

Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Don Truell, Chairman
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The Board of Commissioners holds regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:00pm. In addition, informational meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:00am. The meetings are held on the 4th floor of the Governmental Center, which is located at 913 Greensboro Street in Lexington and all meetings are open to the public.

Commissioner's Telephone Number: 336-242-2200

County Manager

Zeb M. Hanner 242-2200

Departments

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| Cooperative Extension | Troy Coggins | 242-2081 |
| Ambulance | Larry James | 242-2270 |
| Board of Elections | Ruth Huneycutt | 242-2190 |
| Assist. County Manager | Casey Smith | 242-2213 |
| Clerk of Court | Brian Shipwash | 242-2264 |
| Communications | Terry Bailey | 242-2132 |
| County Attorney | Chuck Frye | 236-3084 |
| Finance | Jane Kiker | 242-2029 |
| Fire Marshal | Danny Ward | 242-2281 |
| Health | Lillian Koontz | 242-2349 |
| Human Resources | Kathy Cashion | 242-2919 |
| Inspections | Tod Hancock | 242-2807 |
| DavidsonWorks | Pam Walton | 242-2065 |
| Landfill/Solid Waste | Rex Buck | 242-2008 |
| Library | Ruth Ann Copley | 242-2064 |
| IT | Joel Hartley | 242-2032 |
| Museum | Caitlin Williams | 242-2064 |
| Planning & Zoning | Guy Cornman | 242-2224 |
| Public Services | Rex Buck | 242-2008 |
| Support Services | Dwayne Childress | 242-2030 |
| Recreation | Thomas Marshburn | 242-2285 |
| Register of Deeds | David Rickard | 242-2150 |
| Risk Management | Slade Cole | 242-2917 |
| Senior Services | Thessia Everhart | 242-2290 |
| Sheriff | David S. Grice | 242-2100 |
| Social Services | Dale Moorefield | 242-2562 |
| Soil & Water | Andy Miller | 242-2075 |
| Tax Administration | Joe Silver | 242-2160 |
| Transportation | Rex Buck | 242-2008 |
| Veterans Services | Boyd Morgan | 242-2037 |

The Layman's Budget

A Citizen's Guide to the Budget

Fiscal Year

Adopted 2017-2018

Beginning July 1, 2017



Statement of Philosophy and Guiding Principles of Davidson County Government

Davidson County delivers services devoted to excellence, maintaining standards of professionalism and integrity while enhancing the well-being of our community.

Our philosophy is based on:

- Encouraging teamwork through collaboration and partnerships
- Offering responsive services to obtain positive results
- Delivering excellent services through committed employees who are sensitive to the needs of our citizens
- Creating and maintaining a safe, professional work environment that promotes leadership and empowers employees
- Providing fiscal accountability and environmental stewardship by effectively using human and natural resources

Davidson County Emergency Medical Services



REVENUES

- Tax rate remains \$0.54 per \$100 of assessed property valuation. Total tax base equals \$13.73 billion, with a 96.75% overall blended collection rate, and the County expects to collect \$71,771,927 in property taxes for next fiscal year. This is an increase of \$771,927 or 1.09% over the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget total of \$71,000,000.
- Sales Tax accounts for 18% of total County revenues totaling \$25 million dollars. This represents a \$651,000 dollar or 2.7% increase over the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget of \$24.36 million dollars. The natural sales tax growth totals 2.4% or \$453,000. The budget includes \$2.87 million dollars in Article 46 Sales Tax revenues (0.25%), as these funds will be used for the debt service related to the new Oak Grove Area High School. Lastly, the budget includes an additional \$2.7 million dollars in newly re-distributed sales tax approved by the North Carolina General Assembly fall 2015. These funds must be spent on Local Schools, Community Colleges and / or Economic Development.
- Intergovernmental revenue is expected to increase by \$159K or 0.7%. Majority of this increase is due to expected increases in funding for food stamp recovery, child daycare and state foster care programs within the Department of Social Services. The budget also includes additional anticipated revenues from DCCC for the added SRO approved during FY 2016-17. Lastly, some of the increase is offset by a loss of revenue due to the County not expecting to continue waste / recycling collections for the Davidson County System as well as County public buildings.
- The adopted budget slightly increases on-site and private waste water supply fees within the Public Health Department in order to cover the increased cost of providing services as well as align fees with comparable jurisdictions.
- The FY 2018 Adopted Budget increases total funding to the Sewer Fund by \$25,245 or 6.0%. This increase matches the fee increase imposed on the County by its waste water treatment provider the City / County Commission (Winston-Salem / Forsyth County).
- The adopted budget for the landfill also includes a slight increase in e-waste and per passenger vehicle minimum fees (from \$8 to \$10) for the upcoming fiscal year. These increases are designed to ensure the landfill can cover the increased cost of collecting and disposing of such waste.
- The adopted budget includes four fire district tax rate increases for the upcoming fiscal year: 1) Churchland — \$0.02, 2) Fairgrove — \$0.02, Linwood—\$0.005 and Horneytown—\$0.02. These increases are needed to deal with increasing call volume, increases in staff workload as well as replacement of aging equipment.

EXPENDITURES

- Employee pay increases are included in the budget using an increase to same formula used for FY 2016-17 but with a slight increase of 0.5% (Base pay + \$500 + 1.5% COLA.). In addition, the budget includes \$141K for the Sheriff's Office to increase patrol / detention officer pay. The measure will hopefully allow for better recruitment / retention among "front-line" law enforcement personnel. The budget also includes a 5.7% overall health insurance increase as well as a 7.4% increase in employer retirement cost imposed by the North Carolina Treasurer's Office.
- Per pupil funding is expected to increase from \$1,172 to \$1,202, which is a total increase of \$343,000 or 1.2% per pupil, with a 2.6% cumulative overall increase in education spending over the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. All three school systems received a 1.0% increase in Type II Capital Outlay, with the community college also receiving 1.0% above the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. The adopted budget includes the last installment of the \$1 million dollar annual contribution to the Community College's Type I Capital Outlay for the construction of a new Allied Health Building. Lastly, the adopted budget maintains school capital outlay funding for the three school systems at the same level as for FY 2016-17 (\$3.65 million dollars) but does add \$7K in old OSCB debt "fall-off" each school district pays back annually to the County.
- Debt Service is expected to decrease by (\$264K) for next fiscal year and include funding for the I-85 Industrial Park (expected to be covered by the newly re-distributed sales tax) and the 911 Radio System Upgrade (partnership with the state VIPER system).
- The adopted budget includes \$287K for (6) new high priority positions: 1) DSS (3), (1) Sheriff's Office, (1) County Manager's Office and (1) Library. All of these positions were included to address increased workload and growing regulatory guidelines. County funding for these positions total approximately \$58K, as majority of the cost is covered via a reduction in operating funding or additional cost reimbursement.

Davidson County Adopted 2016-2017

General Fund Budget

General Government

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| County Commissioners | \$ 333,870 |
| County Manager | \$ 653,673 |
| County Attorney | \$ 568,744 |
| Human Resources | \$ 897,759 |
| Finance | \$ 803,645 |
| Purchasing | \$ 329,631 |
| Assessor & Collector | \$ 2,794,504 |
| Board of Elections | \$ 612,415 |
| Register of Deeds | \$ 499,482 |
| State Agencies | \$ 189,317 |
| Public Buildings | \$ 3,655,034 |
| IT | \$ 1,613,931 |
| Contingency | \$ 75,000 |
| Total General Government | \$13,027,005 |

Public Safety

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| Sheriff | \$11,426,432 |
| Sheriff Resource Officers | \$ 949,246 |
| Jail | \$ 4,339,225 |
| Emergency Communications | \$ 2,090,688 |
| Inspections | \$ 939,044 |
| Medical Examiner | \$ 115,000 |
| Emergency Management | \$ 86,717 |
| Fire Marshal | \$ 349,646 |
| Ambulance | \$ 7,515,819 |
| Animal Shelter | \$ 548,912 |
| JCPC Operating Supplies | \$ 2,500 |
| Contributions to National Guard | \$ 3,000 |
| Contributions to Rescue Squads | \$ 70,000 |
| Total Public Safety | \$28,436,229 |

Transportation

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| Financing Use-Transfer to Airport | \$ 119,317 |
| Financing Use-Transfer to Transportation | \$ 110,284 |
| Total Transportation | \$ 229,601 |

Environmental Protection

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| Sanitation | \$ 1,171,060 |
| Soil & Water | \$ 215,391 |
| Total Environmental Protection | \$ 1,386,451 |

Economic And Physical Development

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| Planning | \$ 508,025 |
| GIS | \$ 207,992 |
| Cooperative Extension | \$ 234,683 |
| Contribution to Economic Development | \$ 248,000 |
| Contribution to Forester | \$ 102,856 |
| Contribution to Chambers of Commerce | \$ 27,800 |
| Financing Use-Transfer JTEC | \$ 164,450 |
| Financing Use-Transfer Airport Project | \$ 16,667 |
| Total Economic and Physical Development | \$ 1,510,473 |

Human Services

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| Health | \$ 7,223,166 |
| Social Services | \$ 11,784,261 |
| Public Assistance | \$ 11,527,925 |
| Senior Services | \$ 2,131,585 |
| Veterans Services | \$ 133,337 |
| Contribution to Life Center (HHCBG) | \$ 96,726 |
| Family Services Grant | \$ 98,069 |
| Financing Use-Transfer to Mental Health | \$ 824,344 |
| Total Human Services | \$ 33,819,413 |

Culture and Recreation

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| Recreation | \$ 767,572 |
| Library | \$ 3,259,760 |
| Museum | \$ 147,771 |
| Lake Thom-a-Lex | \$ 130,270 |
| Tourism | \$ 58,900 |
| Total Culture and Recreation | \$ 4,364,273 |

Debt Service

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| Principal | \$ 9,846,864 |
| Interest | \$ 5,032,456 |
| Total Debt Service | \$ 14,879,320 |

Education

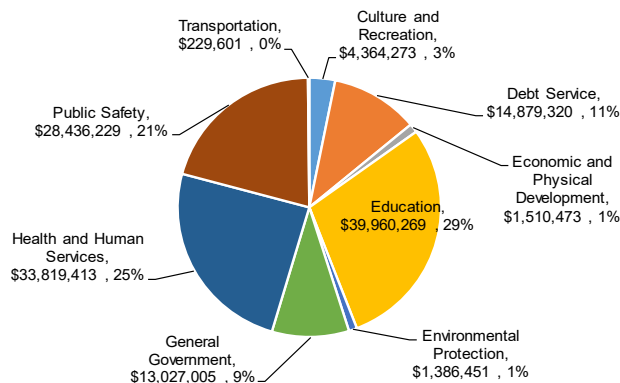
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| School Current Expense | \$ 30,778,164 |
| School Capital Outlay | \$ 5,527,353 |
| Community College - Current Expense | \$ 3,252,752 |
| Community College - Capital Outlay | \$ 402,000 |
| Total Education | \$ 39,960,269 |

Total General Fund \$ 137,613,034

Other Funds Budget

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| Mental Health Fund \$ 824,344 |
| Mental Health is funded by County dollars in the amount of \$809,344. The remainder comes from other sources. |
| DavidsonWorks \$ 1,245,105 |
| DavidsonWorks is to help retrain workers and get them back in the workforce. DavidsonWorks receives \$164,450 in County Funds. |

FY 2018 Adopted Budget Expenditures
General Fund Total \$137,613,034



Special Revenue Funds Budget

Fire District Fund \$ 8,598,375

This fund includes revenue collected through fire district taxes for operational cost and capital needs for the County's 26 volunteer fire districts.

Transportation Fund \$ 891,801

This fund is for the Davidson County Transportation System. The fund will receive \$119,337 from the General Fund. The remainder comes from charges for services, sale of Fixed Assets, Federal / State funds as well as contributions from the Cities of Lexington and Thomasville.

Special School District Fund \$ 1,539,298

This fund includes revenue collected for the Lexington City Schools through a special school district tax.

Emergency Telephone Fund \$ 552,778

This fund holds revenues from the monthly surcharge fee on telephone service. The fees are used to pay for maintenance and upgrades to the County's emergency communication system.

Capital Improvement Project Plan \$ 16,667

This fund is used for specific capital projects, with the \$16,667 being for the airport.

School Capital Outlay Fund \$ 3,651,603

This fund pays for construction of new buildings, additions to older facilities and purchase of land and equipment.

Total Special Revenue Funds \$ 15,250,522

Internal Service Fund Budget

Garage \$ 1,698,014

This fund is used by the Garage for maintenance, gas and insurance of County owned vehicles. The cost is distributed to the various County Departments.

Insurance Fund \$ 10,532,038

This fund is used to charge the various departments health insurance cost. Davidson County is self insured. Health claims and administration cost are paid from this fund.

Workers Compensation \$ 788,340

Davidson County is self insured for workers compensation claims. All departments are charged based on the workers compensation rate for their job code. All claims and administration are paid from this account.

Total Internal Service Funds \$ 13,018,392

Enterprise Funds Budget

Landfill \$ 1,840,627

Revenues in this fund are raised through landfill tipping fees, tire disposal fees, and sale of recyclable materials are used for capital improvements and operations of the solid waste system of the County.

Recycling \$ 316,730

Revenues in this fund are raised from sales of recyclables (\$42,700) and revenues from taxes collected by the State (\$274,030).

Airport \$ 368,817

This fund is used to operate the local airport. The County portion of this is \$119,317.

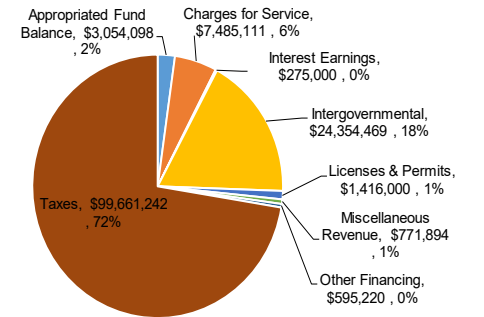
Sewer \$ 445,994

This fund is used to track the operating cost of the Davidson County sewer program.

Total Enterprise Funds \$ 2,972,168

Total of All Types of Funds \$ 170,923,565

FY 2018 Adopted Budget Revenues
Total \$137,613,034



Property Tax Rate

The FY 2017-2018 Adopted Budget tax rate of \$0.54 is equal to the current property tax rate of \$0.54 per \$100 dollars of valuation. The County Budget is 52% funded by property tax revenue. The adopted tax rate will yield total revenue of \$71,771,927 on a collection rate of 96.75%. One penny of property tax equals \$1,329,110. The current tax base is \$13.73 billion.

Davidson County Profile

Davidson County was formed in 1822 including an area of 549 square miles. It was named for General William Lee Davidson, who was killed in a battle with British forces during the Revolutionary War. With a mild climate free of extremes, citizens enjoy each of the distinct four seasons of the year. The average annual temperature is 59.3 degrees and the average rainfall is 40 to 50 inches. Lexington is the county seat of Davidson County and is located in the center of the North Carolina industrial piedmont. The County has six municipalities Lexington, Thomasville, Denton, Wallburg, Midway and High Point. The County population is approximately 165,193



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