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## **Rutherford County**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **Minutes of June 6, 2024 Special Meeting**

**Monday, June 6, 2024  
5:00 PM**

#### **I. Call to Order**

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Chairman King called the June 6, 2024 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

**Present:** Chairman Bryan King, Vice Chairman Alan Toney, Commissioner Michael Benfield, and Commissioner Greg Lovelace.

**Absent:** Commissioner David Hunt

##### **A. Agenda Approval**

Vice Chairman Toney moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

**Ayes:** Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Lovelace.

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Hunt

#### **II. Old Business**

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##### **A. ID-24 3814 Budget Adoption**

County Manager Steve Garrison presented the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Board's consideration. A public hearing was held on the recommended budget on June 3, 2024.

He also called the Board's attention to a copy of the Cliffside Sanitary District's Draft Budget and Public Hearing Notice which is now available on the Local Government Commission's website. A public hearing will be held by the LGC for the Cliffside Sanitary District budget on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The tax rate is proposed at \$0.08 per \$100 valuation (no change). The LGC is scheduled to adopt the budget as presented on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Benfield and seconded by Vice Chairman Toney to adopt the recommended Rutherford County budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The vote on the motion was:**

**Ayes:** Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Lovelace.  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Hunt

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**BUDGET ORDINANCE**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

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**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 ("Fiscal Year 2025") was presented to the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners on May 6, 2024 by the Rutherford County Manager and received by the Clerk to the Board on that date; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 3, 2024, 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 6, 2024, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024:

**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 2025, 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**

Ad Valorem Taxes	
Current Year Taxes	49,015,280
Prior Year Taxes, Interest, Penalties and Discount	787,500
Local Option Sales Taxes	7,511,702
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue	11,559,096
Permits & Fees	1,269,000
Sales & Services	6,283,552
Investment Earnings	1,500,000
Other Revenues	138,564
Transfers from Other Funds	330,454
Fund Balance Appropriated	2,431,359

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES:**

**\$80,826,507**

**SECTION 2— AD VALOREM TAX LEVY**

There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2025 an *ad valorem* property tax on all property having a situs in Rutherford County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2024, 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 \$10,988,617,985 of taxable property and a collection rate of 98.25%.

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. 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 Sheriff's 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 \$113,851 of General Fund fund

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balance as of June 30, 2024 for the purposes of funding the HVAC (\$72,016) and Roof Replacement Plans (\$41,835).

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**

Governing Body	\$ 370,566
Special Appropriations	336,990
County Manager	215,950
Human Resources	254,811
Finance	556,301
Revenue Department	2,048,507
Legal	\$ 256,434
Court Facilities	224,750
Board of Elections	410,703
Register of Deeds	340,304
Information Technology	2,641,741
Garage	309,069
Maintenance Admin	1,383,296
Buildings	1,102,837
Sheriff	7,493,598
College & School Security Officers	1,334,062
Detention Center	4,398,470
Communications	1,830,241
Building Inspector	704,972
Medical Examiner	110,000
Emergency Services	6,391,778
Emergency Management/Fire Marshal	494,235

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Animal Control	544,852
Watershed	36,350
Forestry	122,067
Economic Development	352,288
Economic Development Incentives	3,619,041
Cooperative Extension	281,117
Soil and Water Conservation	163,428
Public Health	964,468
Mental Health	122,168
Senior Center	1,117,723
Social Services – Administration	12,527,294
Social Services – Programs	3,454,843
Veterans Services	166,840
Library	857,410

**PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Current Expense	17,368,689
Capital Expense	1,000,000

**ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Operational Expense	3,026,755
Transfers to Other Funds	1,231,559
Contingency	660,000

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS: \$ 80,826,507**

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Revenues	\$7,994,176
Appropriations	\$7,994,176

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

District	Rate
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Bill's Creek Fire	.075
Bostic Fire	.10
Broad River Fire	.16
Cherry Mountain Fire	.12
Chimney Rock Fire	.05
Cliffside Fire	.09
Cliffside Sanitary*	.08
*unit under control of the LGC; LGC is scheduled to approve budget June 24th	
Edneyville Fire	.12
Ellenboro Fire	.10
Fairfield Mountains Fire	.10
Forest City	.11
Green Hill Fire	.09
Hudlow Fire	.10
Lake Lure Fire	.11
Outside Response Area	.045
Polkville Fire	.08
Queens Gap Water	.00
Rutherfordton Fire	.11
Sandy Mush Fire	.12
Shiloh Danieltown Oakland Fire	.08
Shingle Hollow Fire	.13
Spindale Fire	.10
Union Mills Fire	.06

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Any carryover balances from FY2023-2024 for the Airport Grant Funds will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2024 balances.

Revenues	\$1,298,610
Appropriations	\$1,298,610

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Any carryover balances from FY2023-2024 for the Vehicle and Capital Replacement Fund will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2024 balances.

Revenues	\$1,847,707
Appropriations	\$1,847,707

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Revenues	\$86,988
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Appropriations \$86,988

**SECTION 10 – OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (18)**

The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Revenues	\$1,113,705
Appropriations	\$1,113,705

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

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Revenues for this fund are based on a .70 cent surcharge per phone line.

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Revenues	\$519,406
Appropriations	\$519,406

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Revenues for this fund are based on 10% of Register of Deeds net revenues.

Revenues	\$139,648
Appropriations	\$139,648

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Any carryover balances from FY2023-2024 for the Grant Funds, Stimulus Funds and ARP Funds will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2024 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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

Any carryover balances from FY2023-2024 for the Project Fund will be re-appropriated with June 30, 2024 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Revenues	\$ 5,726,337
Appropriations	\$ 5,726,337

**SECTION 16 — QUEENS GAP (47) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDS**

Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2024 will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.



**SECTION 17 — COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (49)**

Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2024 will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 18 — SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (50)**

Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2024 will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Revenues	\$ 2,424,034
Appropriations	\$ 2,424,034

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Revenues	\$5,947,300
Appropriations	\$5,947,300

**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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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 (30<sup>th</sup>) of such month. Capital outlay for the Public Schools and Community College shall be reimbursed by the County in accordance to this ordinance, based on invoices received by the County Finance Officer. Any unexpended public schools' capital funds as of June 30, 2024 will be re-appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

**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, 2024):**

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

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\*Calculated on total gross area

- Miscellaneous Fees
    - Re-inspection \$ 75
    - Partial inspection \$ 75
    - Inspection not ready \$ 75
  - Manufactured Homes
    - 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):
      - \$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
    - 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
    - Routine Inspection \$50
    - Construction/Operation permits \$4.50 per \$1,000 project cost, \$75 min.
  - Commercial Plan review fees
    - 0 - 1,000 SF \$50
    - 1,001 SF - 2,000 SF \$100
    - 2,001 SF - 5,000 SF \$200

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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, 2024)**

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

Basic Life Support – Non-Emergency.....	\$ 399.12
Basic Life Support – Emergency.....	638.58
Advanced Life Support – Non-Emergency.....	478.94
Advanced Life Support – Emergency.....	758.33
Advanced Life Support – Level 2.....	1,097.52
Specialty Care Transport .....	1,297.13
Treatment without Transport.....	250.00
EMS Service Calls.....	150.00
Loaded Mileage .....	19.00 per mile
DOA Charge.....	638.58
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.*

- \$ 160.00 Convenience Center Availability Fees for County Households Effective July 1, 2024
- \$ 70.00 Convenience Center Availability Fees for Homestead Households/Disabled Veterans Effective July 1, 2024
- \$ 13.00 Recycle Availability Fee for All Improved Properties Effective July 1, 2024
- \$ 76.00 Per Ton for Commercial Industrial Tipping Fee Effective July 1, 2024  
*(includes \$2 per ton solid waste disposal fee)*
- \$ 66.00 Per Ton for Demolition Material Effective July 1, 2024  
*(includes \$2 per ton solid waste disposal fee)*
- \$ 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 1<sup>st</sup>. \*\*

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 March 4, 2024 (Fees effective March 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 < 20' / 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 Hangar will be given first opportunity to enter into a long-term lease and then the opportunity to enter into 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: \$60.00 per aircraft tie-down space (Wingspan < 40')

Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee: \$10.00 per aircraft tie-down space (Wingspan < 40') up to a maximum of the Monthly Tie Down Fee.

Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee for the first night is waived with a fuel purchase of any amount or with the payment of a Ramp Fee.

Staff has discretion +5' on Monthly/Overnight Aircraft Parking wingspan depending on safety concerns.

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 in a timely manner, then the aircraft owner shall be required to pay the Overnight Aircraft Parking Fee.

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 (approved by the Rutherford County Airport Board 9/17/2019):

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 < 20,000 lb. \$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 > 20,000 lb. to 40,000 lb. \$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 > 40,000 lb. to 60,000 lb. \$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. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for each move of an aircraft required to be moved in order to remove an aircraft from a hangar.  
(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.

- 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 2-hour block of service on site.

(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.

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	\$150.00

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(Coliform), Nitrite/Nitrate and Inorganic Chemical	
Temporary Food Establishment Inspection and Permit	\$75.00
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, then an additional charge for each additional pool, spa or aquatic attraction	Facility \$200.00 for first - \$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)**

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 <sup>st</sup> Pick-up	no charge/written warning
Redemption Fee – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pick-up	\$25.00
Redemption Fee – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:**

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\*:**

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

**Adoption fees for animals other than a dog or a cat\*:**

Rabbits	\$58 each (covers getting them altered)
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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
Chickens, 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Bryan A. King, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Hazel Haynes, Clerk to the Board

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### **III. Adjournment**

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**At 5:08 P.M. Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:**

**Ayes:** Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Lovelace.

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Hunt

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners