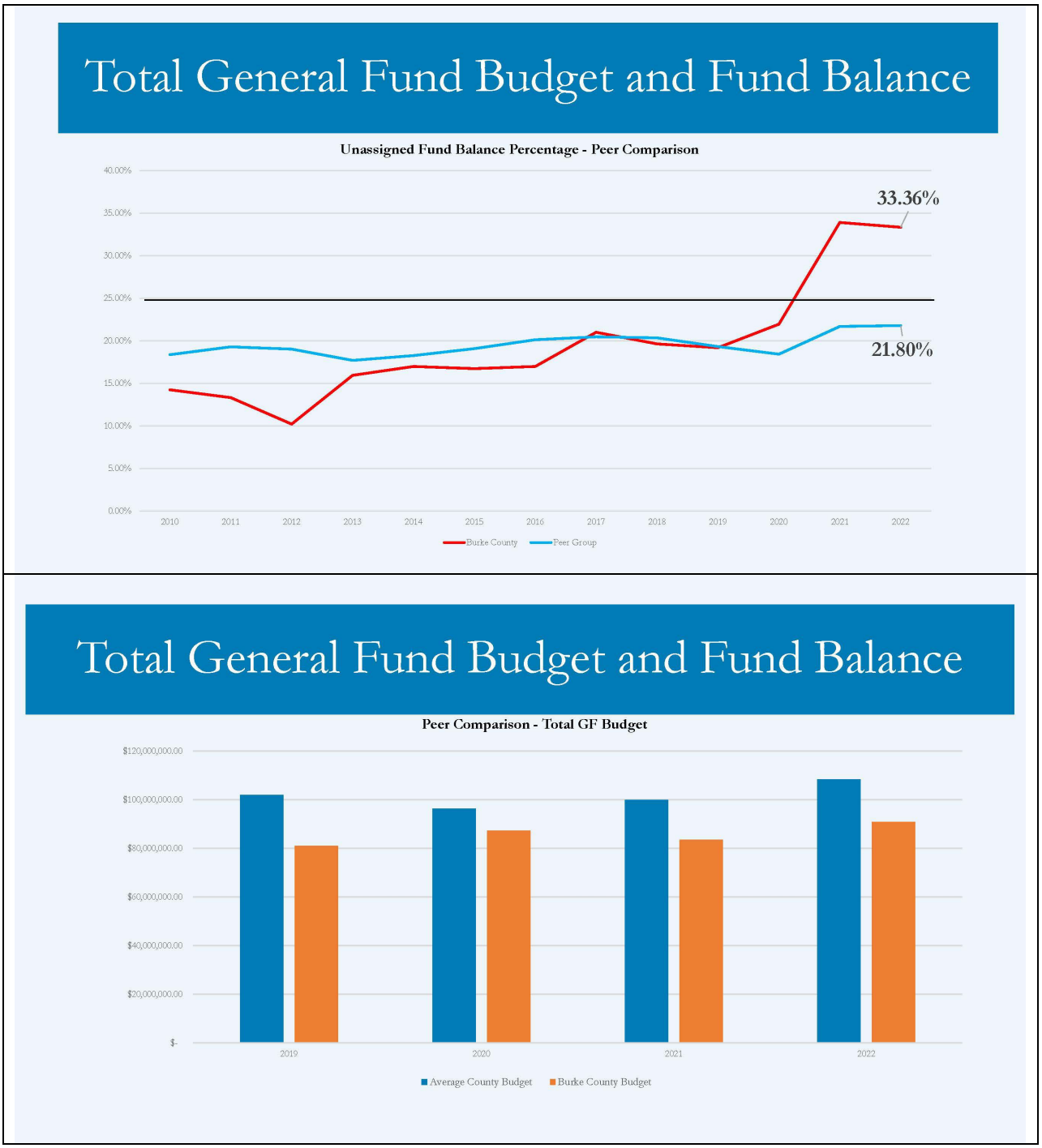

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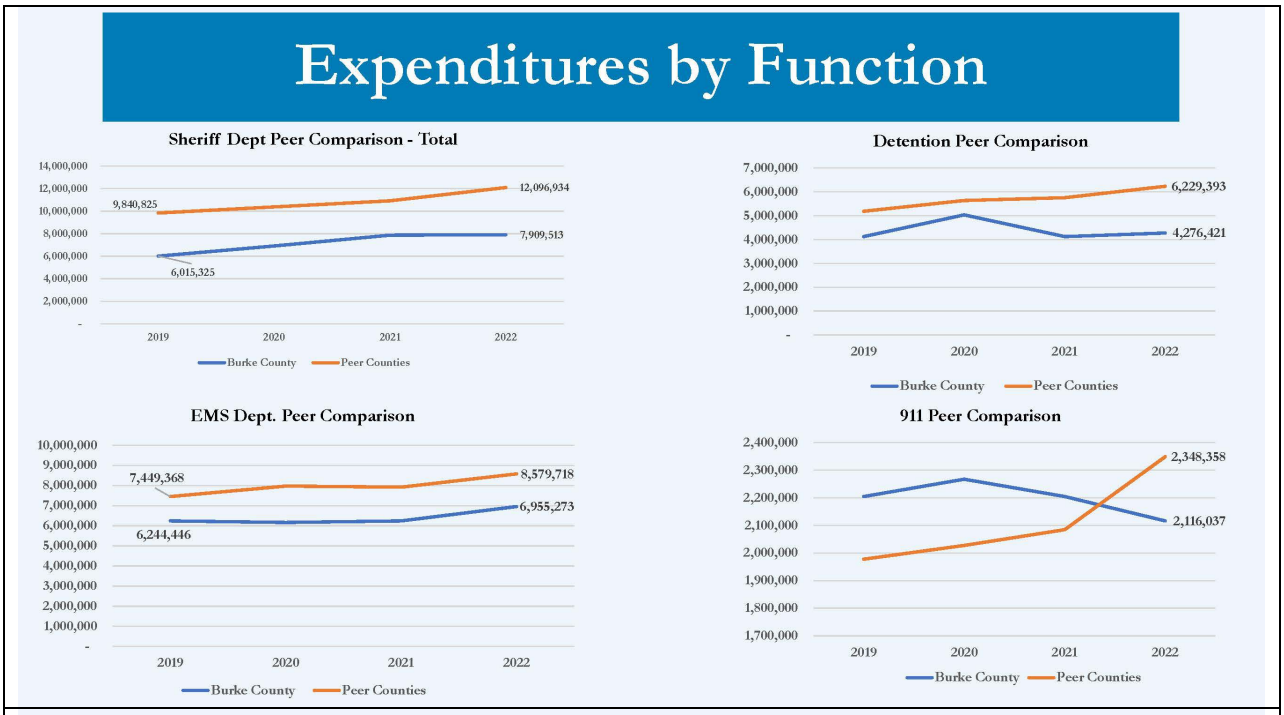

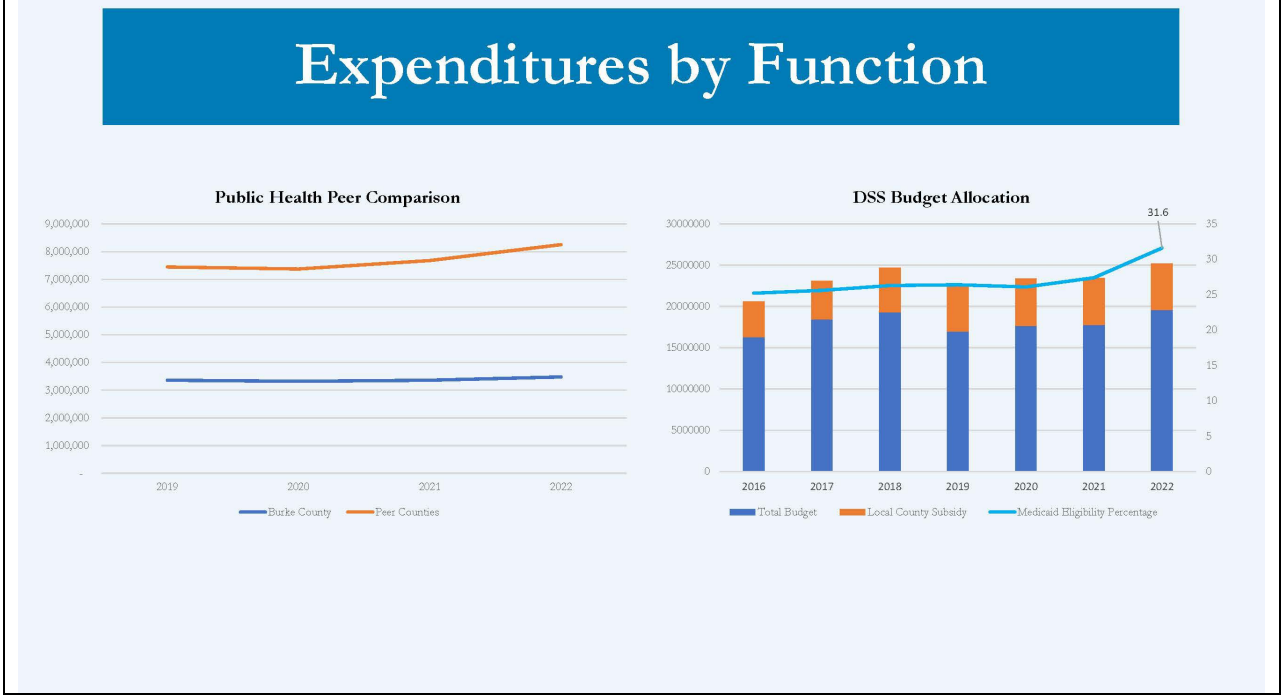

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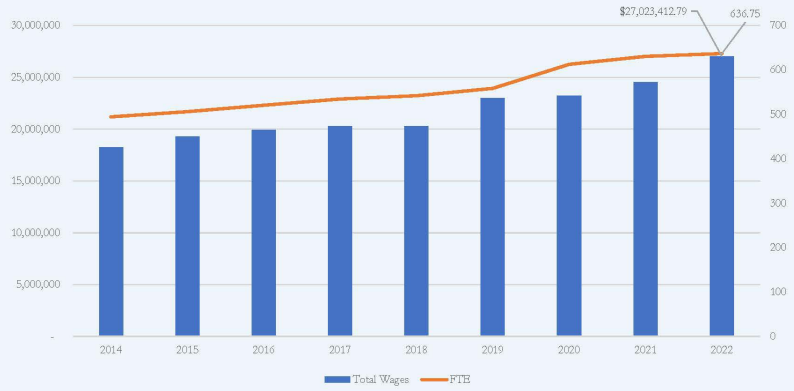
Employer of Choice

BURKECOUNTY
ALL ABOUT ADVANCING

Human Capital Investment



- 14.8% Average Employee Wage Increase since 2014
- 27.9% Inflationary Increase since 2014

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Average of Annual Pay

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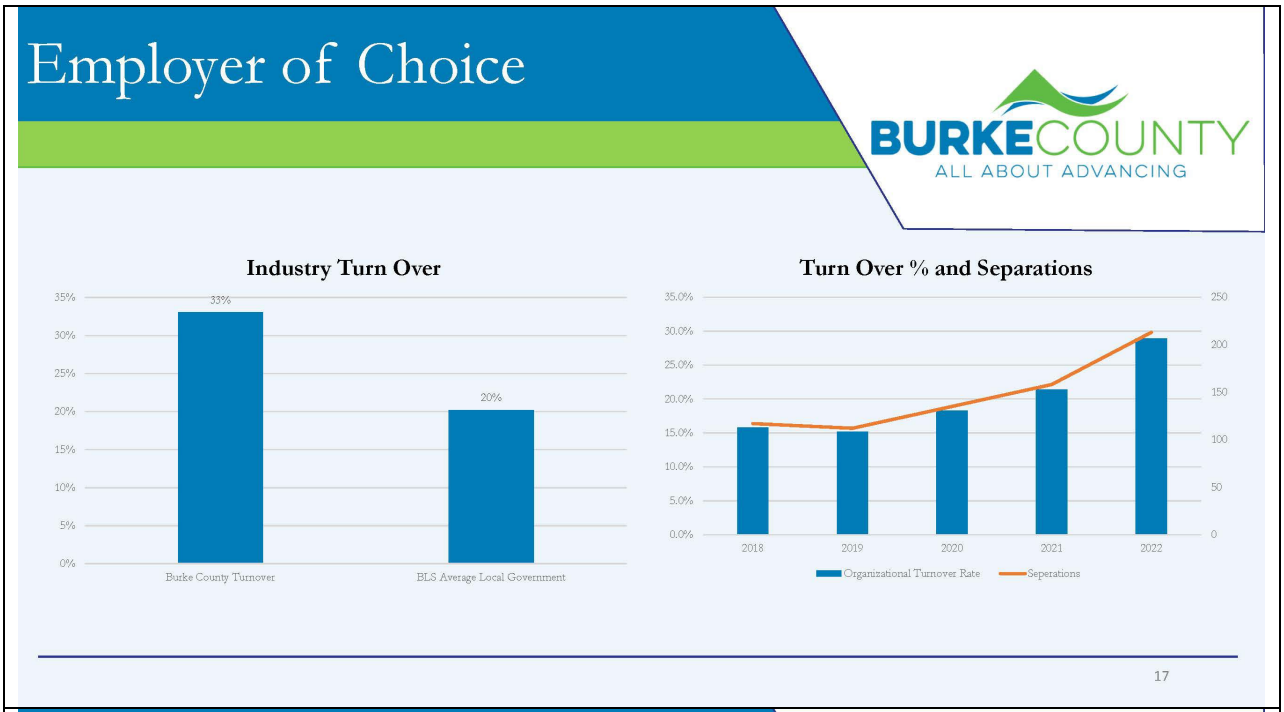

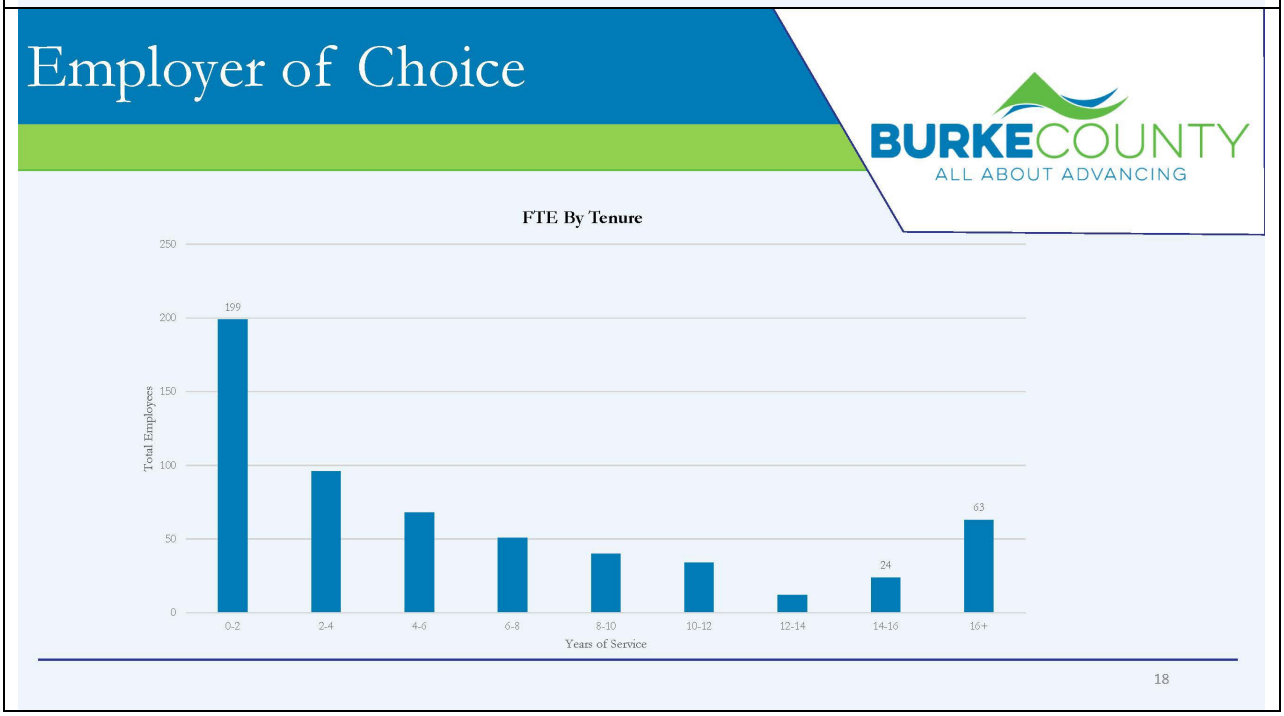

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CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Facilities Evaluated During Space Needs Assessment

Building	Location	City	Rating	Sq. Ft	Yr. Built
Animal Shelter	425 Kirksey Drive	Morganton	1.00	4,000	1980
EMS Station #1: Hospital	2201 S Sterling Street	Morganton	1.00	5,000	1975
Landfill - Transfer Station	2500 Marsh Trail	Morganton	1.40	12,500	1997
Avery Building	200 Avery Avenue	Morganton	2.13	28,700	1923
Sheriff's Office (Sheriff side only)	150 Government Drive	Morganton	2.14	11,500	1993
Burke-Catawba District Confinement Facility (Old Jail)	148 Government Drive	Morganton	2.14	48,500	1993
Human Resources Center (HRC)	700 East Parker Road	Morganton	2.42	56,500	1979
EMS Station #2: Rutherford College *(Hospital Owns Property)*	90 Campus Street	Rutherford College	2.50	1,900	1975
Hildebran Building (Water & Sewer Office)	101 Main Ave West	Hildebran	2.58	7,100	1964/2016
Courthouse	201 South Green Street	Morganton	2.60	55,000	1974
EMS Station #4: Hildebran	705 US Highway 70W	Hildebran	2.83	2,200	2002
Landfill - Office/Garage	2500 Marsh Trail	Morganton	3.00	5,000	1988
Morganton Library	204 South King Street	Morganton	3.00	16,800	1995/2004
Morganton Senior Center	501 North Green Street	Morganton	3.00	17,600	1984
Burke Agricultural Building	130 Ammons Drive	Morganton	3.50	14,000	2002
Burke Services Building	110 North Green Street	Morganton	3.83	24,000	1954/2000
Valdese Library *(Share Ownership with Valdese)*	213 St. Germain Avenue	Valdese	3.83	9,000	1943/2004
Foothills Higher Education	2128 South Sterling Street	Morganton	4.00	130,000	1980/2004

*Building Condition Rating Scale 1 thru 5 where 1 is poor condition and 5 is new or excellent condition

Budget Development Process
&
Policy Direction

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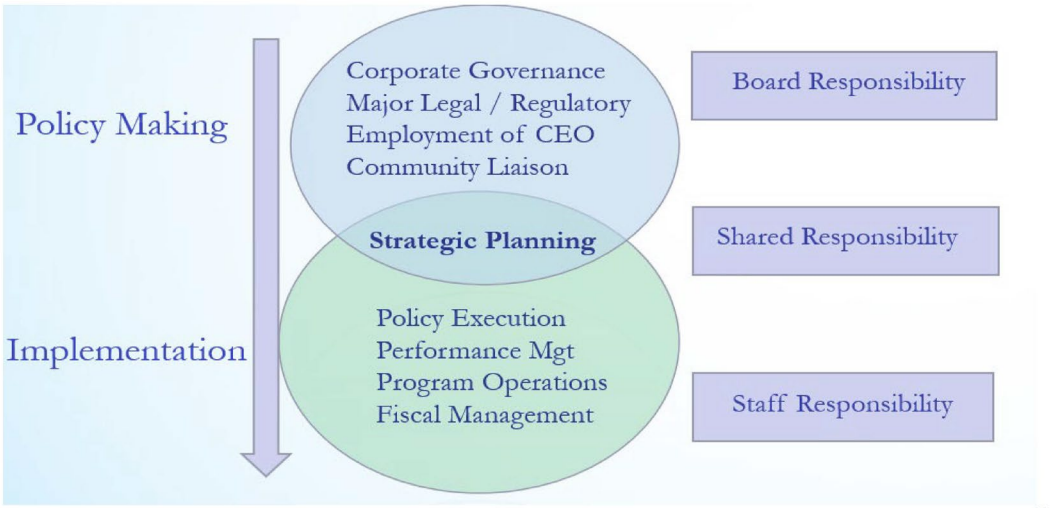
Budget Objectives

- Structurally Balanced & Priority-Based Budget
- Maintain or Improve Service Levels
- Evaluate and Improve Operational Efficiencies
- Enhance Transparency and Communication

FY 23 Commissioners' Strategic Plan



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Budget Development Calendar

- February 2023 – Department Head Kickoff
- February 2023– Mid Year Financial Analysis (Q1 & Q2)
- March 2nd & 3rd– Budget Work-Session
- May 2023 – Budget Presentation
- June 2023 – Budget Adoption

  - Department Budget Meetings (28)
  - Community Partners
  - Legislative Priorities
  - Macro-Economic Forecasts
  - Strategic Plan & Revenue Memo
  - Commissioner Check-Ins

FY 23-24 Commissioners' Strategic Plan

FOCUS AREA 1: COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT
To invest in cultural capital and advancement strategies that promote participative governance that elevates a community to live, work and play – while also positioning Burke County as a community of choice.

FOCUS AREA 2: ECONOMIC GROWTH & SUSTAINMENT
Promotion of Burke County as a business and economic center in the region through recruitment of new industry, creating a healthy business climate for existing businesse

FOCUS AREA 3: PUBLIC SAFETY& WELL BEING
To ensure the safety of our residents through efficient and effective public safety agencies.

FOCUS AREA 4: FISCAL STEWARDSHIP
Pursuit of the high-performing organization model that ensures high quality, transparent and efficient use of public resources.

FOCUS AREA 5: EMPLOYER OF CHOICE
To promote a professional value-based employee centric workplace that promotes innovation, performance, and integrity, and differentiation.

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FY 2023-2024 Commissioners' Top Priorities

- Comprehensive human capital pay and classification study – including job description reviews and market-based wages
- Pursue Substantial Equivalency (OSHR) and modernization of all Burke County Personnel Policies
- Identify census track data specific to broadband availability and pursue grant based public-private expansion that aims to cover more than 90% of Burke County households
- Consideration of County wide referendum to support Article 46 sales tax referendum
- Implementation of a county-wide Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Facilities Master Plan including funding policies, execution strategies and project timelines

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Economic Outlook & FY 24 Revenue Forecast

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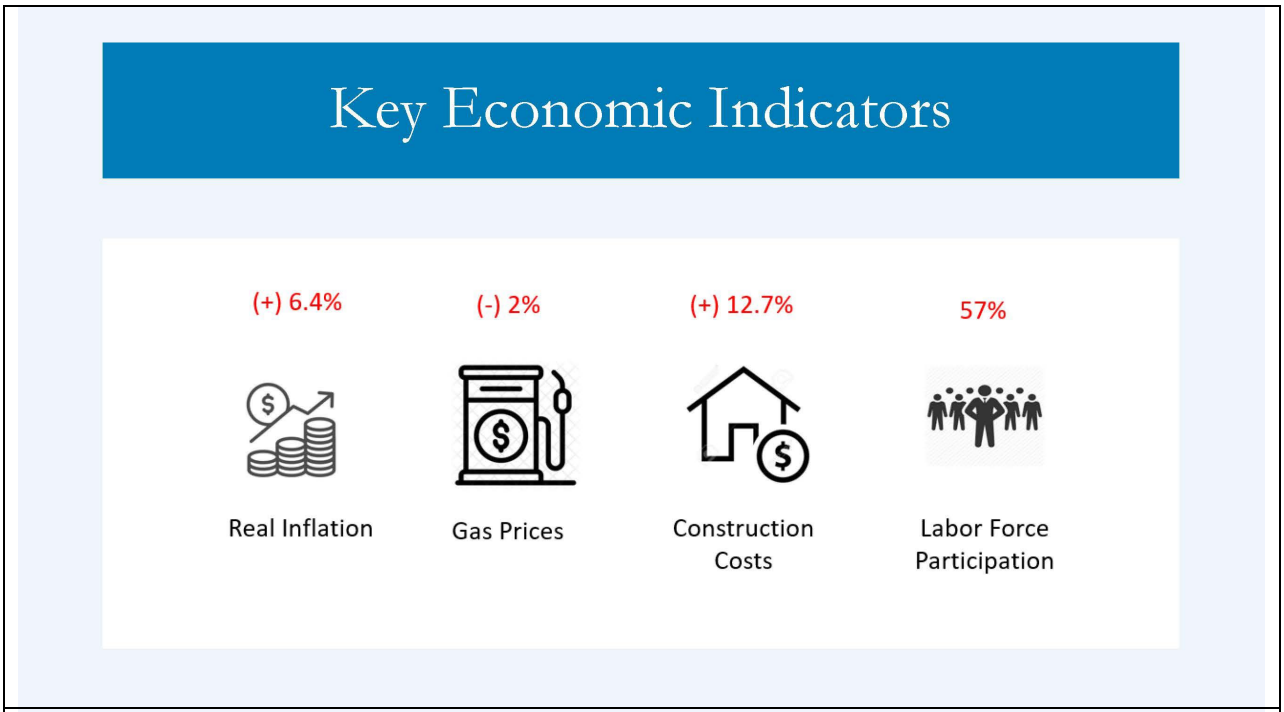

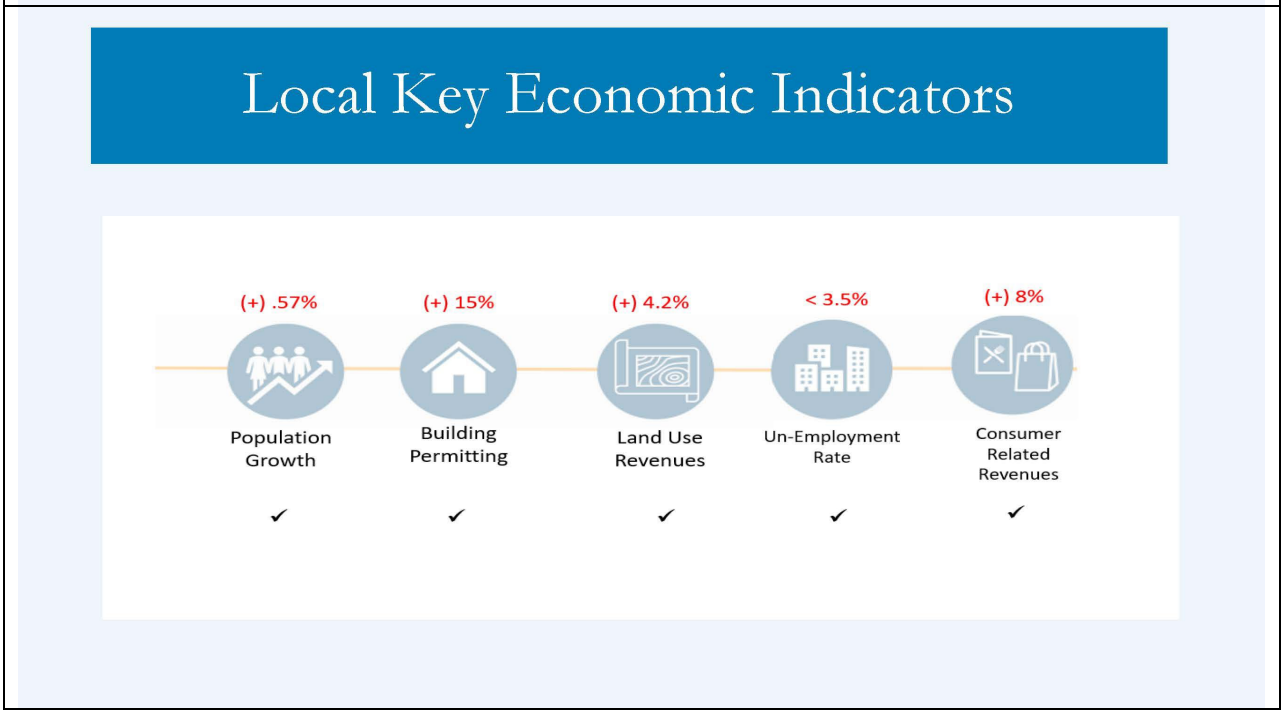

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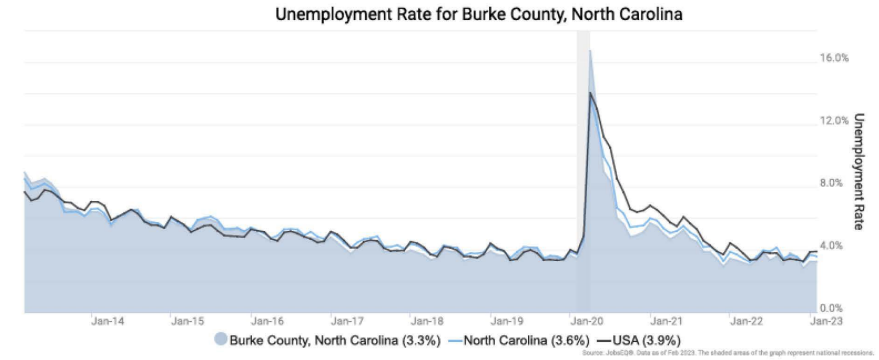
Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for Burke County, North Carolina was 3.3% as of February 2023. The regional unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 3.9%. One year earlier, in February 2022, the unemployment rate in Burke County, North Carolina was 3.3%.



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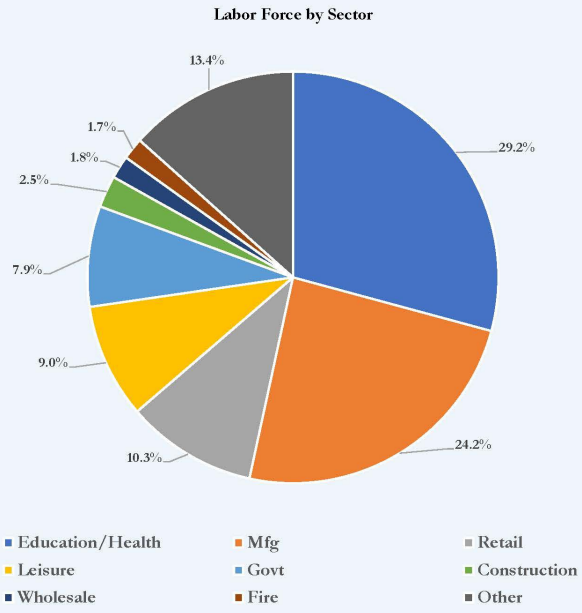
Labor Force by Sector



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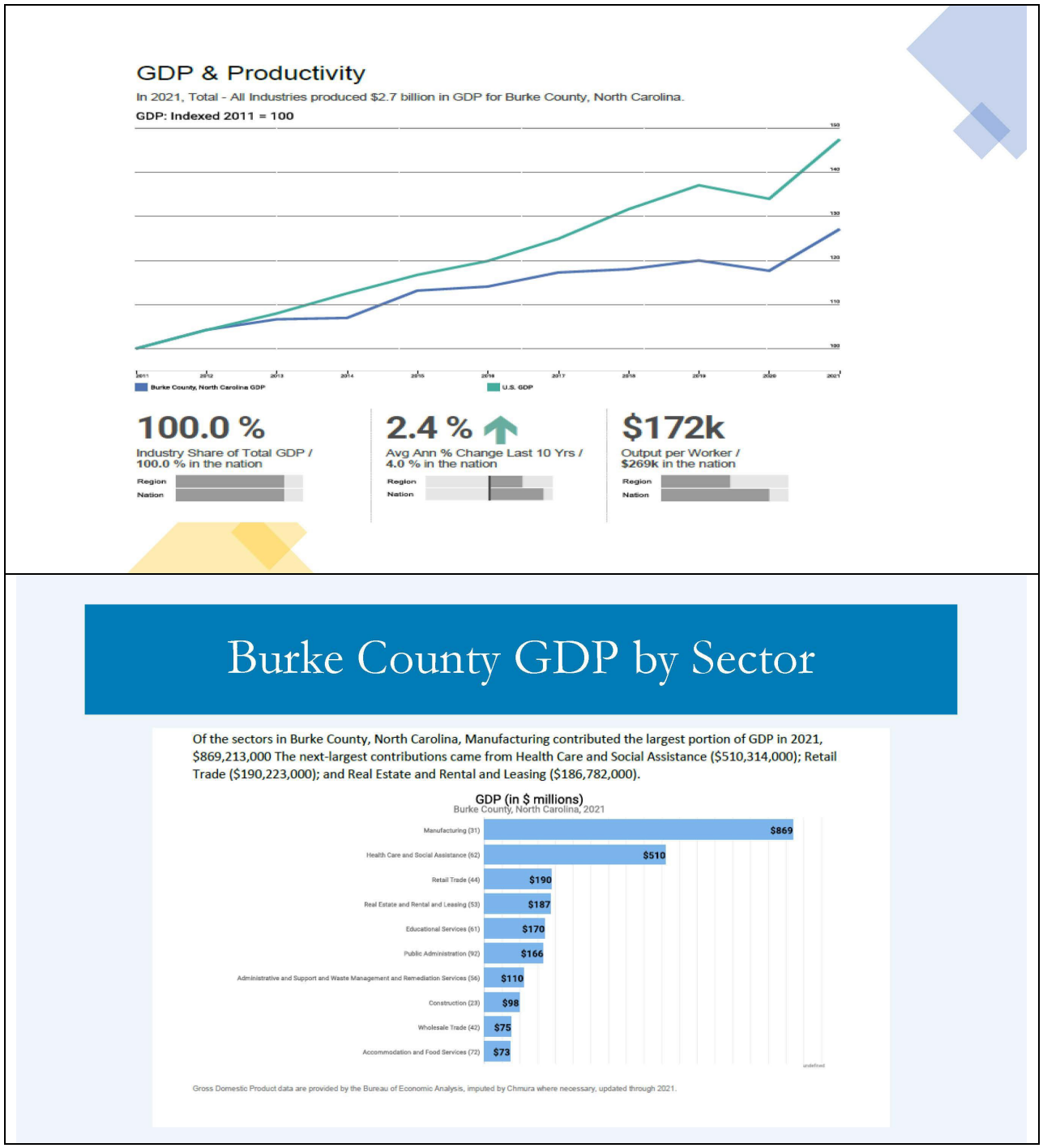

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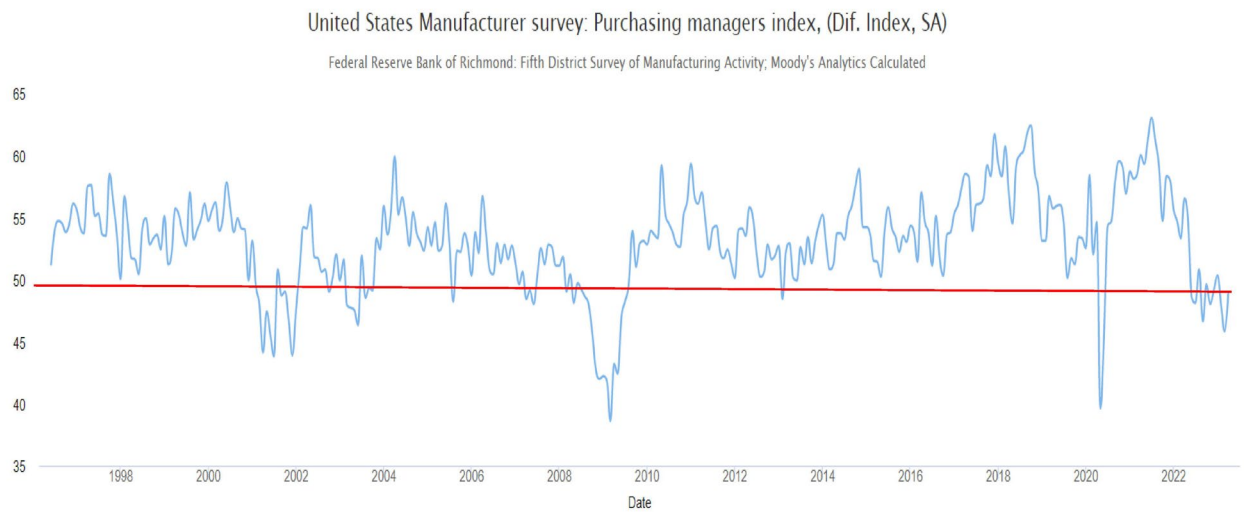
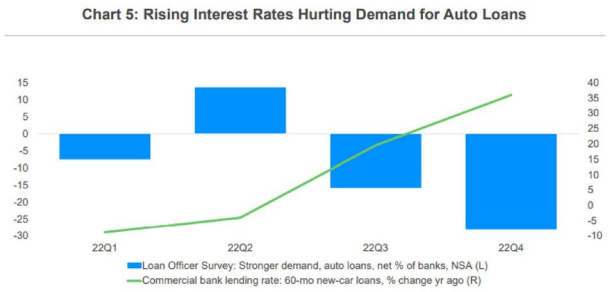
United States Industrial Production Index



United States Moody's Analytics



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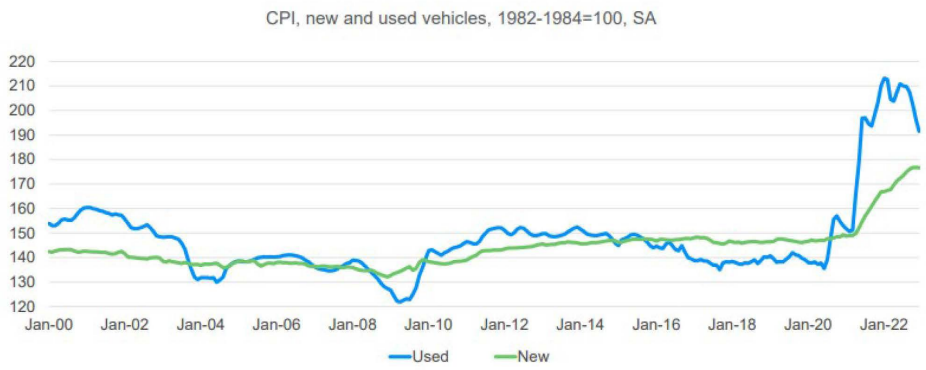
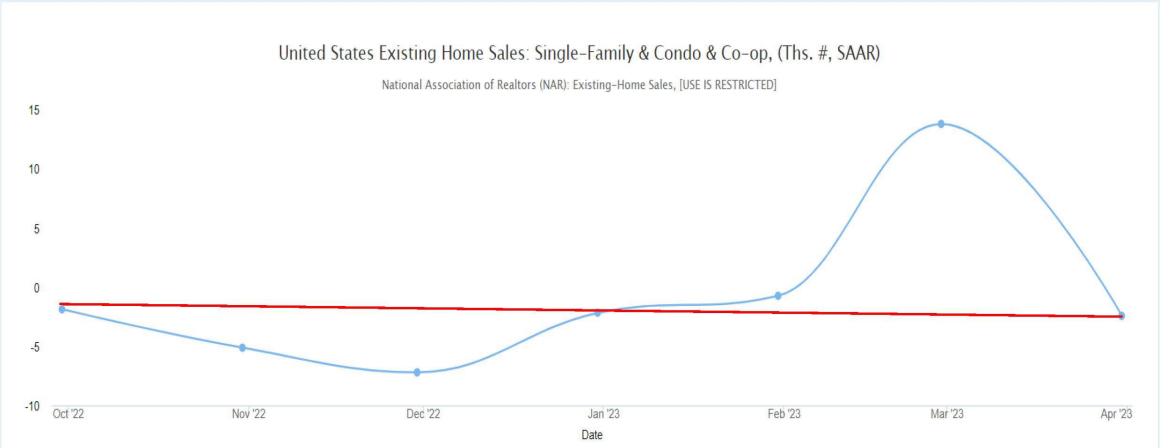
Used Car Prices

Chart 3: New- and Used-Vehicle Relationship Getting More in Line



US Home Sales



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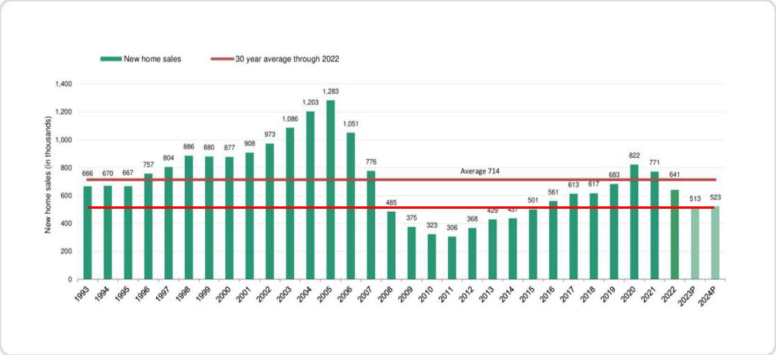

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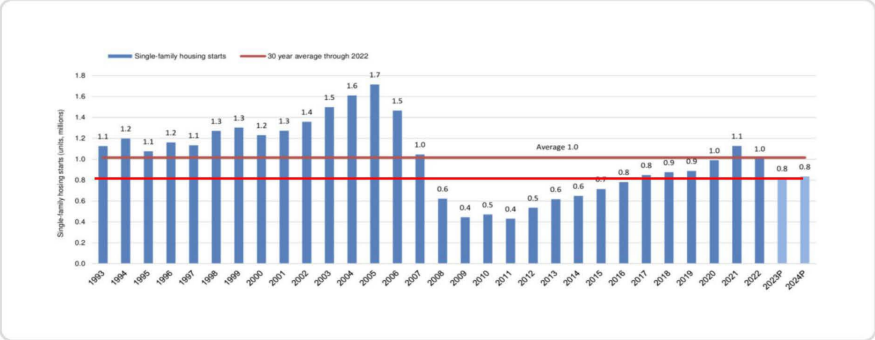
US Home Sales



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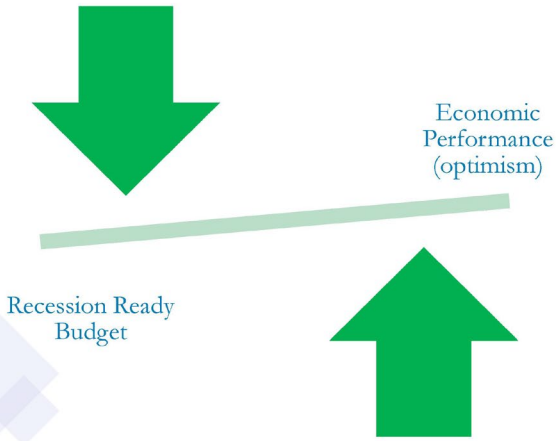
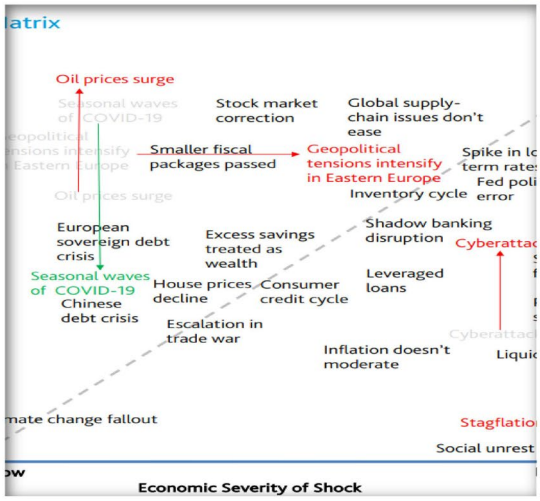
Economic Conditions





Revenue Forecasting Principles

- Responsible Approach / Recession Ready
- Amidst continued uncertainty, we rely on data
- Diversification of revenue sources is critical

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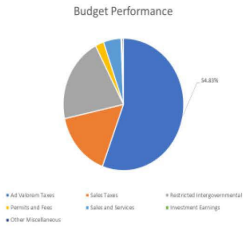
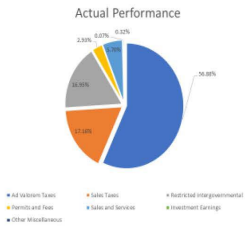
Total General Fund Revenue $99,843,632

Revenue Portfolio





Property Tax Valuation

BURKE COUNTY BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
REVENUE ANALYSIS

Original Levy Total Tax Valuation	2022-2023 Budgeted Values	2023-2024 Proposed Draft Values	% Change	$ Change
Real	$ 5,858,291,347	$ 8,617,855,095	47.1%	$ 2,759,563,748
Personal	758,013,251	821,575,334	8.4%	63,562,083
Motor Vehicles	832,802,302	911,069,360	9.4%	78,267,058
State Boards	302,619,649	317,750,631	5.0%	15,130,982
Total Valuation	$ 7,751,726,549	$ 10,668,250,420		$ 2,916,523,871

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County General Changes in Revenue

Description	% Allocated	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Ad Valorem Taxes	58.4%	$ 50,630,000	$ 52,205,000	$ 59,428,577
Sales Taxes	10.9%	9,118,900	10,406,000	10,718,180
Restricted Intergovernmental	20.5%	17,905,830	19,910,995	19,155,382
Permits and Fees	3.5%	3,467,740	2,974,060	3,161,345
Sales and Services	5.2%	4,270,000	4,300,000	5,800,000
Investment Earnings	0.4%	250,000	250,000	500,000
Other Miscellaneous	1.2%	1,075,850	1,111,945	1,080,148
		$ 86,718,320	$ 91,158,000	$ 99,843,632

Revenue Portfolio Diversification

	Operating Ratios	Revenues Per Capita	Surplus (Deficit) per Capita	Property Tax Dependency	Sales Tax Dependency
Burke	96.87%	1,054.01	17.05	56.88%	10.77%
Gaston	99.54%	942.00	51.19	75.28%	14.67%
Rutherford	106.27%	981.72	21.09	65.80%	10.77%
Henderson	100.47%	1,136.19	(106.76)	60.21%	18.11%
Moore	106.60%	1,071.25	81.86	57.98%	19.24%
Lincoln	105.16%	1,305.29	64.07	55.15%	21.85%
Cleveland	106.30%	1,278	10	54.34%	13.32%
Nash	102.20%	997.63	29.53	53.97%	16.98%

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Revaluation Analysis

What is Revaluation…..and Why Now?

- The primary purpose of the revaluation is **to arrive at a fair market value of all real property for use in deriving property taxes**. The idea is for tax value and sale value to equal. This is called 100% true market value. The County Assessor's Office or the Commissioners do not "create" the value of your property.

Revaluation Analysis…

- (1) Every county in North Carolina must reappraise all real property at least once every eight years.
- (2) Optional Advancement – a county may, at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, conduct an earlier reappraisal.
  - NC DOR - Recommends that counties adopt, if possible, a four-year schedule.
  - Burke County has opted to use the four-year schedule.
    - The last county-wide reappraisal was 2019.
    - The next scheduled reappraisal is 2023.

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Revaluation Analysis…

- What is Revaluation…..and Why Now?

Levy Type	Valuation	% of Values	Valuation Schedule
Real	$ 5,858,291,347	75%	Revaluation
Personal	$ 758,013,251	10%	Annually
Motor Vehicles	$ 832,802,302	11%	Annually
State Boards	$ 302,619,649	4%	Annually

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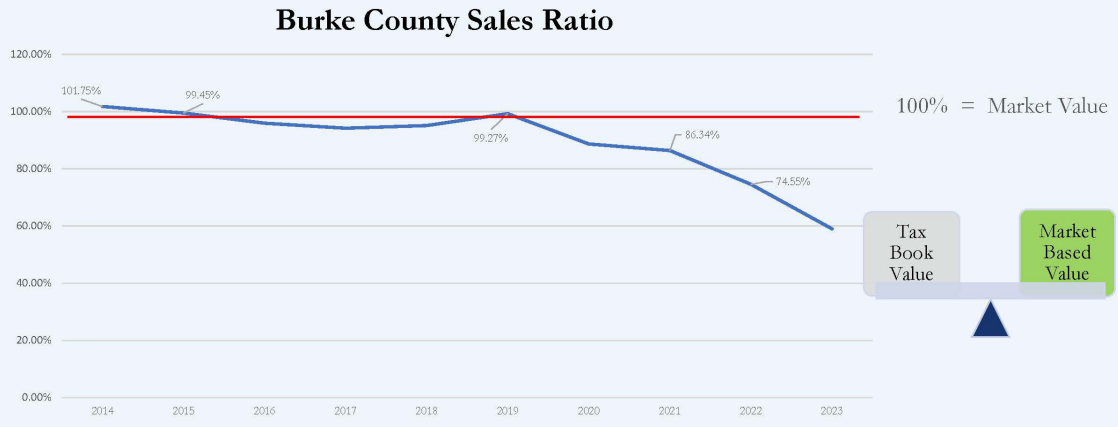
- Conducted at least every eight (8) years
- Or – when sales ratio (< .85%) or (>1.15%)

Revaluation Analysis…



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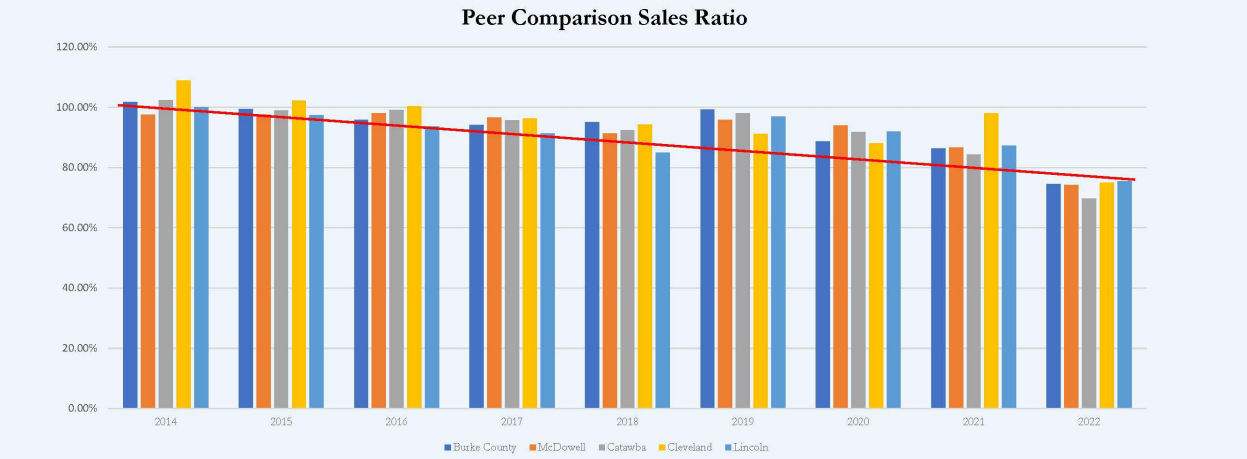

State Sales Ratio Analysis…

COUNTIES	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Alexander	65.6%	79.1%	81.7%	86.0%	93.5%	95.3%	94.8%	97.8%	100.0%	102.4%	101.9%	92.6%	91.4%	91.8%	94.7%	97.1%	84.3%	90.3%	92.6%	93.9%
Granville	67.5%	79.7%	87.4%	94.1%	100.0%	96.0%	98.8%	101.0%	103.4%	108.2%	105.0%	100.4%	98.2%	92.3%	86.1%	88.1%	94.5%	98.5%	95.1%	98.3%
Alamance	67.6%	81.1%	86.8%	91.7%	96.5%	99.7%	103.9%	108.3%	107.3%	107.6%	108.0%	103.1%	100.2%	99.6%	87.1%	90.5%	91.4%	94.9%	95.3%	98.6%
Gaston	68.7%	83.7%	87.2%	97.0%	86.3%	92.6%	97.8%	99.5%	108.4%	105.8%	110.0%	103.2%	98.4%	94.8%	93.3%	96.9%	92.9%	97.3%	95.6%	100.0%
Rutherford	68.7%	88.4%	92.1%	98.6%	93.1%	93.0%	101.9%	100.0%	102.8%	100.0%	100.4%	100.5%	93.3%	91.3%	93.2%	93.6%	82.5%	88.6%	87.5%	89.6%
Catawba	69.7%	84.4%	91.8%	98.1%	92.5%	95.8%	99.1%	99.0%	102.4%	103.1%	100.5%	100.0%	97.9%	97.4%	97.9%	97.7%	94.6%	96.5%	99.3%	99.7%
Hyde	69.9%	88.4%	87.7%	87.3%	90.7%	98.5%	111.3%	103.6%	109.1%	116.6%	109.5%	100.0%	97.4%	98.0%	72.4%	66.3%	69.2%	73.9%	85.2%	95.7%
Nash	70.9%	84.3%	89.2%	92.5%	92.5%	98.4%	102.2%	101.8%	100.7%	100.6%	99.4%	96.7%	98.6%	96.2%	81.9%	82.8%	88.1%	91.1%	90.8%	91.1%
Iredell	71.5%	87.7%	95.4%	98.6%	88.7%	94.1%	96.0%	98.5%	100.0%	104.8%	103.0%	98.7%	98.1%	94.9%	92.1%	99.4%	90.8%	93.4%	98.0%	100.0%
Franklin	71.5%	84.3%	90.3%	92.4%	98.3%	87.3%	92.7%	95.0%	96.0%	97.4%	100.0%	92.2%	94.3%	83.9%	90.1%	90.0%	94.5%	98.8%	100.0%	66.5%
Wilson	71.7%	84.3%	93.0%	94.7%	99.1%	102.2%	100.8%	108.9%	110.4%	108.6%	107.6%	105.1%	101.6%	97.0%	100.0%	87.6%	91.6%	90.7%	93.8%	96.0%
Pender	71.8%	85.4%	92.5%	97.0%	85.9%	91.9%	96.2%	99.6%	105.3%	100.9%	101.4%	100.7%	70.4%	64.2%	55.7%	61.7%	63.9%	74.2%	85.4%	100.0%
Madison	72.5%	89.5%	99.4%	77.3%	82.9%	81.7%	87.5%	90.0%	87.3%	91.3%	99.7%	75.3%	75.3%	66.5%	65.5%	72.2%	85.9%	87.7%	97.6%	45.5%
Graham	72.6%	86.2%	94.4%	98.9%	98.1%	98.1%	99.6%	99.6%	100.0%	100.0%	101.0%	100.4%	100.1%	51.8%	51.6%	54.0%	62.0%	80.0%	79.8%	81.6%
Camden	73.3%	83.8%	86.2%	87.6%	95.1%	97.8%	97.4%	98.6%	126.9%	122.3%	116.0%	111.7%	104.3%	104.4%	94.1%	100.0%	49.8%	63.1%	78.8%	84.8%
Rowan	73.4%	85.9%	94.4%	99.2%	95.2%	96.7%	97.9%	102.5%	108.8%	104.2%	97.3%	104.6%	97.8%	96.7%	96.7%	99.8%	94.9%	98.4%	97.3%	100.0%
Henderson	73.6%	87.9%	93.9%	99.3%	81.7%	86.8%	94.3%	99.5%	100.6%	103.1%	96.5%	95.0%	94.8%	87.2%	90.8%	97.9%	83.8%	86.5%	92.4%	99.5%
Lee	73.9%	89.9%	93.6%	97.5%	96.3%	97.0%	97.9%	99.0%	99.3%	98.4%	98.2%	96.2%	95.8%	95.5%	93.9%	100.0%	87.9%	88.8%	95.6%	100.0%
McDowell	74.2%	86.6%	93.9%	95.9%	91.3%	96.7%	98.0%	97.6%	97.5%	96.0%	94.6%	95.0%	82.0%	74.1%	80.0%	85.1%	89.0%	90.4%	99.3%	100.0%
Mecklenburg	74.3%	88.5%	93.6%	98.6%	74.7%	80.0%	86.3%	89.8%	94.2%	100.0%	100.2%	96.0%	88.9%	81.9%	82.9%	87.3%	93.8%	95.1%	95.8%	98.1%
Burke	74.6%	86.3%	88.7%	99.3%	95.1%	94.2%	95.9%	99.5%	101.8%	100.5%	114.9%	104.5%	100.0%	95.1%	96.4%	100.0%	81.3%	84.5%	88.9%	87.9%
Vance	74.8%	80.9%	86.0%	94.4%	96.8%	97.9%	102.6%	120.0%	122.8%	138.9%	130.9%	116.8%	100.6%	94.5%	100.0%	74.2%	80.0%	77.8%	76.4%	82.4%
Cleveland	75.0%	98.0%	88.1%	91.2%	94.3%	96.3%	100.3%	102.2%	109.0%	105.3%	102.5%	97.0%	97.5%	96.4%	97.9%	84.5%	92.2%	92.5%	98.5%	85.5%
Brunswick	75.2%	88.0%	93.3%	98.8%	89.1%	95.6%	97.5%	99.1%	107.4%	107.8%	103.1%	97.3%	113.6%	101.9%	98.1%	99.3%	62.5%	80.0%	87.4%	100.0%
Lincoln	75.4%	87.4%	92.0%	97.0%	85.0%	91.3%	93.7%	97.4%	100.1%	107.2%	104.4%	98.7%	107.0%	97.5%	99.2%	84.1%	90.1%	96.0%	98.9%	86.2%
Cumberland	75.9%	88.7%	94.2%	96.0%	98.9%	99.5%	105.1%	105.2%	104.4%	103.7%	100.2%	100.1%	99.8%	99.9%	81.7%	86.0%	89.7%	92.5%	98.3%	100.0%
Durham	76.6%	85.5%	90.2%	97.0%	89.0%	93.3%	100.4%	101.8%	101.9%	103.9%	106.3%	102.7%	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%	86.5%	88.4%	91.9%	93.1%	94.4%
Randolph	76.6%	87.3%	91.3%	95.3%	90.2%	92.6%	96.5%	95.8%	98.0%	104.5%	105.1%	97.5%	98.2%	96.3%	92.4%	96.8%	86.2%	88.2%	89.1%	90.0%
Craven	76.9%	88.4%	89.5%	95.0%	97.5%	99.0%	100.4%	110.3%	113.1%	113.0%	106.8%	101.2%	99.9%	66.7%	66.2%	68.6%	82.2%	91.3%	94.4%	97.5%
Carteret	77.2%	86.3%	96.4%	90.9%	93.7%	98.5%	99.1%	100.0%	108.4%	108.4%	109.4%	98.0%	112.7%	106.6%	98.4%	100.0%	60.4%	77.8%	86.6%	92.5%
Northampton	77.3%	93.1%	98.5%	101.8%	95.5%	100.0%	100.3%	99.1%	106.5%	106.3%	103.8%	103.2%	86.6%	86.1%	91.8%	98.1%	63.0%	71.2%	78.1%	86.1%
Rockingham	77.9%	91.5%	98.9%	100.8%	98.8%	101.5%	105.2%	103.5%	100.8%	105.0%	103.7%	98.8%	91.6%	88.1%	88.1%	89.8%	88.9%	95.6%	97.3%	98.9%
Yadkin	77.9%	90.3%	94.1%	95.9%	96.4%	100.4%	102.0%	103.5%	103.7%	106.1%	112.0%	102.9%	102.6%	100.5%	85.4%	88.4%	94.2%	100.0%	81.4%	86.6%
Cabarrus	78.2%	94.3%	99.5%	84.8%	90.4%	95.3%	99.2%	93.9%	97.8%	99.7%	97.8%	107.1%	103.6%	99.7%	100.0%	89.9%	96.0%	98.3%	100.0%	89.5%
Dare	79.1%	99.9%	102.6%	83.5%	88.9%	90.3%	92.4%	95.2%	93.8%	94.2%	123.1%	118.7%	112.8%	98.4%	92.5%	83.1%	82.8%	98.9%	40.6%	51.7%
Haywood	79.4%	96.2%	76.4%	84.4%	89.8%	98.8%	98.6%	99.1%	103.8%	102.4%	99.8%	97.1%	88.9%	83.6%	84.2%	86.4%	100.0%	78.0%	84.0%	94.7%
Ashe	79.4%	89.9%	94.2%	99.2%	100.4%	103.2%	104.4%	100.0%	114.5%	101.7%	102.2%	98.8%	79.9%	75.0%	79.0%	87.1%	97.9%	59.0%	64.0%	68.0%
Columbus	79.4%	99.2%	83.3%	93.9%	87.9%	96.3%	95.4%	97.7%	93.4%	99.9%	132.3%	84.6%	86.6%	81.0%	84.7%	83.7%	91.5%	98.5%	75.2%	77.9%
Moore	80.3%	91.7%	95.6%	100.6%	95.7%	97.9%	99.7%	99.8%	103.1%	106.0%	100.2%	98.3%	96.5%	93.8%	94.1%	100.0%	89.7%	97.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Clay	80.4%	92.2%	100.0%	100.3%	102.6%	125.6%	129.5%	140.0%	129.9%	136.7%	142.4%	113.9%	100.0%	63.3%	55.5%	56.1%	60.4%	75.3%	90.0%	93.6%

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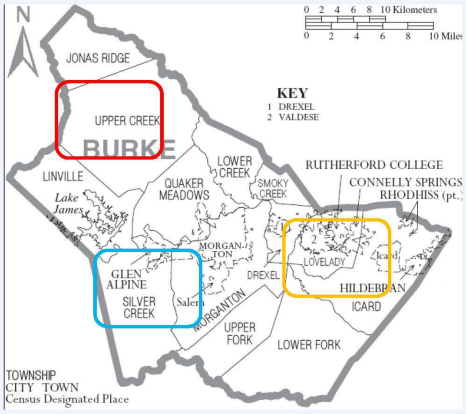
North Carolina Sales Ratios…

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
83.4%	91.9%	92.8%	94.7%	98.0%	98.9%	101.3%	103.2%	103.4%	104.6%

Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Methodology

- Market values are established by an appraisal
- There 2 types of appraisals:
  1. "Fee Appraisals"
  2. "Mass Appraisals"

Mass Appraisals = Neighborhood Design
- Uniformity via "schedule of values"



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Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Methodology

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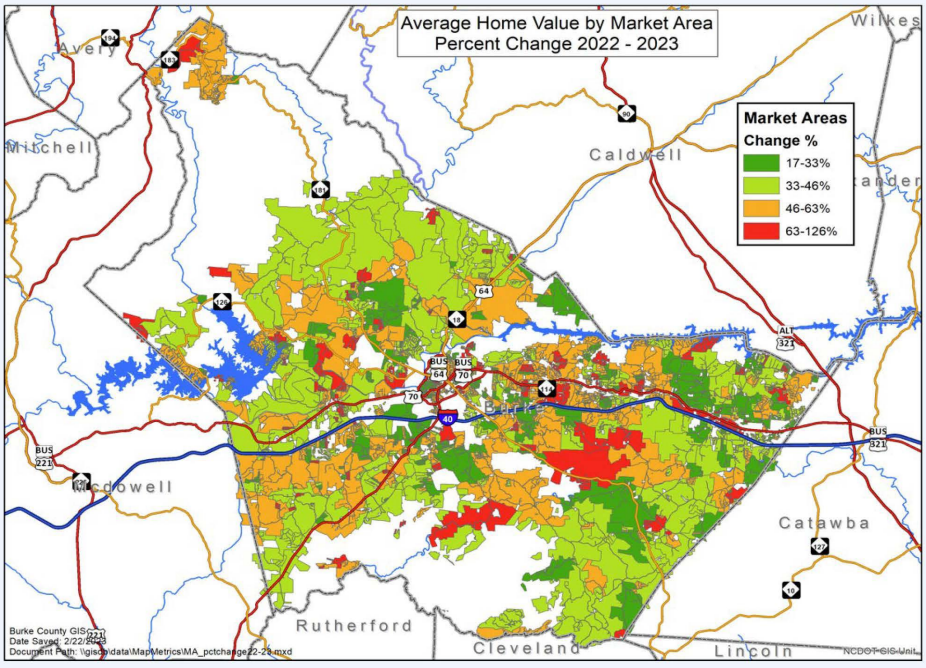
- Uniformity via "schedule of values"

Table B-1: Residential Base Rate

BUILDING USE CODE	LONG DESCRIPTION	BASE PRICE	% OF SF
SF	SINGLE FAMILY	$ 115.00	100%
ADDFR	SINGLE FAMILY ADDITION	$ 85.68	75%
SFCONDO	SINGLE FAMILY CONDO	$ 115.00	100%
SFAPT	SINGLE FAMILY CONVERTED APT	$ 115.00	100%
SFOFFICE	SINGLE FAMILY CONVERTED OFFICE	$ 115.00	100%
SFRETAIL	SINGLE FAMILY CONVERTED RETAIL	$ 115.00	100%
SFCOTTAGE	SINGLE FAMILY COTTAGE/CABIN	$ 115.00	100%
SFFB	SINGLE FAMILY FINISHED BASEMENT	$ 46.00	40%
SFGROUP	SINGLE FAMILY GROUP HOME SNG	$ 115.00	100%
SFLIVQTRS	SINGLE FAMILY LIVING QUARTERS	$ 91.88	80%
SFMOD	SINGLE FAMILY MODULAR HOME	$ 85.00	74%
SFSOLARIUM	SINGLE FAMILY SOLARIUM	$ 125.00	109%
SFTINY	SINGLE FAMILY TINY HOUSE	$ 300.00	261%
SFTOWN	SINGLE FAMILY TOWN HOUSE	$ 115.00	100%
SFUFB	SINGLE FAMILY UNFINISHED BASEMENT	$ 30.60	27%
DUPLX	APARTMENT, TWO FAMILY	$ 115.00	100%
MHMS	MFG HOME MULTI SECTION	$ 88.00	77%
MHMSIPP	MFG HOME MULTI SECTION - IPP	$ 88.00	77%
MHSS	MFG HOME SINGLE SECTION	$ 77.44	67%
MHSSIPP	MFG HOME SINGLE SECTION - IPP	$ 77.44	67%
CPT	CARPORT	$ 41.31	36%
PORCHSCREEN	PORCH SCREENED	$ 53.55	47%
GARFDU	GARAGE DETACHED	$ 73.44	64%
SHOP	SHOP	$ 40.25	35%
YURT	YURT	$ 166.75	145%

% of Homes	Grade	Grade	Adjustment	Adjusted Sq Ft Value
34%	C	Average	100%	$ 115.00
28%	C+8	Average + 8	108%	$ 124.20
9%	D+8	Fair + 8	88%	$ 101.20
9%	D+8	Fair + 8	82%	$ 94.30
8%	C-8	Average - 8	92%	$ 105.80
6%	B	Good	122%	$ 140.30
2%	B-8	Good -8	112%	$ 128.80
2%	E	Low Cost	65%	$ 74.75
1%	A	Very Good	150%	$ 172.50
1%	A+8	Very Good - 8	131%	$ 150.65



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Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Next Steps

BURKE COUNTY BUDGET				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024				
REVENUE ANALYSIS				
Original Levy Total Tax Valuation	**2022-2023 Budgeted Values**	**2023-2024 Proposed Draft Values**	**% Change**	**$ Change**
Real	$ 5,858,291,347	$ 8,617,855,095	47.1%	$ 2,759,563,748
Personal	758,013,251	821,575,334	8.4%	63,562,083
Motor Vehicles	832,802,302	911,069,360	9.4%	78,267,058
State Boards	302,619,649	317,750,631	5.0%	15,130,982
Total Valuation	$ 7,751,726,549	$ 10,668,250,420		$ 2,916,523,871

Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Revenue Neutral Calculation

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA		
REVALUATION PLANNING		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024		
N.C.G.S. 159-11		
STEP 1- Determine a rate that would produce revenues equal to those produced for the current fiscal year:		
FY 2023 Projected total valuation before revaluation	$	7,751,726,549
FY 2023 Tax Rate		0.00695
Tax Levy at FY 2023 rate without revaluation (100% Collections)	$	53,874,500
FY 2024 Projected total valuation after revaluation	$	10,668,250,420
Tax rate that would produce revenue equal to FY 2023		0.00505
Change		0.00190

STEP 2- Increase the rate by a growth factor equal to average annual percentage increases in tax base due to improvements since the last general reappraisal			
Fiscal Year	**Assessed Value**	**Annual % Increase**	
2019-2020	$ 7,229,141,351		
2020-2021	$ 7,369,371,075	1.94%	
2021-2022	$ 7,570,780,134	2.73%	
2022-2023	$ 7,751,726,549	2.39%	
	Average Growth	2.35%	
STEP 3- Adjusting for annexations is not applicable for Burke County.			
STEP 4- Revenue Neutral tax rate for fiscal year 2023-2024	0.0052		

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Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Homeowner Impact

	2022 Home Value	Levy @ .695	2023 Home Value (47% Increase)	Levy @ .52	Levy @ .54	Levy @ .56
1	$ 89,000	$ 619	$ 130,830	$ 680	$ 706	$ 733
2	$ 150,000	$ 1,043	$ 220,500	$ 1,147	$ 1,191	$ 1,235
3	$ 450,000	$ 3,128	$ 661,500	$ 3,440	$ 3,572	$ 3,704

Monthly $ Change @ .52	Monthly $ Change @ .54	Monthly $ Change @ .56
$ 5.15	$ 7.33	$ 9.51
$ 8.67	$ 12.35	$ 16.03
$ 26.03	$ 37.05	$ 48.08

Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Homeowner Impact

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA			
HOME OWNER IMPACT - 2023 REVALUATION			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024			
HOME PURCHASE DATE	1/1/2022 - PRE REVALUATION		
HOME PURCHASE AMOUNT/VALUE	$ 125,000.00	$ 250,000.00	$ 375,000.00
MONTHLY P&I PAYMENT	$ 628.00	$ 1,394.00	$ 2,092.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVY @ 69.5 CENTS	$ 72.40	$ 144.79	$ 217.19
Total Payment (P&I (+) Tax)	$ 700.40	$ 1,538.79	$ 2,309.19

	1/1/2023 - POST REVALUATION		
New Tax Value	$ 183,875.00	$ 367,750.00	$ 551,625.00
MONTHLY P&I PAYMENT	$ 628.00	$ 1,394.00	$ 2,092.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVY @ 56 CENTS	$ 85.81	$ 171.62	$ 257.43
	$ 13.41	$ 26.83	$ 40.24
	18.5%	18.5%	18.5%
Total Payment (P&I (+) Tax)	$ 713.81	$ 1,565.62	$ 2,349.43
	1.9%	1.7%	1.7%

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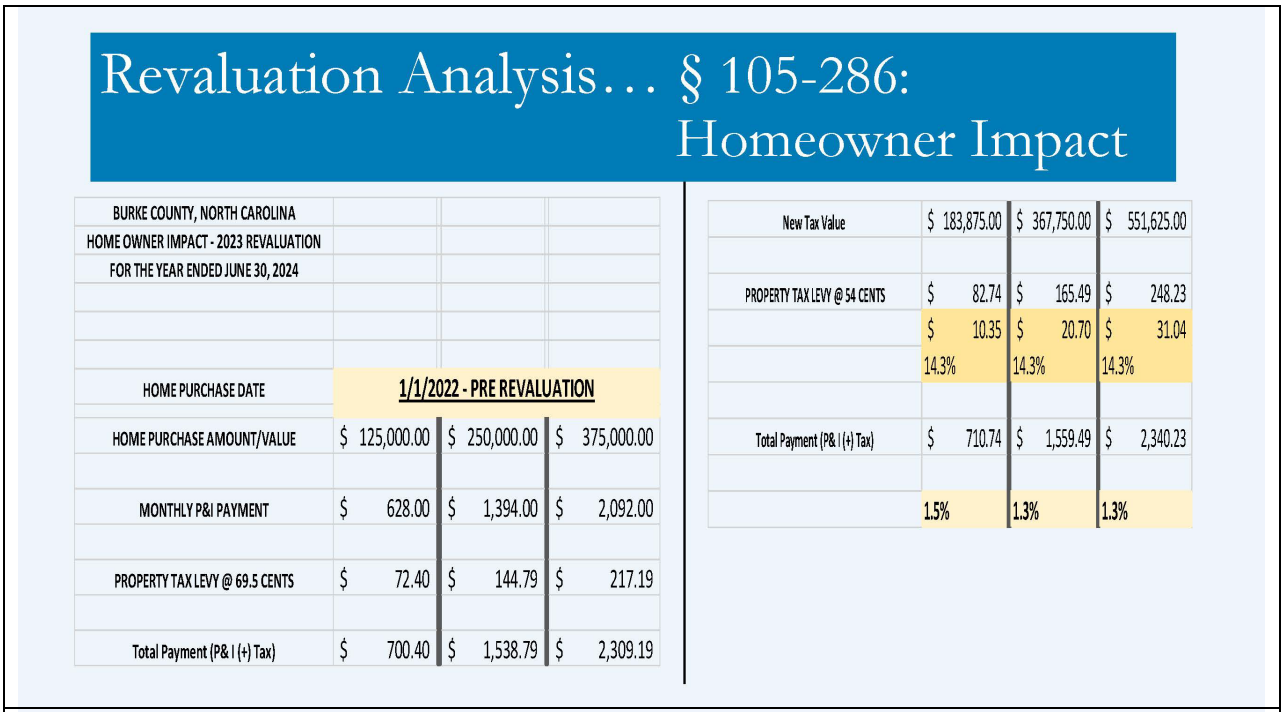
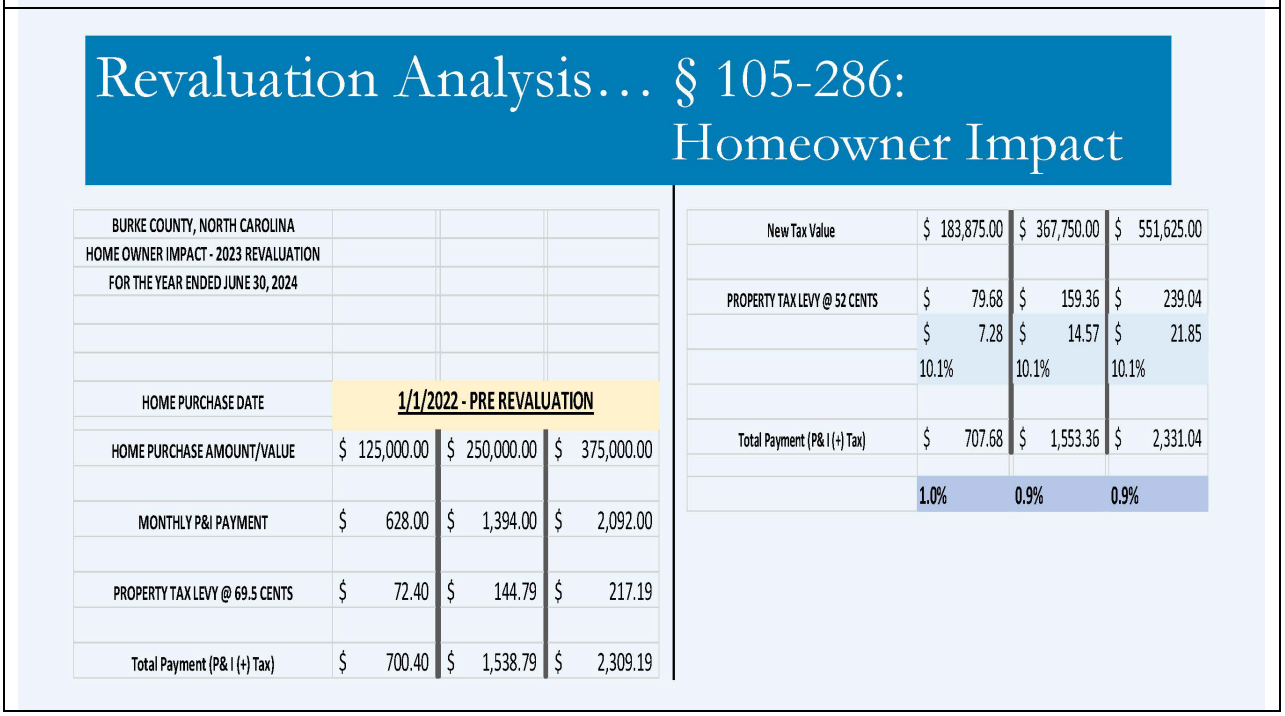


Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Homeowner Impact

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA			
HOME OWNER IMPACT - 2023 REVALUATION			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024			
HOME PURCHASE DATE	1/1/2022 - PRE REVALUATION		
HOME PURCHASE AMOUNT/VALUE	$ 125,000.00	$ 250,000.00	$ 375,000.00
MONTHLY P&I PAYMENT	$ 628.00	$ 1,394.00	$ 2,092.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVY @ 69.5 CENTS	$ 72.40	$ 144.79	$ 217.19
Total Payment (P&I (+) Tax)	$ 700.40	$ 1,538.79	$ 2,309.19

New Tax Value	$ 183,875.00	$ 367,750.00	$ 551,625.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVY @ 54 CENTS	$ 82.74	$ 165.49	$ 248.23
	$ 10.35	$ 20.70	$ 31.04
	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%
Total Payment (P&I (+) Tax)	$ 710.74	$ 1,559.49	$ 2,340.23
	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%



Revaluation Analysis… § 105-286: Homeowner Impact

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA			
HOME OWNER IMPACT - 2023 REVALUATION			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024			
HOME PURCHASE DATE	1/1/2022 - PRE REVALUATION		
HOME PURCHASE AMOUNT/VALUE	$ 125,000.00	$ 250,000.00	$ 375,000.00
MONTHLY P&I PAYMENT	$ 628.00	$ 1,394.00	$ 2,092.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVY @ 69.5 CENTS	$ 72.40	$ 144.79	$ 217.19
Total Payment (P&I (+) Tax)	$ 700.40	$ 1,538.79	$ 2,309.19

New Tax Value	$ 183,875.00	$ 367,750.00	$ 551,625.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVY @ 52 CENTS	$ 79.68	$ 159.36	$ 239.04
	$ 7.28	$ 14.57	$ 21.85
	10.1%	10.1%	10.1%
Total Payment (P&I (+) Tax)	$ 707.68	$ 1,553.36	$ 2,331.04
	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%

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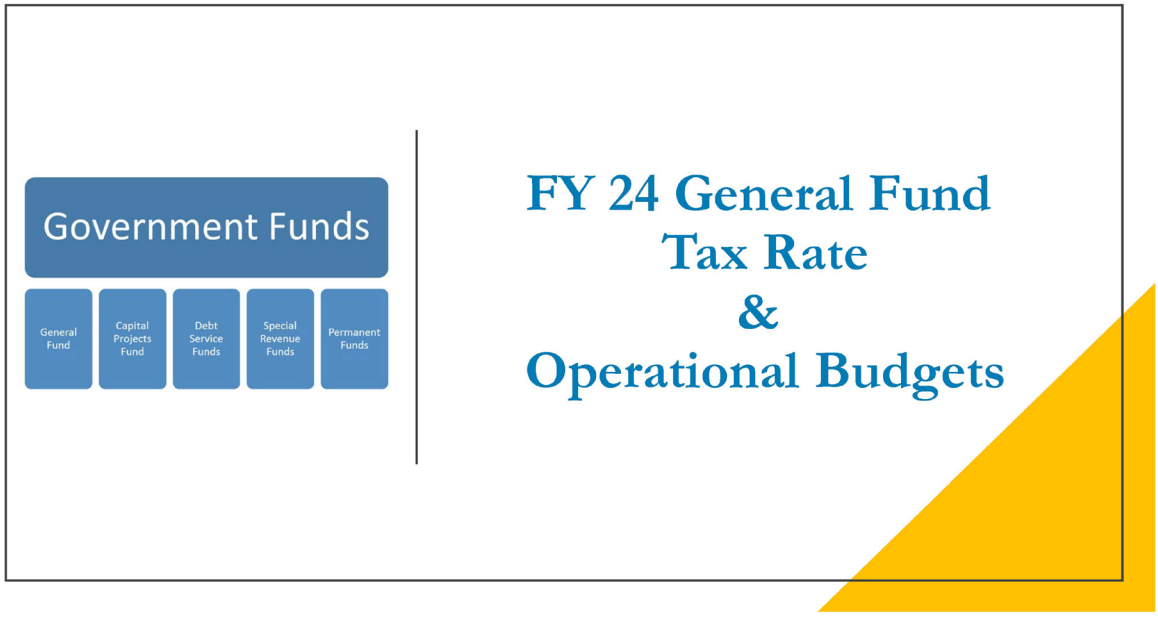
Sales Tax By Article – 39,40, & 42

3% Increase From PY Budget
$10.7MM



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Building the Budget

- It starts with scrutinizing the base
- ZERO based foundation
- Fostering a Cross Departmental Cost Saving Culture
- LEAN – Pull vs. Push
- Leveraging **Re**-Set & **Re**-Engineering

FY 24 General Fund Budget Highlights

- Developed from Zero Based
- Includes funding for initial multi-year dedicated capital reserve fund, risk management fund, and debt service fund
- Three phase systematic approach to employee pay : 5% COLA ; Performance Pay; Pay & Classification Reserve (8-10%)
- Increases employer sponsored 401k contribution to 5%
- Proposed Uniformity in Property Tax Early Pay Discount (1%)
- Enhancements to employee Fringe Benefit Packages, phases out Merit Pay, changes Longevity Pay application methodology
- Provides reoccurring funding for Roadside Litter Clean Up and Community Education Campaign
- Dedicated funding source for Broadband Expansion – Continuing Access to Broadband (CAB) grant
- Funding includes 13.5% increase in Public Education funding and 10.3% increase in Community College funding
- Continued support for outside funding partners
- Maintains all Board of Commissioners fiscal policy goals

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Fiscal Year 23 - Budgeted Expenditures

Priority Based Budget
Expenditure by Function

Proposed Fiscal Year 2024

1. Human Services……..26%
2. Education……..……23%
3. Public Safety……..…..30%
4. Economic Development… …....03%
5. General Government…..…..…….15%
6. Cultural & Rec……03%

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Fiscal Stewardship Metrics

- Re-Engineering Initiatives
- Personnel Requests
- Employee Compensation
- Performance Management System
- Employee Wellness
- Grant Management Strategies

FY24 Re-engineering Summary
(Year 1)

Current Year Cost Re-Engineering

1. In-House Automotive Repair .....$ TBD
2. Technology Savings.....$ TBD
3. Proprietary Fund Business Model.....$ TBD
4. EMS Billing ROI / Transport Agreement.....$ TBD
5. Public Safety Apparatus Build-Out.....$ TBD

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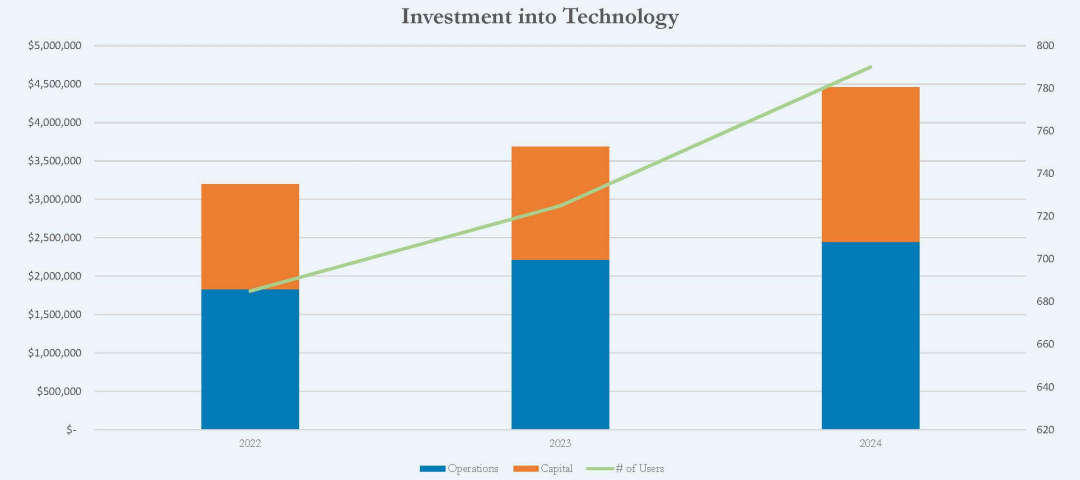
Investment into Technology

automation, security, and citizen interface



Public Safety & Well Being

Central Administered EMS System / Community Paramedicine

Fleet & Rolling Stock Management Plan (EMS & Sheriff)

Maintain support for County Volunteer Fire Departments

Axxon Body Cameras & Tasers Replacement

Tek84 Body Scanner – Detention

Centrally Administer Public Safety Radio Replacement Plan

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Public Safety Funding

Department	FY 22	FY 23	% Change
Detention Center	$5,749,295	$6,430,034	12%
Sheriff's Department	$8,334,000	$9,415,974	13%
Emergency Medical Services	$7,713,065	$8,639,608	12%
Emergency Management	$428,075	$563,759	31%
E-911/Communications	$2,625,355	$2,950,570	12%
Total Public Safety Budget	$24,829,790	**$27,999,945**	**12.7%**

Volunteer Fire Service

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Fire Department Funding Analysis

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
VOLUNTEER FIRE ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

DEPT NAME	CURRENT RATE	REQUESTED RATE	REVENUE NEUTRAL	PROJECTED NET NEW REVENUE
LAKE JAMES FIRE	$ 0.080	$ 0.080	$ 0.055	$ 112,000.00
WEST END FIRE	$ 0.110	$ 0.095	$ 0.077	87,320
BRENDLETOWN FIRE	$ 0.105	$ 0.105	$ 0.083	117,000
CHESTERFIELD FIRE	$ 0.130	$ 0.130	$ 0.093	78,000
GEORGE HILDEBRAN FIRE	$ 0.110	$ 0.110	$ 0.086	105,000
SALEM FIRE	$ 0.100	$ 0.716	$ 0.716	-
ICARD FIRE	$ 0.120	$ 0.120	$ 0.104	213,560
TRIPLE COMMUNITY FIRE	$ 0.078	$ 0.100	$ 0.053	309,000
LOVELADY FIRE	$ 0.105	$ 0.105	$ 0.073	212,000
CARBON CITY FIRE	$ 0.080	$ 0.080	$ 0.080	-
OAK HILL FIRE	$ 0.090	$ 0.080	$ 0.065	91,000
GLEN ALPINE FIRE	$ 0.100	$ 0.100	$ 0.079	15,000
ENOLA FIRE	$ 0.105	$ 0.105	$ 0.084	41,000
DROWNING CREEK FIRE	$ 0.120	$ 0.120	$ 0.112	20,000
JONAS RIDGE FIRE	$ 0.135	$ 0.135	$ 0.085	85,000
SOUTH MOUNTAIN FIRE	$ 0.136	$ 0.136	$ 0.092	49,000
GLEN ALPINE POWERHOUSE FIRE	$ 0.100	$ 0.100	$ 0.079	5,000
GLEN ALPINE EAST SHORES FIRE	$ 0.100	$ 0.100	$ 0.079	31,000
LONGTOWN FIRE	$ 0.120	$ 0.120	$ 0.080	86,000
SMOKEY CREEK NORTH CATAWBA FIR	$ 0.118	$ 0.118	$ 0.082	8,500
SMOKEY CREEK TRIPLE COMM	$ 0.118	$ 0.118	$ 0.082	2,300
	$ 0.108	$ 0.137	$ 0.111	$ 79,413.33
	Average Rate Change	$ 0.03		
		Annual Impact	Monthly Impact	
	$ 175,000.00	$ 52.50	$ 4.38	

DHHS Funding

	Social Services				
	Total Budget	Local County Subsidy	Medicaid Eligibility Percentage	FTE	Subsidy Percentage
PY Averages	18,009,546.43	5,265,750.00	26.94	177.57	29%
FY 24 Budget	20,083,741.00	7,297,563.00	33.00	193.00	36%

	Public Health				
	Total Budget	Local County Subsidy	Medicaid Eligibility Percentage	FTE	Subsidy Percentage
PY Averages	3,388,097.43	1,561,291.00	26.94	46.57	46%
FY 24 Budget	4,572,011.00	2,402,807.00	33.00	47.00	53%

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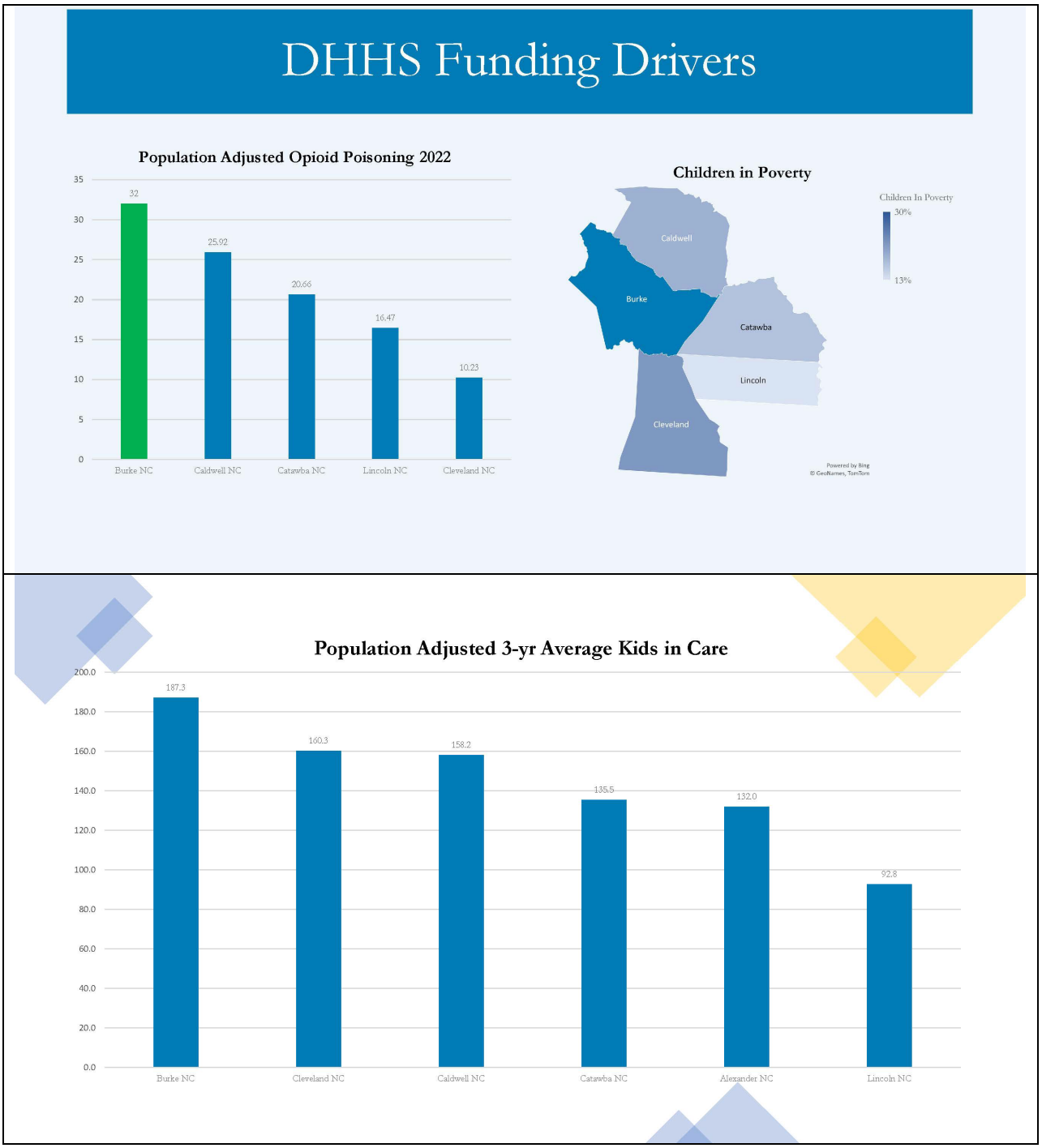

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Employer of Choice

TALENT

Comprehensive Pay and Classification Study

Pursue Substantial Equivalency

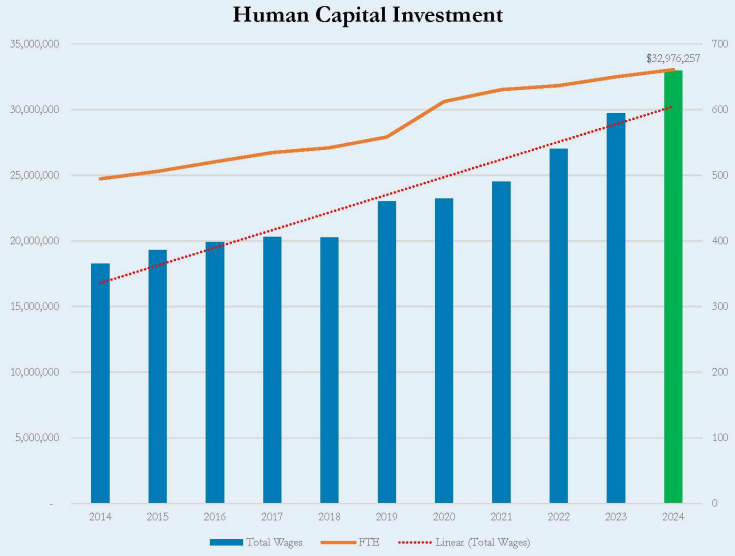
Modernize Personnel Policy

Evaluate Competitiveness of County Fringe Benefits

Results Based Wellness Incentives

Subsidized Childcare Analysis

Organizational People Investment



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Personnel Requests

Department	Recommended	Annual Cost
Public Health	1	$80,000
EMS	5	$250,000
Budget, Strategy & Performance	2	$205,000
Animal Services	2	$80,000
Human Resources	1	$85,000
Total	11	$700,000

FY 24 Human Capital Investment

3 Phase Approach

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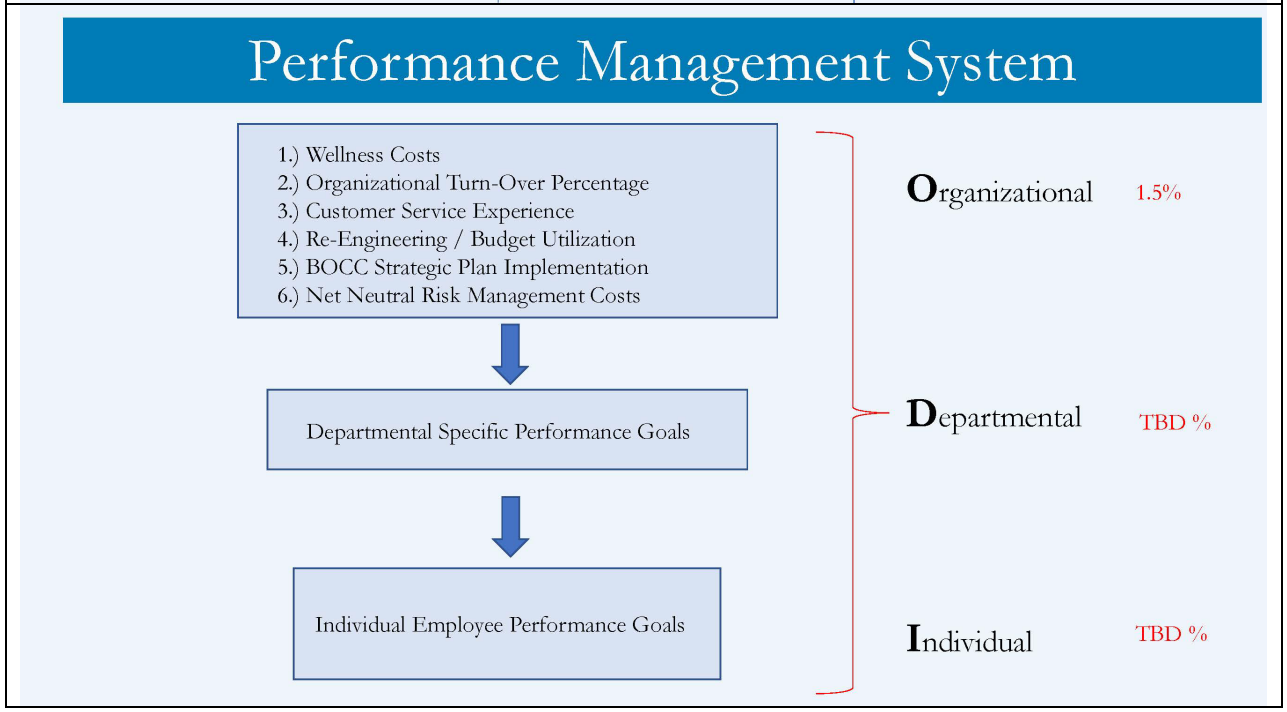

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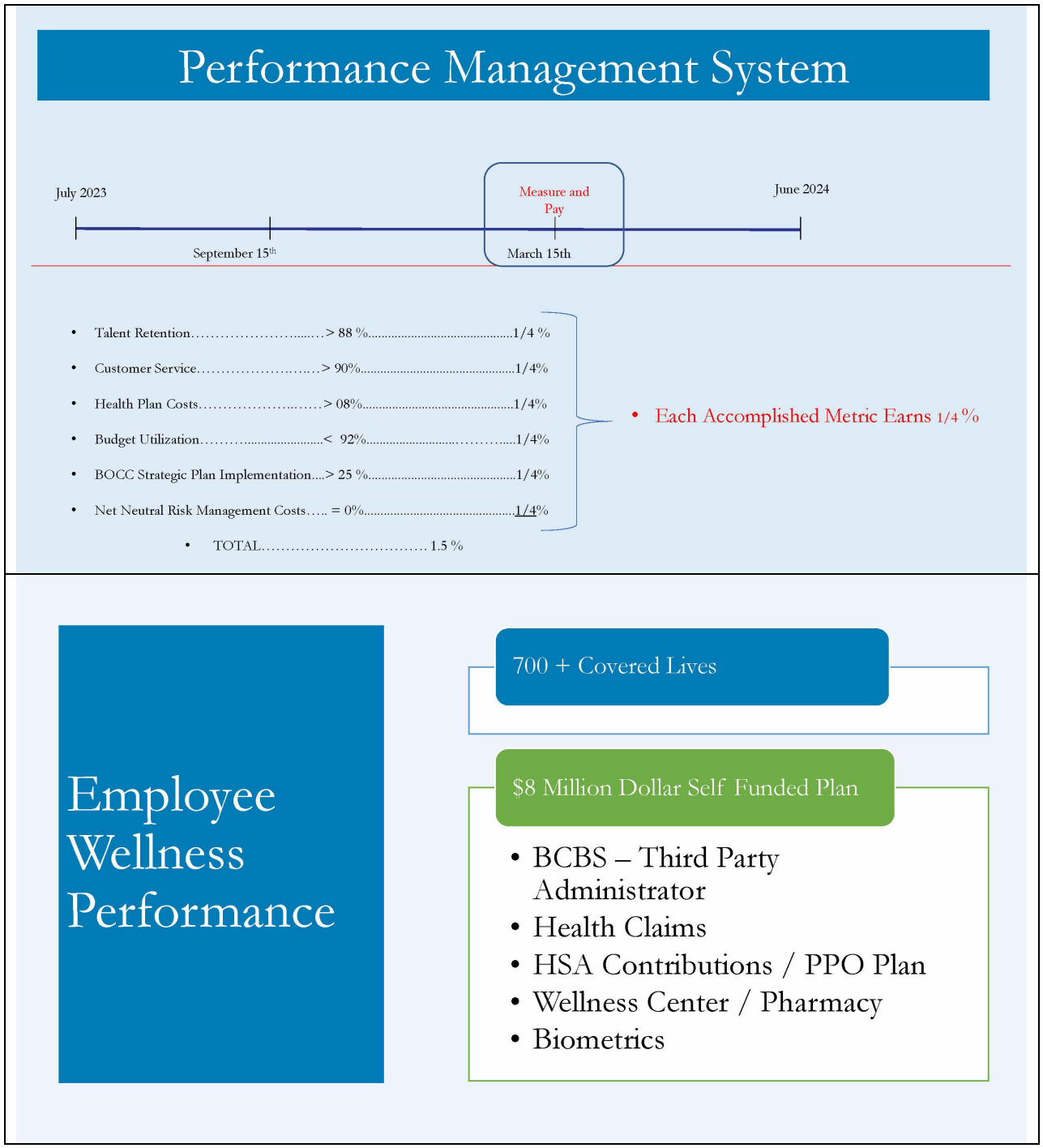

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Capital Improvement Plan Funding

Commitment to Capital Planning

One-Time Pay as you go Funding	2022-2023	2023-2024		
Capital Expansion	$13,958,615	$2,270,551	$16,229,166	
Capital Project Funding	**Pay as you go**	**Grant**	**Debt**	**Total**
Jonas Ridge	$ 2,300,000	$ -	$ -	$ 2,300,000
East Burke	1,429,166	-	-	1,429,166
Indian Hills Pump Station	1,300,000	1,118,000	-	2,418,000
Courthouse Renovations	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	2,000,000
HRC Building	-	-	25,000,000	25,000,000
Animal Services Building	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
EMS Base #1	3,000,000	5,000,000	-	8,000,000
Regional Rehab Facility (ARC)	-	15,000,000	-	15,000,000
Fonta Flora Trail System	2,200,000	-	-	2,200,000
	$ 16,229,166	$22,118,000	$25,000,000	$63,347,166

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Public Education Funding FY 24

Burke County Schools

- Commissioner Goals:
  1. Competitive Operational Funding
  2. Additional Dedicated Funding For Teacher Supplements
  3. Improve Teacher-to-Student Ratios

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Burke County Public School Funding FY 24

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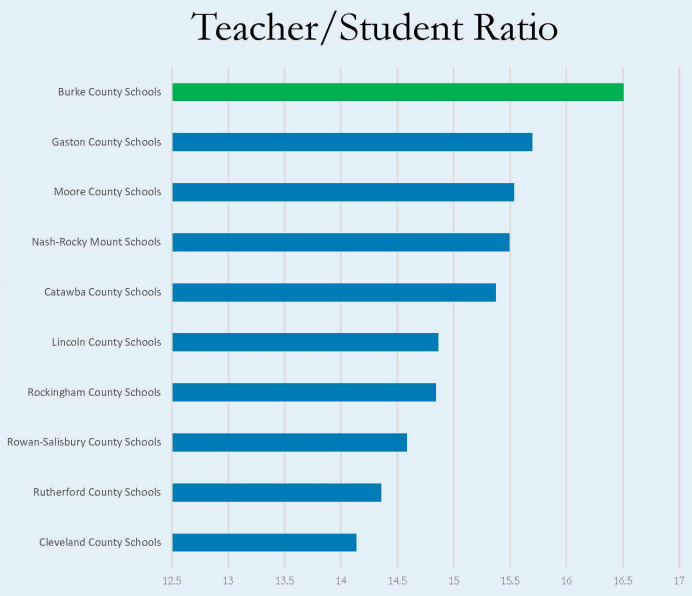

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Western Piedmont Community College Funding FY 24

58 Community Colleges in North Carolina

Description	State Average	WPCC	% Difference
FTE	3,800	1,872	50.7%
County Operational FTE Funding	$1,343	$1,440	.07%
State & Federal FTE Funding	$7,421	$7,487	.08%

(5) "Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student" – An amount of instruction that equates to 512 student hours in membership as defined in 1G SBCCC 200.93 and 1G SBCCC 200.94.

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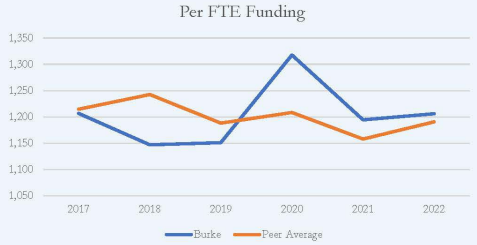
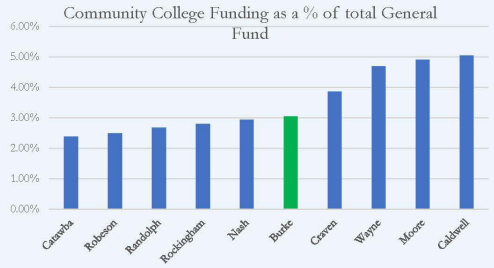
Western Piedmont Community College

Peer Counties
Caldwell
Catawba
Cleveland
Craven
Moore
Nash
Robeson
Rockingham
Randolph
Wayne





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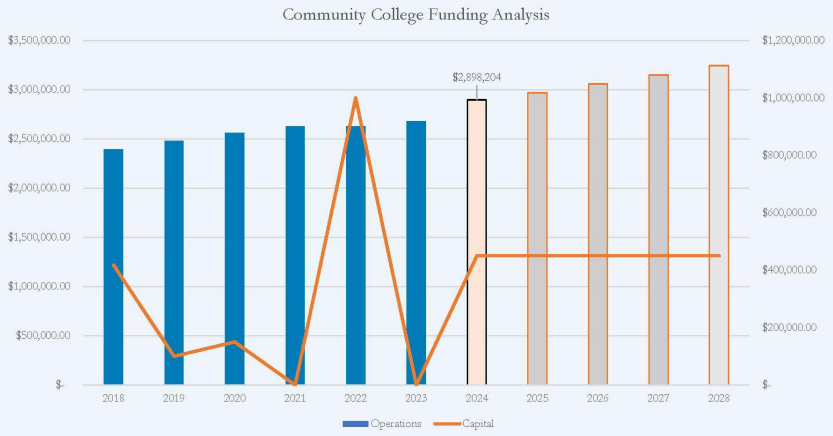

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Outside Agency Support FY 24

Partnering Agency Allotments

BUDGETED ACTUAL				RECOMMENDED FY 24
FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY 23/24
$786,664	$827,212	$ 802,546	$ 884,345	$ 816,910

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Solid Waste & Water Sewer Department FY 24

Solid Waste Department

8.3% Increase in Household Fee - $82 - $88

Total Revenues……$6,033,338

Total Expenditures……$6,220,656

Proposal of 10-Year Rate Stabilization Study
MSW Site Development Feasibility Analysis

Rolling Stock Capital Reserve Investment – Roll Off Truck
Roadside Litter Prevention Campaign & Garbage Clean Up
2.7% Increase for MSW Hauling (Republic) $3.5MM
Construction of East Burke & Jonas Ridge
Long-Term Solid Waste Handling Model

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Solid Waste Department

Convenience Center Site Improvements

- Staffing & Scheduling
- Customer Service Improvements – Efficiency and Safety
- Fencing
- Safety Features
- Staff Restrooms

Water / Sewer Department

8.3% Increase in Fee - $6.00 - $6.50 – Per 1,000 gallons

Total Revenues……$2,047,820

Total Expenditures……$2,297,820

Proposal of 10-Year Rate Stabilization Study
AIA Study and Mapping of Infrastructure

Water Meter Replacement Capital Reserve Investment
$250k to Replace 4 of 8 Sewer Monitoring Meters
Indian Hills Pump Station

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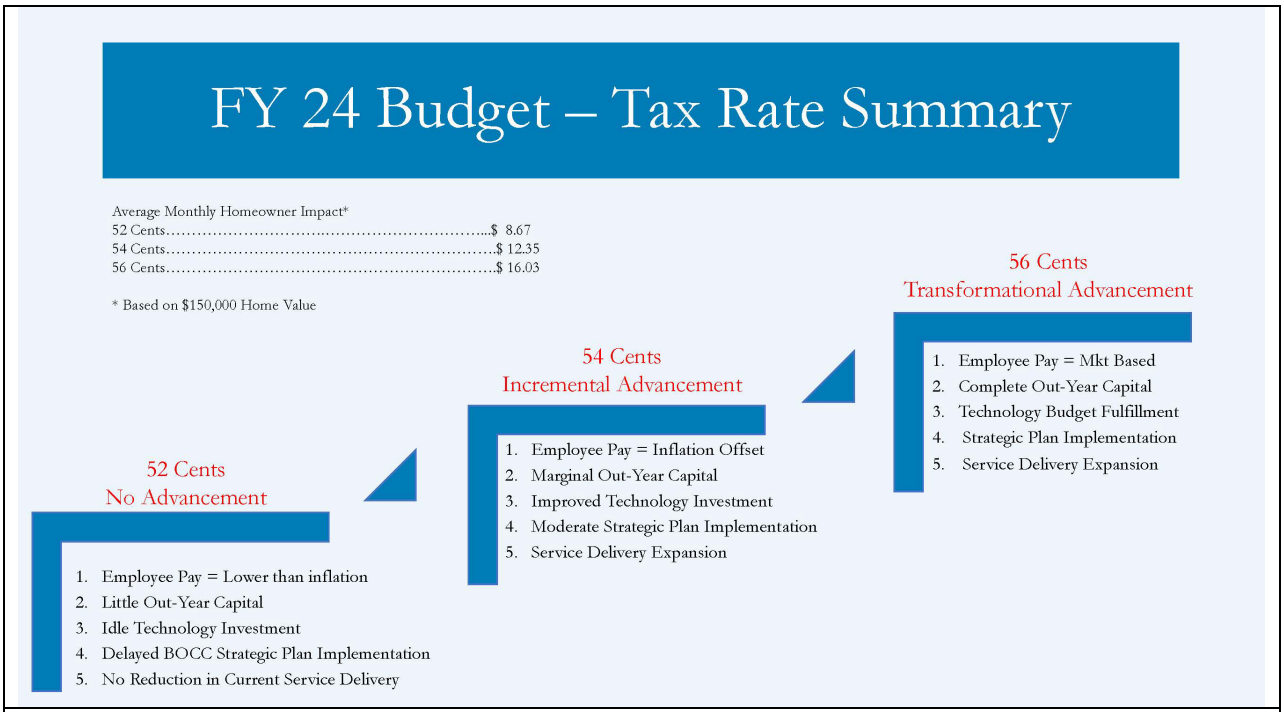

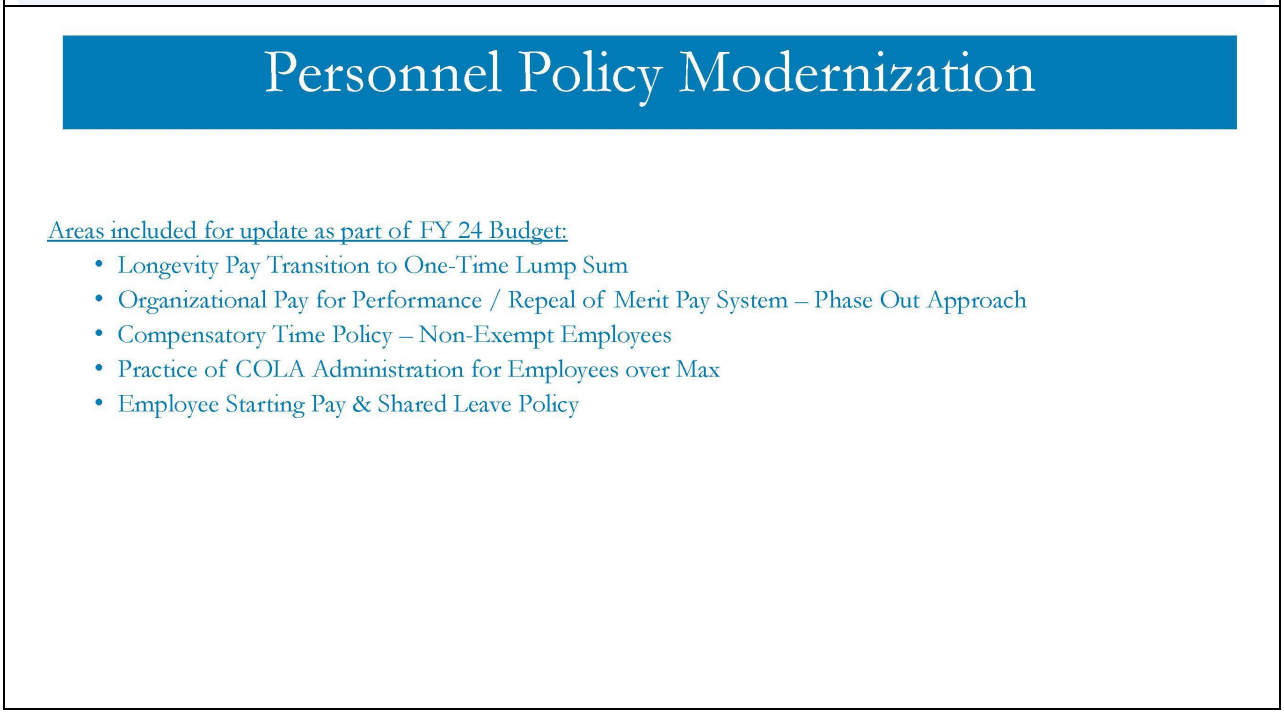

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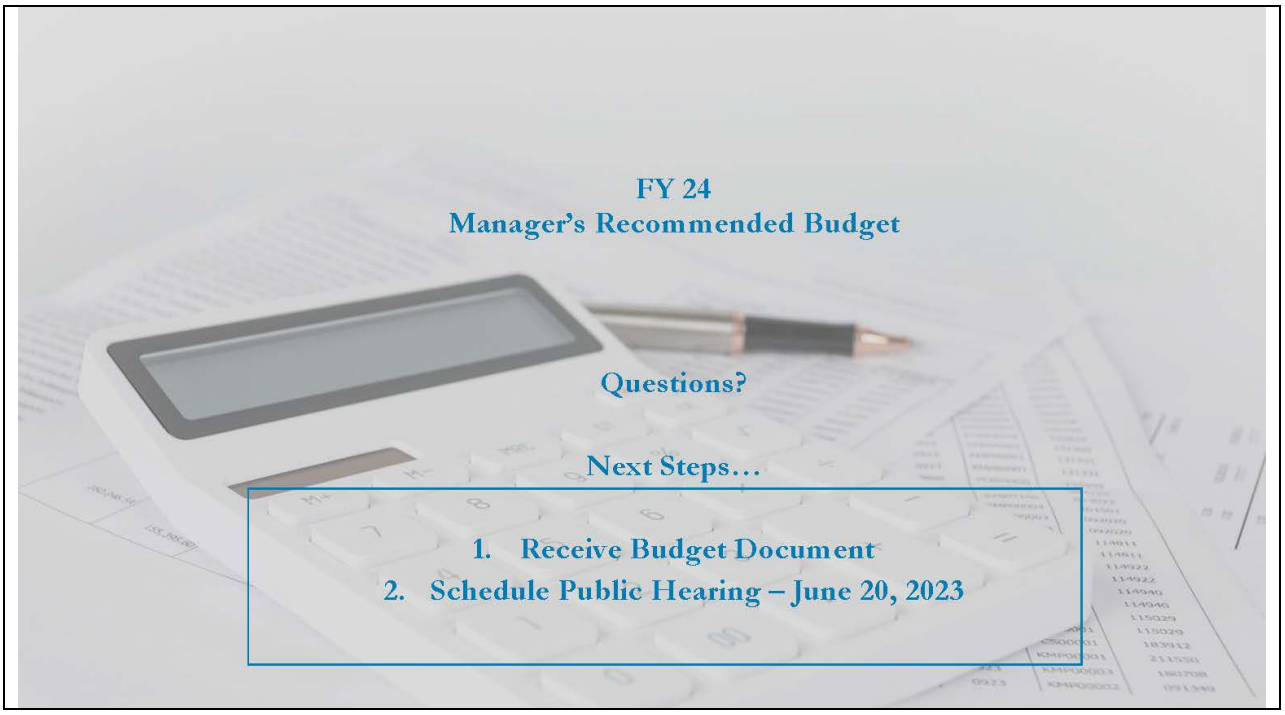

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments, then commended staff for the many hours of effort that went into the budget. Mr. Epley answered questions from Commissioner Burns about longevity and the low-wealth supplemental funding formula. Commissioner Burns emphasized the need for holding an Article 46, ¼ cent sales and use tax, referendum in the future.

Motion: To acknowledge receipt of the Manager's recommended budget for FY 23 – 24.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

To schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as persons may be heard.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for reports and comments from Board members and professional staff.

Margaret Pierce, Finance Director / Deputy County Manager, expressed her excitement for the recommendations included in the FY24 budget. County Attorney Simpson reported on the items he has worked on since the last Commissioners' meeting and reminded the Board of the passing

of a former County Commissioner, Jack Carroll. Commissioner Carswell appreciated the prayers and well wishes he received during his recovery. Chairman Mulwee reported on a joint presentation he made with the County Manager about the budget at the History Museum and the School Board in addition to a future presentation at the Register of Deeds. He relayed information on the upcoming meetings and holiday office closures. Chairman Mulwee then issued friendly reminders to not litter, to pick up trash, to cover your loads when transporting trash to the landfill or a convenience site, to spay and neuter your pets and to adopt or foster a pet from Animal Services.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLERK- BOARDS AND COMMITTEES VACANCY REPORT

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, announced the following vacancies on county boards or committees as follows:

- Adult Care & Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
- City of Morganton - Board of Adjustment (ETJ)
- City of Morganton - Planning Board (ETJ)
- Burke Senior Center Advisory Council
- East Burke Senior Center Advisory Board
- Council on Aging
- Burke County Board of Health
- Partner's CFAC (Consumer and Family Advisory Committee)
- Hickory Regional Planning Commission
- WPCC Board of Trustees
- Jury Commission

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments and then encouraged citizens to participate and get involved.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

CLOSED SESSION- NOT NEEDED, NOT HELD

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

Approved this 19th day of December 2023.

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board