

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 ("Fiscal Year 2026") was presented to the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners on May 5, 2025 by the Rutherford County Manager and received by the Clerk to the Board on that date; and,

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2025, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the budget pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §159-12; and,

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2025, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners adopted a budget ordinance making appropriations and levying taxes in such sums as the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, meeting on the 5th day of June 2025:

SECTION 1— GENERAL FUND REVENUES

It is estimated that the revenues and fund balances of the General Fund, as listed below, will be available during the Fiscal Year 2026, to meet the appropriations as set forth in Section 4. All fees, commissions, and sums paid to or collected in any fund by any County official, officer, or agent for any service performed for such official, officer, or agent in his official capacity shall accrue solely to the benefit of the County and become County funds. For internal purposes, the County accounts for the operations of the Department of Social Services (DSS) in a separate fund. External Reporting requires that the operations of DSS be included with the General Fund. Therefore, the General Fund figures below include all appropriated revenues for DSS.

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY**

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| Ad Valorem Taxes | |
| Current Year Taxes | 50,206,610 |
| Prior Year Taxes, Interest, Penalties and Discount | 742,500 |
| Local Option Sales Taxes | 7,470,529 |
| Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue | 11,632,725 |
| Permits & Fees | 1,281,500 |
| Sales & Services | 6,943,290 |
| Investment Earnings | 2,000,000 |
| Other Revenues | 139,152 |
| Transfers from Other Funds | 1,167,786 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 6,107,102 |

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

\$87,691,194

SECTION 2— AD VALOREM TAX LEVY

There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2026 an *ad valorem* property tax on all property having a situs in Rutherford County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2025, at the rate of \$0.454 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value of such property, pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws.

This rate is based on an estimated total valuation of \$11,253,408,600 of taxable property and a collection rate of 98.27%.

SECTION 3— FEES, LICENSES, AND OTHER TAXES

There is hereby levied all other taxes and fees, as provided in the ordinances, resolutions, and fee schedules duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Fee schedules used in the development of this budget and adopted by the Board of Commissioners are set forth and a copy of such is maintained in the Office of the County Manager.

SECTION 4— GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

The following General Fund amounts are hereby appropriated to the County Manager for the operation of the Rutherford County Government and its departments and agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. For internal purposes, the County accounts for the operations of the Department of Social Services (DSS) in a separate fund. External Reporting requires that the operations of DSS be included with the General Fund. Therefore, the General Fund figures below include all appropriated expenditures for DSS.

Other fund amounts as set forth in Sections 6 through 19 are also appropriated as presented in this section. In administering the program authorized under this ordinance, the County Manager is authorized to make transfers pursuant to Section 5. Appropriations for land and new buildings included in this Ordinance may be expended only after release by the Board of Commissioners.

The County Manager or the Manager's designee is hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements within funds included in the Budget Ordinance for the following purposes, and on the following terms and conditions:

- A) Form grant agreements with public and non-profit agencies;
- B) Leases of normal and routine business equipment;
- C) Consultant, professional, or maintenance service agreements up to an anticipated contract amount of \$50,000;
- D) Purchase of services, apparatus, supplies, and materials where formal bids are not required by law;
- E) Agreements for acceptance of State and Federal grant funds;
- F) Construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by law; and

- G) County departments shall not enter into contracts without having met with and received written approval from the County Manager.
- H) The County Finance Officer is hereby directed to release board-approved non-profit grants upon the execution of the funding agreement required by the County.
- I) The Finance Officer may advance funds with the permission of the County Manager to the Sheriffs Department for their use during investigations, provided that these funds are accounted to the County Manager as soon as practicable.
- J) The County Finance Officer is hereby directed to assign an additional \$265,357 of General Fund fund balance as of June 30, 2025 for the purposes of funding the HVAC (\$136,483) and Roof Replacement Plans (\$128,874).

The County Manager or the Manager's designee is hereby authorized to execute necessary agreements with regard to ongoing construction projects undertaken by the County, without the requirement of consultation with the Board of Commissioners, in the following circumstances.

- A) The Manager may approve any and all non-emergency change orders which do not increase the construction budget for the project by more than 10% of the then-unallocated budgeted amount for "contingencies" in the particular project budget.
- B) Any change order approved by the County Manager involving a change of more than \$10,000.00 to the construction budget shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners, as an information-only item within the County Manager's monthly report.
- C) In emergencies, change orders greater than those authorized above may be approved by the County Manager after consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. In any such case, a report of the same shall be made to the Board of Commissioners at their next regularly-scheduled meeting.

Additionally, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv)(A) and the applicable provisions of North Carolina law, Rutherford County hereby self-certifies the following micro -purchase thresholds:

- A) \$30,000, for the purchase of "apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment"; and
- B) \$30,000, for the purchase of "construction or repair work"; and
- C) \$50,000, for the purchase of services not subject to competitive bidding under North Carolina law; and
- D) \$50,000, for the purchase of services subject to the qualifications-based selection process in the Mini-Brooks Act; provided that such threshold shall apply to a contract only if the Unit has exercised an exemption to the Mini-Brooks Act, in writing, for a particular project pursuant to NCGS 143-64.32. If the exemption is not authorized, the micro-purchase threshold shall be \$10,000.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

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| Governing Body | \$ 384,055 |
| Special Appropriations | 306,825 |
| <i>*Cliffside Sanitary District request of \$57,570 is currently under legal review; budget amendment will be presented, later, if possible.</i> | |
| County Manager | 225,142 |

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| Human Resources | \$ 275,248 |
| Finance | 586,619 |
| Revenue Department | 2,184,851 |
| Legal | 266,488 |
| Court Facilities | 193,291 |
| Board of Elections | 423,009 |
| Register of Deeds | 364,751 |
| Information Technology | 2,801,916 |
| Garage | 335,896 |
| Maintenance Admin | 1,518,573 |
| Buildings | 1,406,550 |
| Sheriff | 7,961,442 |
| College & School Security Officers | 1,810,029 |
| Detention Center | 4,764,329 |
| Communications | 1,894,704 |
| Building Inspector | 797,550 |
| Medical Examiner | 110,000 |
| Emergency Services | 7,439,907 |
| Emergency Management/Fire Marshal | 515,623 |
| Animal Control | 600,000 |
| Watershed | 38,850 |
| Forestry | 129,224 |
| Economic Development | 352,288 |
| Economic Development Incentives | 4,148,695 |
| Cooperative Extension | 275,903 |
| Soil and Water Conservation | 168,608 |
| Public Health | 1,012,692 |
| Mental Health | 122,168 |
| Senior Center | 1,160,658 |
| Social Services – Administration | 13,160,230 |
| Social Services – Programs | 3,253,787 |
| Veterans Services | 174,067 |
| Library | 877,458 |

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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| Current Expense: | |
| Operations | 16,881,861 |
| Local Teacher Supplements | <u>1,486,828</u> |
| Total Current Expense | 18,368,689 |
| Capital Expense | 1,821,310 |

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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| Operational Expense | 3,263,017 |
| Transfers to Other Funds | 1,196,752 |
| Contingency | 1,000,000 |

TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS:**\$ 87,691,194****SECTION 5 – AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

The County Manager is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions and upon a written report to the Board of Commissioners:

- A) The Manager may transfer amounts between line items of expenditure within a department.
- B) The Manager may transfer amounts up to \$50,000 between departments within the same fund.
- C) The Manager may transfer amounts up to \$50,000 from any appropriation within the general fund to a separate fund.
- D) The Manager may modify the budget for pass-through monies, additional funding, or any Federal or State program prior approved by the Board.
- E) The Manager may modify the budget for expenditures related to the HVAC and Roof Plan as approved by the Board in Section 4, Item J.

SECTION 6—SERVICE DISTRICTS FUNDS (30 to 45 and 55 to 61)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the SERVICE DISTRICTS Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$8,446,734 |
| Appropriations | \$8,446,734 |

Service District Tax Rates: Tax Rates for these County service districts listed are as follows:

| District | Rate |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Bill's Creek Fire | .085 |
| Bostic Fire | .10 |
| Broad River Fire | .16 |
| Cherry Mountain Fire | .13 |
| Chimney Rock Fire | .07 |
| Cliffside Fire | .10 |
| Cliffside Sanitary | .08 |
| Edneyville Fire | .12 |
| Ellenboro Fire | .13 |
| Fairfield Mountains Fire* | n/a |
| Forest City | .11 |
| Green Hill Fire | .09 |
| Hudlow Fire | .10 |
| Lake Lure Fire | .09 |
| Outside Response Area | .045 |
| Polkville Fire | .08 |
| Queens Gap Water | .00 |
| Rutherfordton Fire | .11 |
| Sandy Mush Fire | .12 |
| Shiloh Danieltown Oakland Fire | .08 |

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| Shingle Hollow Fire | .13 |
| Spindale Fire | .10 |
| Union Mills Fire | .06 |

**Fairfield Mountains Fire District to dissolve as of 6/30/2025*

SECTION 7 – AIRPORT FUND (13)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the AIRPORT FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Any carryover balances from FY2024-2025 for the Airport Grant Funds will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2025 balances.

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| Revenues | \$1,358,619 |
| Appropriations | \$1,358,619 |

SECTION 8 – VEHICLE AND CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUNDS (14 and 66)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the VEHICLE AND CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Any carryover balances from FY2024-2025 for the Vehicle and Capital Replacement Fund will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2025 balances.

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| Revenues | \$963,326 |
| Appropriations | \$963,326 |

SECTION 9 – TELEPHONE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND (15)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the TELEPHONE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$90,688 |
| Appropriations | \$90,688 |

SECTION 10 – OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (18)

Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2025, will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 11 – EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND (20)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Revenues for this fund are based on a .70 cent surcharge per phone line.

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| Revenues | \$489,700 |
| Appropriations | \$489,700 |

SECTION 12 – REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENT FUND (21)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENT FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Revenues for this fund are based on 10% of Register of Deeds net revenues.

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| Revenues | \$180,000 |
| Appropriations | \$180,000 |

SECTION 13 — GRANT FUND (22), STIMULUS FUND (80) and ARP FUND (81)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the GRANT Fund, STIMULUS Fund (Coronavirus Relief Fund and CARES Act Funding) and ARP Fund (American Rescue Plan) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Any carryover balances from FY2024-2025 for the Grant Funds, Stimulus Funds and ARP Funds will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2025 balances.

SECTION 14 — ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (25)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL PROJECT Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$1,700,000 |
| Appropriations | \$1,700,000 |

Any carryover balances from FY2024-2025 for the Project Fund will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2025 balances.

SECTION 15 — DEBT SERVICE FUND (29)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the DEBT SERVICE Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$ 7,207,944 |
| Appropriations | \$ 7,207,944 |

SECTION 16 — QUEENS GAP (47) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDS

Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2025, will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 17 — COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (49)

Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2025, will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 18 — SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (50)

Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2025, will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 19 — PUBLIC TRANSIT PROGRAM FUND (65)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the PUBLIC TRANSIT PROGRAM Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$ 2,191,975 |
| Appropriations | \$ 2,191,975 |

SECTION 20 — SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND (67)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$7,766,810 |
| Appropriations | \$7,766,810 |

SECTION 21 — DSS REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FUND (11)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the DSS REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$700,000 |
| Appropriations | \$700,000 |

SECTION 22 — AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT ADVISORY FUND (71)

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT ADVISORY Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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| Revenues | \$70,000 |
| Appropriations | \$70,000 |

SECTION 23 —RUTHERFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROVISION

The Rutherford County Finance Officer is hereby directed to remit the appropriation to the Rutherford County Public Schools and Isothermal Community College for local current expense in monthly installments equivalent to one-twelfth (1/12) of the total county appropriation. The County Finance Officer shall remit payment by the thirtieth (30th) of such month. Capital outlay for the Public Schools and Community College shall be reimbursed by the County in accordance with this ordinance, based on invoices received by the County Finance Officer. Any unexpended public schools' capital funds as of June 30, 2025, will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 24 —RUTHERFORD COUNTY FEE SCHEDULES

The General Fund Revenues, Section 1, Building Inspection User Fees (Permits & Fees) and Emergency Services User Fees (Sales & Service) are estimated from the following fee schedule:

Building Inspections/Planning (Effective July 1, 2025):

Credit/Debit cards are accepted with the addition of a 3.5% fee (or \$6.95 minimum) or eCheck payment with \$1.95 fee.

Building Permit

Residential Additions (including relocate residence)

New Single Family Dwellings (including Modulares) or

Finish Interior (basement/bonus/existing shell)

\$.42 per square foot of *gross finished area.

\$.30 per square foot of *gross unfinished area one subcontractor in each trade (electrical, plumbing, gas, and mechanical). 2nd trade subcontractor requires an additional trade permit. Other miscellaneous residential fees may apply. New House Minimum \$600; Addition & Renovations/Finish Interior Minimum \$300.

*Gross area includes basement, attached garage, carport, loft, and storage/bonus room (excludes porches and decks).

- Additions, Renovations or finish interior (no additional sf added)
\$.42 per square foot of *gross area with a minimum fee of \$300. Includes one subcontractor in each trade (electrical, plumbing, gas, and mechanical). 2nd trade subcontractor requires an additional trade permit. Other miscellaneous residential fees may apply.
*Gross area includes basement, attached garage, carport, loft, and storage (excludes porches and decks)
- Accessory Structures Only (non-commercial) – includes electrical
Garage, Workshop, Storage Building, Boathouse \$125 min. + \$0.15 per sf* over 400sf
Carport, Porch, Deck, Dock \$125
Swimming Pool, Retaining Wall \$125
Metal Prefab Carport \$125
Add mechanical, plumbing, gas, insulation \$ 75 per trade
*Calculated on total gross area

- Residential Storage Buildings/Workshop
Includes electrical and plumbing.

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| 400 SF or less | \$125 |
| 401-1200 SF | \$175 |
| 1201+ SF | \$250 |
| Prebuilt 400 SF or less | \$100 (with electrical only) |

 *Calculated on total gross area

- Miscellaneous Fees

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| Re-inspection | \$100 |
| Partial inspection | \$ 75 |
| Inspection not ready | \$ 75 |

- Manufactured Homes

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| Single-Wide | \$175 |
| Double or Triple-Wide | \$200 |

 Porches/decks included in permit fee

- Commercial Fees**

\$4.50 per \$1,000 project cost, minimum \$600 for building with subs; building only minimum fee \$400, minimum fee \$75 per trade. Other miscellaneous fees may apply.

Office Modular Unit - \$200 (includes electrical, plumbing and deck/ramp).

RV Parks (electrical and plumbing):

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| \$200 for up to 5 spots | |
| \$400 for up to 10 spots | |
| \$600 for up to 15 spots | |
| \$800 for up to 20 spots | |
| \$1,000 for up to 25 spots | |

- Other Permits

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| ABC | \$ 75 |
| Signs | \$125 |
| Residential Demolitions*** | \$ 75 per structure |
| Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing/Gas | \$ 75 |
| Flood Plain (SFHA) | \$ 50 |
| Park Model (electrical and plumbing) | \$125 |
| Penalty for Working Without a Permit | \$200 (+ permit fee) |
| Add/change sub trades | \$75 ea |

**Commercial demolitions will be priced at Commercial Fee above, based on value of demolition.

***Demolition bonds in the amount of 10% of estimated demolition cost, with minimum \$500, shall be submitted prior to commencement of demolition. Upon approved final inspection, 100% of bond will be refunded.

- Expired permits

New permit may be obtained at 50% of current permit cost within first 6 months of expiration. Full permit cost if over 6 months beyond expiration.

- Cancellation and/or Refunds
No refunds after first inspection (project commencement). No refunds on expired permits (no work started within 6 months of issue date).
- Fire Permits

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| Routine Inspection | \$50 |
| Construction/Operation permits | \$4.50 per \$1,000 project cost, \$75 min. |
- Commercial Plan review fees

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| 0 - 1,000 SF | \$50 |
| 1,001 SF - 2,000 SF | \$100 |
| 2,001 SF - 5,000 SF | \$200 |
| 5,001 SF - 20,000 SF | \$300 |
| 20,000+ SF | \$500 |
- Permit fee for different levels of work:
 Full remodel – “gutted house down to the studs” \$0.42 per sq’ or minimum of \$300.
 A room only ex. Kitchen, bathroom, etc. “gutted down to the studs” \$0.42 per sq’ or minimum of \$300.
 Rewire, replumb or new HVAC, just simply a trade permit.
 Finish basement or bonus room. \$0.42 per sq’ or minimum \$300.
 If doing new electrical, plumbing, HVAC and replacing sheetrock insulation will need inspected. \$0.42 per sq’ or minimum \$300.

Planning Fees (Effective July 1, 2024):

- Mobile Home Park (MHP) and RV Park Permits
 - A. MHP/RV Construction Permit \$250.00
 - B. MHP/RV Operating Permit \$250.00 or \$25.00 per lot, whichever is greater
- Water Supply Watershed Protection
 - A. Watershed Protection Permit: \$250.00
 - B. Watershed Occupancy Permit: \$250.00
- Variance Fee - \$250.00 per request
- Planning Board Fee - \$300.00 or \$30.00 per lot, whichever is greater per submittal
- Minor Subdivision Approval - \$50.00 (No fee for platted subdivisions exempt from ordinance.)
- Solar Farm Review Fee - \$1,500 or \$10 per acre, whichever is greater
- Hardcopy ordinances - \$5.00

Emergency Services (Effective January 1, 2025)

EMS rates are established each year in January in response to the annual Medicare Allowable Rate adjustment.

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| Basic Life Support – Non-Emergency..... | \$ 409.00 |
| Basic Life Support – Emergency..... | 654.00 |
| Advanced Life Support – Non-Emergency..... | 491.00 |
| Advanced Life Support – Emergency..... | 777.00 |
| Advanced Life Support – Level 2..... | 1,124.00 |
| Specialty Care Transport | 1,329.00 |
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| Treatment without Transport..... | 250.00 |
| EMS Service Calls..... | 150.00 |
| Loaded Mileage | 19.00 per mile |
| DOA Charge..... | 654.00 |
| ALS Disposables..... | 100.00 |
| BLS Disposables..... | 60.00 |
| Oxygen..... | 50.00 |
| IV Supplies..... | 50.00 |
| Ambulance Standby | 200.00 per hour |
| QRV (Quick Response Vehicle) Standby..... | 150.00 per man hour |

Accounts receivable debt write-off will be processed annually per guidance defined in EMS SOP #134 (Effective June 30, 2018).

The Solid Waste Fund Revenues, Section 19, Convenience Center Availability Fees and Disposal Tipping Fees are estimated from the following fee schedule:

Solid Waste Disposal, Convenience Center Availability Fees and Recycle Availability Fees (Fees Effective January 1, 2011)

Credit/Debit cards are accepted with the addition of a \$2 fee.

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| \$ 190.00 | Convenience Center Availability Fees for County Households Effective July 1, 2025 |
| \$ 95.00 | Convenience Center Availability Fees for Homestead Households/Disabled Veterans Effective July 1, 2025 |
| \$ 45.00 | Recycle Availability Fee for All Improved Properties Effective July 1, 2025 |
| \$ 80.00 | Per Ton for Commercial Industrial Tipping Fee Effective July 1, 2025 <i>(includes \$2 per ton solid waste disposal fee)</i> |
| \$ 70.00 | Per Ton for Demolition Material Effective July 1, 2025 <i>(includes \$2 per ton solid waste disposal fee)</i> |
| \$ 45.00 | Per Ton for Metal Tipping Fee Effective July 1, 2022 |

\$ 45.00 Per Ton for Brush Tipping Fee Effective July 1, 2024

\$ 2.00 Per Ton State Solid Waste Disposal Tax Effective July 1, 2008

\$ 130.00 Per Ton for any and all recyclables originating from outside Rutherford County that are received by the County Effective July 1, 2019

Tire Disposal Fees Effective August 1, 2022:

\$ 1.00 Per Lawnmower Tire

\$ 3.00 Per Car Tire

\$10.00 Per Truck Tire

\$20.00 Per Tractor Tire

\$40.00 Per Skidder Tire

Solid Waste Convenience Center Availability Fee Applies to:

1. All residents not served by municipal or private haulers.
2. Landlord in rental arrangement (house or apartment - fee charged for each unit).
3. Landowner in personal property manufactured home situation (SWMH, DWMH, and Leaseholds).
4. Mobile Home Park owner is charged for each occupied space.
5. Chalets, extended stay motels and rental vacation homes are charged. Motels are charged by the unit.

Solid Waste Convenience Center Availability Fee Exemptions Effective July 1, 2018:

1. Commercial Private Hauler that is approved by the county. **
2. Residence is not 100% complete with a certificate of occupancy issued at January 1. **
3. Residence or business is located in a municipality that has its own trash collection.
4. House has been removed or destroyed by January 1st. **
5. OA Homestead Exclusion or Disabled Veterans Exclusion, partial fee is charged.
6. House is not livable and all utilities have been disconnected for twelve months.
7. House/Manufactured Home is used for storage. **
8. Personal Property Manufactured Homes - Charged to the landowner and not MH owner.
9. Manufactured Home is used as an extension of main home - no extra fee if it is located on the same parcel.
10. Residence contiguous to a listed business owned by the same owner, and the business is serviced by a private hauler.
11. Property Owners Association provides for collection by a qualified hauler. Must be a member in good standing.

**Requires an application form and approved by the Revenue Department.

Solid Waste Recycling Availability Fee Applies to:

1. All improved properties within Rutherford County.
2. Landlord in rental arrangement (house or apartment - fee charged for each unit).
3. Landowner in personal property manufactured home situation (SWMH, DWMH, and Leaseholds).
4. Mobile Home Park owner is charged for each occupied space.

5. Chalets, extended stay motels and rental vacation homes are charged. Motels are charged by the unit.

SECTION 25 —RUTHERFORD COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY FEES

The Airport Fund Revenues, Section 7, Airport Fees are estimated from the following fee schedule as approved by the Rutherford County Airport Authority Board at their meeting September 3, 2024 (Fees effective September 4, 2024):

- A 10 cent per gallon discount will be given to full-service fuel pumped into aircraft for which Rutherford County property taxes are current as of January 5 of the current calendar year. Each calendar year, the owner of the aircraft must provide proof of payment of the Rutherford County property taxes for the aircraft to the airport staff at the front office in the airport terminal to receive the fuel discount for that calendar year. Fuel will be discounted each year from the date the aircraft tax receipt is received by the airport staff and will not be retroactive.
- A 10 cent per gallon discount will be given for any fuel purchases over 250 gallons of Jet-A fuel or 75 gallons of 100LL AvGas.
- A 10 cent per gallon discount will be given to federal and state agencies that provide a tax-exempt number.
- Aviation fuel for the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office aircraft shall be charged to the Sheriff's Office at cost.
- When a discount is not provided, it is the customers responsibility to notify the airport staff within 24 hours of payment to correct the error, otherwise discounts will not be retroactive.
- Annual Box Hangar Rate \$1.84 per sq. ft.
\$0.36 per sq ft will be added to this rate for hangars with full facilities, which is any hangar with both a bathroom and heating and cooling (HVAC) system.
- Monthly/Daily Hangar Rent-Hangar 1:

Category 1 Aircraft (Wingspan ≤ 40')
\$200/mth or \$20/day up to monthly rental amount

Category 2 Aircraft (Wingspan > 40' to 45')
\$300/mth or \$30/day up to monthly rental amount

Category 3 Aircraft (Wingspan > 45' to 50')
\$400/mth or \$40/day up to monthly rental amount

Category 4 Aircraft (Wingspan > 50' to 55')
\$500/mth or \$50/day up to monthly rental amount

Category 5 Aircraft (Wingspan > 55' to 60')

\$600/mth or \$60/day up to monthly rental amount

Category 6 Aircraft (Wingspan > 60' to 65')
\$700/mth or \$70/day up to monthly to rental amount

Category 7 Aircraft (Wingspan > 65' to 70')
\$800/mth or \$80/day up to monthly to rental amount

Aircraft tail height of greater than twenty feet (20') and weight limits on tug will be additional considerations in determining whether an aircraft can be stored in Hangar 1.

Hangar Renters must have a signed lease agreement to secure a certain duration of time for occupancy and aircraft are subject to be moved around the hangar as needed by airport staff.

Hangar Renters without a signed lease are occupying the space in Hangar 1 on a month-to-month basis and are subject to removal of their aircraft at the end of any calendar month.

The daily rate referenced above starts over at the beginning of each calendar monthly period and then builds up to the monthly rental amount.

Payment of Monthly Hangar Rent allows aircraft parking in the hangar for that calendar month only.

Transient spots may be kept open, however if long term space is available, it will be offered, and a lease agreement can then be pursued. (Those aircraft currently housed in the Hangar will be given first opportunity to enter into a long-term lease and then the opportunity to enter a long-term lease will be offered to those on a running list to be kept by the Operations Manager).

Hangar rent must be paid by the end of each calendar month or aircraft will be moved to a ramp tie down and subject to the Monthly/Overnight Aircraft Parking Fees. The renter shall owe the back hangar rent and be subject to the Monthly Overnight Aircraft Parking Fees; otherwise, if the renter has a lease they will be held to the terms of that agreement.

- Monthly/Overnight Aircraft Parking Fees:
 - Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee shall be defined as the fee charged each calendar month per aircraft tie down space.
 - Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee shall be defined as the fee charged each day per aircraft tie down space. The maximum Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee shall be the Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee each calendar month.
 - Category 1 Aircraft: Wingspan less than forty feet (40')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$60.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$10.00 per day

- Category 2 Aircraft: Wingspan from forty feet (40') to less than forty-five feet (45')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$100.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$15.00 per day
- Category 3 Aircraft: Wingspan from forty-five feet (45') to less than fifty feet (50')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$140.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$20.00 per day
- Category 4 Aircraft: Wingspan from fifty feet (50') to less than fifty-five feet (55')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$180.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$25.00 per day
- Category 5 Aircraft: Wingspan from fifty-five feet (55') to less than sixty feet (60')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$220.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$30.00 per day
- Category 6 Aircraft: Wingspan from sixty feet (60') to less than sixty-five feet (65')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$260.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$35.00 per day
- Category 7 Aircraft: Wingspan from sixty-five feet (65') to less than seventy feet (70')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$300.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$40.00 per day
- Category 8 Aircraft: Wingspan from seventy feet (70') to less than seventy-five feet (75')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$340.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$45.00 per day
- Category 9 Aircraft: Wingspan from seventy-five feet (75') to less than eighty feet (80')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$380.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$50.00 per day
- Category 10 Aircraft: Wingspan from eighty feet (80') to less than eighty-five feet (85')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$420.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$65.00 per day
- Category 11 Aircraft: Wingspan from eighty-five feet (85') to less than ninety feet (90')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$460.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$70.00 per day

- Category 12 Aircraft: Wingspan from ninety feet (90') to less than ninety-five feet (95')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$500.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$75.00 per day
- Category 13 Aircraft: Wingspan from ninety-five feet (95') to one hundred feet (100')
Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee: \$540.00 per month
Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$80.00 per day for every five feet (5') of additional wingspan over one hundred feet (100') the Monthly Aircraft Parking
- Fee shall be increased in \$40.00 per month increments over Category 13 fee and the Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee shall be increased in \$5.00 increments over Category 13 fee.
- Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee for one (1) night is waived with a fuel purchase of any amount or the payment of a Ramp Fee during the same period of use of the aircraft tie down space.
- Aircraft location on Tie-Down/Ramp may change at the discretion of the airport staff.
- Monthly Aircraft Parking Fees must be paid by the end of each calendar month. If Monthly Aircraft Parking fees are not paid by the fifth (5th) day of the month following the month being charged, the aircraft owner shall be required to pay for each calendar day of that month at the same rate as the Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee without the limitation of maximum rate.
- The overnight rate referenced above starts over at the beginning of each calendar monthly period and then builds up to the monthly rental amount.
- Payment of the Monthly Aircraft Parking Fee allows aircraft parking at the airport for that calendar month only.
- Airport staff have discretion to change an overnight fee to a monthly fee if arrival of the aircraft is within 5 days from the end of a calendar month.
- Ramp Fee for transient Jet and Turbo-prop aircraft:
 - Category 1 Aircraft Turbo-prop: \$50.00 (Waived with 50 gallons fuel **or the maximum amount of fuel the aircraft requires to fill its tank at the time of landing**)
 - Category 2 Light Jet: weight under 20,000 pounds: \$50.00 (Waived with 50 gallons fuel **or the maximum amount of fuel the aircraft requires to fill its tank at the time of landing**)

- Category 3 Medium Jet: weight from 20,000 pounds to under 40,000 pounds: \$75.00 (Waived with 75 gallons fuel **or the maximum amount of fuel the aircraft requires to fill its tank at the time of landing**)
- Category 4 Heavy Jet: weight of 40,000 pounds and greater: \$100.00 (Waived with 100 gallons fuel **or the maximum amount of fuel the aircraft requires to fill its tank at the time of landing**)
- A Ramp Fee is not to be assessed for more than one assessment while the aircraft is parked on the ramp area. After the first night the Monthly or Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee, whichever is applicable, will be assessed. The Ramp Fee shall not be assessed in the event that a transient jet or turbo-prop aircraft lands at the Airport for exigent or emergency circumstances and remains for less than a two-day period. The Monthly or Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee, whichever is applicable, will be assessed after the exigent or emergency period ends.
- Aircraft Handling Fee to tow aircraft into and out of personal hangars: \$5.00 per aircraft.
(Aircraft Handling Fee waived with purchase of fuel.)
- Monthly Vehicle Parking Fee: \$10.00
- Owners must report and pay by the end of that calendar month, or the vehicle is subject to being towed at the owner's expense according to the airport Rules and Regulations for abandoned vehicles.
- First month's Monthly Vehicle Parking Fee shall be waived for those utilizing the airfield for air travel. Payment of the Monthly Vehicle Parking Fee allows for a vehicle to be parked for that calendar month only.
- Initial Call Out Fee: \$150.00
- Initial Call-out fee is for the first 2 hours of service and starts upon requested time of arrival.
- Call-out fees shall be charged for each additional one (1) hour block of service on site at the rate of \$75.00 per hour or portion thereof.
- (Call-out staff is to be given a 2-hour minimum response time prior to services requested)
- No fees are to be assessed to any military, law enforcement, or emergency services aircraft or vehicles.

SECTION 26 – RUTHERFORD COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY FEES

Transit Deviated Fixed Route (TARC) is offered to riders at no charge. Contracted services are

provided for Medicaid Transportation, Senior Center and Rutherford Life Services. Contracts are negotiated annually by the Transportation Director.

SECTION 27 – FOOTHILLS HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEES

Environmental Health Fees effective July 1, 2024:

New On-Site Wastewater System Suitability Evaluation

- Tank only/anything up to 240 gpd \$500.00
- Two Bedroom System (240 gpd) \$550.00
- Three Bedroom System (360 gpd) \$650.00
- Four Bedroom System (480 gpd) \$700.00
- Five Bedroom System (600 gpd) \$750.00
- Six Bedroom System (720 gpd) \$850.00

New Non-Residential/Commercial/Engineered/Large System

For systems utilizing greater than 720 GPD, the following shall apply:

For each additional 480 GPD, or portion thereof, an additional \$400 will be charged.

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| Existing On-Site Wastewater System Inspection | \$100.00 |
| On-Site Wastewater System Re-evaluation | \$250.00 |
| On-Site Wastewater System Expansion/Addition/Change of Use | \$250.00 |
| On-Site Wastewater System/Well Re-Visit | \$200.00 |
| On-Site Wastewater System Repair | \$100.00 |
| New Drinking Water Well Site Evaluation and Permit (Includes water samples) | \$450.00 |
| Well Abandonment Inspection | \$50.00 |
| Drinking Water Well Sampling: | |
| Inorganic Chemical Analysis | \$100.00 |
| Nitrite/Nitrate Analysis | \$65.00 |
| Petroleum Analysis | \$115.00 |
| Pesticide Analysis | \$115.00 |
| Herbicides | \$115.00 |
| Bacteria (coliform) P/A | \$60.00 |
| Iron Bacteria | \$70.00 |
| Sulfur Bacteria | \$70.00 |
| Metal Panel | \$100.00 |
| Coal Ash Panel | \$105.00 |
| Volatile Organic Chemicals | \$115.00 |
| **New Drinking Water Analysis includes Bacteriological (Coliform), Nitrite/Nitrate and Inorganic Chemical | \$150.00 |
| Temporary Food Establishment Inspection and Permit | \$75.00 |

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| New Food Establishment Plan Review | \$250.00 |
| Public Swimming Pool Facility Plan Review | \$275.00 |
| Annual Tattoo Parlor Permitting and Inspection | \$200.00 per artist |
| Annual Public Swimming Pool Permitting and Inspection | Seasonal or Year-Round |
| Initial Charge is for the first pool, spa or other aquatic attraction, | Facility \$200.00 for first - |
| then an additional charge for each additional pool, spa or aquatic attraction | \$50.00 for each additional |
| Establishment Permitting Re-Visit Fee | \$100.00 |
| Administrative Records Copy Fee Per Page After First Copy | \$0.25 |

SECTION 28 – FOOTHILLS HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL FEES

Animal Control Services (Fees Effective April 5, 2022)

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| Adoption Fee (Unaltered Dog) | \$110.00 |
| Adoption Fee (Altered Dog) | \$30.00 |
| Adoption Fee (Unaltered Cat) | \$60.00 through Animal Allies |
| | \$80.00 through local vet |
| Adoption Fee (Unaltered Kitten) | \$80.00 |
| Adoption Fee (Altered Cat) | \$20.00 |
| Room adoption cat | \$25.00 |
| Room adoption dog | \$40.00 |
| Board | \$5.00 per day |
| Board for rabies in quarantine | \$10.00 per day |
| Rabies Vaccine | \$10.00 |
| Rabies Clinic Vaccine | \$5.00 |
| Redemption Fee – 1 st Pick-up | no charge/written warning |
| Redemption Fee – 2 nd Pick-up | \$25.00 |
| Redemption Fee – 3 rd Pick-up | \$50.00 |
| Trap Deposit – Cat | \$20.00 |
| Trap Deposit – Dog | \$40.00 |
| Microchip | \$20.00 |
| Nail trim during clinic days | \$10.00 |

Rescue Agency prices:

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| Altered dog | \$53.00 |
| Unaltered dog | \$110.00 through Animal Allies/local vet |
| Altered cat | \$48.00 |
| Unaltered cat | \$75.00 through Animal Allies |
| Unaltered cat | \$90.00 through local vet |
| Euthanasia under 25 pounds | \$15.00 |
| Euthanasia over 26 pounds | \$25.00 |

Farm animal specifics*:

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| Redemption | \$50 per animal |
| Housing | \$40 Day |
| Capture Fee | \$40 |

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| Adoption fees for animals other than a dog or a cat*: | |
| Rabbits | \$58 each (covers getting them altered) |
| Guinea Pigs | \$5 each |
| Caged Rodents | \$5 each |
| Ferrets | \$25 each |
| Snakes | \$25-\$75 each |
| Iguanas | \$25-\$75 each |
| Legal birds | \$10 each |
| Fish, turtles, frogs | \$5-\$10 each |
| Chicken, Ducks, Peacocks, Other fowl | \$5 each |
| Chinchilla/Hedgehog | \$45 each |
| Farm animal small (pig, sheep, goat) | \$25 each |
| Farm animal large (cow, llama, alpaca) | \$100 each |

Any non-profit entity formed for the purposes of animal rescue that hold 501(c) status with the Internal Revenue Service that seeks to adopt an animal or animals may qualify to have some or all fees listed herein waived for any such adoptions*

Animal control fines for large animals running at large 1st offense \$0, 2nd offense \$100, 3rd + offense(s) \$150*

*Above animal control fees/fines noted with asterisk effective July 1, 2019

SECTION 29— ELECTED OFFICIALS PROVISIONS

Any official elected or appointed during the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year shall be paid, upon initial election or appointment, at the rate of pay of the previous incumbent.

SECTION 30 — UTILIZATION OF THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY BUDGET

This Ordinance, the Budget Implementing Resolution and the Budget Worksheets shall be the basis for the financial plan for the County of Rutherford, North Carolina, during the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. The County Manager shall administer the budget and ensure that operation officials are provided guidance and information in sufficient detail to implement their portions of the budget.

SECTION 31 — POSITION VACANCIES

No full-time vacant position may be advertised, and no new employee may be hired except upon review of departmental staffing levels with the Department Head and Human Resources Director and approval by the County Manager.

The Finance Officer shall establish records, which are in consonance with the budget, this Ordinance and regulating statutes of the State of North Carolina.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted the 5th day of June, 2025.

Bryan A. King, Chairman

ATTEST:

Hazel Haynes, Clerk to the Board