

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

June 26, 2007
OTHERS PRESENT

Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman
Jimmy B. Clayton, Vice-Chairman
Kyle W. Puryear
Larry H. Bowes
Larry E. Yarborough, Jr.

Steve Carpenter, County Manager
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney
Faye T. Fuller, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in recessed session on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF 2007-2008 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Finance Director Andy Davenport presented adjustments/corrections which have been made to the recommended budget during the previous budget work sessions. He reviewed the changes item by item which resulted in a balanced budget.

By consensus, the prior work sessions adjustments/corrections to the recommended budget was approved unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Chairman Lunsford to approve the 2007-2008 Budget Ordinance with a tax rate of seventy cents (\$0.70) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2007. The rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$3,800,000,000 and estimated collection rate of 97.0%.

Commissioner Yarborough stated although he was glad more funds were allocated to the Sheriff's Department and the schools, he contended the tax increase of five cents did not have to be that large.

Commissioner Puryear stated he felt the budget reflects increased government spending and leaves the taxpayer with the bill. He too agreed with the additional funding for the Sheriff's Department and schools. He disagreed that increasing the tax rate is the only solution to the county budget dilemmas.

Commissioner Clayton pointed out that over a period of the last eighteen months there were some continuing expenses that were incurred with Board approval. He said expenses have to be offset with revenue.

The **motion** to approve the 2007-2008 Budget Ordinance was **approved** by a 3/2 vote. Commissioners Yarborough and Puryear cast the dissenting votes.



**PERSON COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

2007-2008

BUDGET ORDINANCE



BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Person County, North Carolina:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in General Fund for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county and by function as listed below:

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENT OF BUDGET</u>
<i>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</i>		
General Government	\$ 2,802,652	5.3
Public Buildings and Grounds	2,153,994	4.1
Public Safety	10,373,434	19.6
Transportation	1,018,336	1.9
Human Services	15,794,424	29.9
Education	9,989,083	18.9
Environmental Protection	327,518	0.6
Economic and Physical Development	1,010,076	1.9
Cultural and Recreational	1,787,202	3.4
Debt Service	3,883,915	7.4
Transfers to Other Funds and Component Unit	2,560,639	4.9
Contingency	1,104,230	2.1
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 52,805,503	100.0

Section 2. The appropriations to the Board of Education for current expense, firstly, shall be made from any funds that are dedicated to the use of the schools and secondly, shall be made from general county revenues to the extent necessary and for capital expenditures shall be by project, as listed under Category 1 through Category 3 in the budget of the Board of Education, to the extent of the amount available for capital appropriations. Capital outlay will be distributed on a requisition basis as expenditures are incurred. Documentation of expenditures must be submitted to the Person County Finance Office in such form as they prescribe prior to reimbursement.

The appropriation of state funds from the Hyconeechee Library District shall be used exclusively for operating expenditures of the Person County Public Library.

The appropriations made and revenues estimated hereafter shall be for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Section 3. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund:

<u>PERCENT OF</u>

REVENUES	AMOUNT	BUDGET
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 26,585,350	50.3
Local Option Sales Taxes	8,115,000	15.4
Other Taxes	294,510	0.6
Licenses and Permits	415,000	0.8
Intergovernmental Revenues	8,468,067	16.0
Investment Income	600,000	1.1
Charges for Services	4,387,740	8.3
Other Revenues	773,330	1.5
Transfers from other Funds	2,383,011	4.5
Transfers from Component Unit	150,000	0.3
Fund Balance Appropriated	633,495	1.2
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 52,805,503	100.0

Section 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated, and included in the General Fund, for Debt Service for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding debt of the county, and the expenses relating thereto:

Principal – 2004 GO Refunding Bonds	\$ 850,000
Interest – 2004 GO Refunding Bonds	32,975
Principal – 1996 Installment Financing Contract-LEC Refinancing Debt	461,078
Interest – 1996 Installment Financing Contract-LEC Refinancing Debt	92,792
Principal – 1999 Installment Financing Contract – Schools	300,000
Interest – 1999 Installment Financing Contract – Schools	345,118
Principal – 2000 Installment Financing Contract – Schools	400,000
Interest – 2000 Installment Financing Contract – Schools	290,360
Principal – 2003 Installment Financing Contract - PCC & Courthouse Renov.	245,000
Interest – 2003 Installment Financing Contract - PCC & Courthouse Renov.	2,527
Principal – 2006 Installment Financing Contract – Reroof and Paving	250,000
Interest – 2006 Installment Financing Contract – Reroof and Paving	146,600
Principal – 2007 Installment Financing Contract - Sch Bldg/Health Bldg	250,000
Interest – 2007 Installment Financing Contract - Sch Bldg/Health Bldg	215,465
Bond service charge - All debt	2,000
Total Debt Service	\$ 3,883,915

Section 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the County Capital Reserve Fund for the funding of capital expenditures outlined within the annually adopted CIP and as may otherwise be determined:

Transfer to General Fund for Capital Expenditures	\$ <u>476,421</u>
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Section 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the County Capital Reserve Fund for the funding of capital purchases:

Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>\$ 476,421</u>
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Section 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the funding of public school building projects and/or debt service on public school buildings:

Transfer to General Fund for School Debt Service Payments	\$ 1,749,000
Transfer to General Fund for School Capital	<u>157,590</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,906,590</u>

Section 8. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Capital Reserve Fund for the funding of public school building projects:

Transfer from the General Fund	\$1,749,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>157,590</u>
Total	<u>\$1,906,590</u>

Section 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Reappraisal Fund:

Reappraisal Activities	<u>\$287,056</u>
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Section 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Reappraisal Fund:

Transfer from the General Fund	\$ 187,348
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>99,708</u>
Total	<u>\$ 287,056</u>

Section 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Person Industries Fund:

Community Rehabilitation Program Services	<u>\$ 2,781,209</u>
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Section 12. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Person Industries Fund:

Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 1,102,668
Charges for Services	1,290,349
Other Revenues	53,700
Transfers	<u>334,492</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,781,209</u>

Section 13. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency Telephone System Fund:

Emergency Telephone System-Wireline	\$ 299,446
Emergency Telephone System-Wireless	<u>218,353</u>
Total	\$ <u>517,799</u>

Section 14. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone System Fund:

E-911 Surcharge – Wireline	\$ 255,000
E-911 Surcharge – Wireless	135,000
Transfer from the General Fund	<u>127,799</u>
Total	\$ <u>517,799</u>

Section 15. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer Construction Reserve Fund for the future funding of water and sewer construction:

Reserve for Water and Sewer Construction	\$ <u>35,000</u>
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Section 16. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water and Sewer Construction Reserve Fund:

Shared Fees	\$ <u>35,000</u>
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Section 17. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seventy cents (\$0.70) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2007 for the purpose of raising revenues from property taxes included in "Ad Valorem Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$3,800,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97.0%.

Section 18. The budget officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

a. He may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department and between departments within the same functional area without limitation and without a report to the Board of Commissioners.

b. He may transfer amounts up to \$10,000 between functional areas of the same fund with an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

c. He may not transfer any amount between funds or from the regular contingency appropriation within any fund except that he may transfer any amount from the special contingency for computer related technology needs without a report to the Board of Commissioners.

Section 19. The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute contractual documents under the following conditions:

a. He may execute contracts for construction repair projects which do not require formal competitive bid procedures.

b. He may execute contracts for: (1) purchase of apparatus, supplies and materials, or equipment which is within budgeted department appropriations, (2) leases of personal property for a duration of one year or less and within budgeted department appropriations and (3) services which are within department appropriations.

c. He may execute grant agreements to or from public and nonprofit organizations that are within budgeted appropriations, unless grantor organization requires execution by the Board of Commissioners.

d. He may execute contracts, as the lessor/lessee of real property, which are of one-year duration or less, if funds are within budgeted appropriations.

e. He may execute contracts for design consultant's services, which consultant fees are estimated to be less than \$10,000 and if funds are within budgeted appropriations.

Section 20. The Finance Director may make cash advances between funds during the fiscal year without reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Any advances outstanding at fiscal year-end must be reported to the board except those involving funds where grant revenues arise from prior county expenditures.

Section 21. Copies of the Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Director, and the Tax Administrator for direction in the carrying out of their duties.

Adopted this the 26th day of June 2007.

**Johnny M. Lunsford, Chairman
Person County Board of Commissioners**

Faye T. Fuller, Clerk to the Board

Upon a motion by Commissioner Clayton, and a second by Commissioner Bowes and majority vote, the Board of Commissioners of Person County does hereby amend the Budget of the **General Fund(s)** on this, the 26th day of June 2007, as follows:

<u>Dept./Acct No.</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>\$Amount</u> Incr/Decr(-)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>General</u>	
	General Government	72,300
	Public Safety	(-) 25,554
	Transportation	88,230
	Education	35,608
	Cultural & Recreation	18,281
	Transfers	248,193
	Contingency	(-) 46,350
	<u>School Bus Garage, Health Buildings Renovations and PCC RE-roofing Capital Project Fund</u>	
10-5911-4580	Buildings	200,000
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>General</u>	
	Other Taxes	48,193
	Intergovernmental Revenues	76,535
	Charge for Services	18,281
	Other Revenues	47,699
	Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
	<u>School Bus Garage, Health Buildings Renovations and PCC RE-roofing Capital Project Fund</u>	
45-3980-0010	Transfer from the General Fund	200,000

Explanation:

Appropriate in the General Fund: Emergency Management performance Grant \$20,114; Transportation Grant for new step-vans \$56,421; Occupancy Taxes above originally estimated \$48,193; revenues above estimates – concealed weapons fees \$10,000, insurance claims \$2,091, Terrell School fund \$11,948, and internet reimbursements to schools \$23,660; recreation and obesity fees \$18,281; transfer to Capital Project for to cover budget shortfall for the Bus Garage; contingency reserve \$46,350.

Appropriate in the *School Bus Garage, Health Buildings Renovations, and PCC RE-roofing Capital Project Fund*: transfer from the General Fund for construction costs \$200,000.

Board further approves the transfer of any remaining balance from Contingency to appropriations within any function(s) that, without such transfers, would exceed the budget ordinance for those functions. Any such transfers from Contingency will be reported to the Board at the meeting following their determination.

County Manager Carpenter informed the Board that the 100% grant program, Save Our Students (SOS), which has been operated through the county budget, will change July 1st to be operated under the Agricultural Foundation which is a development division of Extension Services at NC State University. He said at present it is not certain how the program will operate.

Mr. Carpenter also advised the Board that the Sheriff's Department has asked permission to apply for a NC Department Justice (JAG) grant for a mobile finger print unit for identification purposes. The grant requires no county match.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Yarborough, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton and **carried** to authorize the application for a Department of Justice (JAG) grant.

County Manager Carpenter informed the Board that bids for the new school bus garage/maintenance facility were opened and the Board of Education is approximately \$200,000 shy of funds to include the construction and four alternates. This does include the land cost. He said the funds could be borrowed from the bank, which would necessitate the delay in closing the financing agreement and cost an additional \$81,000 in interest over the seven year period. He said another alternative would be for the county to appropriate \$200,000 from fund balance.

After discussion, a **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to appropriate \$200,000 from fund balance.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

The Board conducted interviews for the first time since the process for appointments to certain boards, committees and commissions was approved earlier this year. The following Boards, Committees, and Commissions applicants are now subject to an interview process with the Board of Commissioners: Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Economic Development Commission, ABC Board, Board of Health, Person-Caswell Lake Authority, Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Recreation Advisory Board, and Social Services Board.

Planning Board: The applicants for two positions on the Planning Board were: Barry Walker, Phillip Hall and Leon Martin. All three individuals participated in the interview process. By consensus, Barry Walker and Phillip Hall were appointed to 3-year terms on the Planning Board.

Board of Adjustment: Applicants for two positions on the Board of Adjustment were Leon Martin, Harold Brooks and Shady Terrell. Leon Martin and Harold Brooks were present and participated in the interview process. By consensus, Leon R. Martin and Harold T. Brooks were appointed to 3-year terms on the Board of Adjustment.

Economic Development Commission: Applicants for the three positions available on the Economic Development Commission were Shady D. Terrell, Randy Reynolds and Larry Johnson. Mr. Reynolds was present and participated in the interview process. By consensus, Shady D. Terrell, Randy Reynolds and Larry Johnson were appointed to 3-year terms on the Economic Development Commission.

ABC Board: Applicants for the one position available on the ABC Board were Lois M. Winstead and Mike Laws, both of whom were present and participated in the interview process. By consensus Mike Laws was appointed to fill the one three-year term on the ABC Board.

Board of Health: There were two applicants for the Board of Health – Dr. William Jeffrey Noblett and Dr. Stephen D. Saunders. Dr. Noblett was present and participated in the interview process. Dr. Saunders was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. By consensus, Dr. Noblett was appointed to a 3-year term in the position for a Dentist and Dr. Saunders was appointed to a 3-year term for a position from the General Public.

Person Caswell Lake Authority: There were three applicants for the one available position on the Person-Caswell Lake Authority – Bill Dallas, John Robert Byrd, Sr., and Ernest B. Wood, Jr. Mr. Dallas and Mr. Wood were present and participated in the interview process. Mr. Bill Dallas was appointed to fill the one 3-year term by a vote of 4/1. Commissioner Puryear cast the lone vote for Mr. Wood.

Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees: Mr. Cleve Wagstaff was the only applicant for the one available position on the PCC Board of Trustees and was unanimously appointed to fill same. Mr. Wagstaff appeared before the Board and participated in the interview process.

6:40
Planning Board
Barry Walker:
1575 Charlie Tapp Rd. Served 12 years/lived in PC all of life/ concerned about county/enjoyed working with County Planner/appreciate consideration of being considered
Puryear: why do want to be reappointed
Walker: cluster home development project-conserving land/watershed-considered about growth in right way-
Yarborough-what does the PB does well and poorly
eitat 501 corridor-all commercial – billboard signs – For planning right – only advisory board to BOC.

Puryear: what sets you apart?

Walker- does not know who else is applying to come on. Phil Hall is very knowledgeable.

Phillip Hall:

Puryear: tell me about self

Hall: former land surveyor- general contractor/ been on PB several years/resident of Olive Hill/interested in staying on PB-property rights person-brings experience and knowledge to process of planning board-BOC needs people who know industry on PB- experience allows more insight than some others.

Yar: do well at or better

Hall: doing better-some ordinances need “cleaning up”-accomplishments: tried to give BOC best advice on heavy issues-pleased with cluster open space development-regret some cell tower ordinances.

Puryear: seminars?

Hall: UNRBA-concerned about proposed density requirements/size of lots. Learned some alternate ways for erosion control. Erosion control seminar – Green Development Served 9 years total.

Puryear: what sets you apart?

Hall: experience, knowledge as practicing land surveyor and contractor.

Leon Martin:

Planning Board and Board of Adjustment

Yar: what hope to accomplish

Martin: learn Person County more-give guidance to future as to how PC will be. PB shapes future. Asked if PB is following GS for PB's.

Bowes: which would rather serve on

Martin: where BOC feels he can serve best.

Puryear: for either position-what sets you apart?

Martin: being New- bring new focus and possible direction –

Yar: lives here?

Martin: over 1 year

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Harold Brooks:

Seeking reappointment

Luns: what is most rewarding thing

Brooks: being able to grant variances -

Yar: how often meet

Brooks: every month – not that often now - met able 6-7 times in

Puryear: what main factor in serving

Brooks: been honest-served well-

EDC:

Randy Reynolds

Lun:

Rey: community development-came here 9 years ago-great place to live-can contribute to community

Pur: what does Bd. Do well/poorly

Rey: not good direction in past-BOC did not give specific direction in past – with BOB-more direction is given- More direction/function should be specified by BOC – represents a cross section of community.

Pur: what sets you apart?

Rey: not knowing who they are – training in Ec. Dev. Been on various committees statewide on ec. Development – bring experience in ec dev. , understand theory and mechanics of ec dev.

ABC Board

Lois Winstead:

Yar: do you know what they do

Win: keep revenue, report taxes to NCDHR, 70% to county; 30% to city

Pur: why serve

Win: committed to public service, somewhere new to serve; familiar with county; worked with administrative and budget matters; 2 fire stations established; combined two departments; centralized service for public works; Long Ave. extension; Likes to be involved with things that are of benefit to community. Would be willing to serve on other board.

Mike Laws:

Would like to continue to serve. Working with Bennie Bradsher & Bobby Brooks most rewarding.

Yar: do better

Laws: no – on tract – improved appearance of both ABC stores. Inventory is computerized. Paid \$50/month- contributes staff for being 13th in state for profits vs sales. Proud of best board in state with 2 stores.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Jeff Noblett:

When came on board there was dissention – contributes difference to BOC – in new building – changed peoples perspective. In last 2 years with new bldg and new director – Health department just completed accreditation process –

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Cleve Wagstaff:

Reapplying because of building projects that are coming up. Will be able to offer experience to the Board. Proud to serve. Have served 4 years. Board does well/poorly?

Dr. Owen, Wm. Barnes keeps board informed. Never served on board that serves so efficiently. Could always share message of college.

PERSON-CASWELL LAKE AUTHORITY:

Bill Dallas:

Reapplying for position: served one year for unexpired and one 3 year term. Lived on lake for 30 years. Lake authority board realizes what an asset lake is to the two counties. Balances growth at lake and boating safety with guidance of Progress Energy. Have published meeting schedules in paper, prepare quarterly newsletter. In discussion phase of a website.

PurY; what have you contributed.

Dallas: a business mind – park itself generates income

Yar: direction of authority going?

Dallas: lake will grow and keep a balance for economic growth.

No problem with Progress Energy in past and none projected for future. Balance residence and commercial.

Pur: what does bd. Do well/poorly

Dallas: well – run operation of park – park is looked at closely as to how funds are managed. Poorly-public awareness of meetings. Park ranger turnover is low.

Ernie Wood:

Would like to see BOC 7:48 – foresees some conflicts in future. Lake is good resource to county. Good tax base. Progress Energy will open more land for development and there may be some conflict between PB and Lake Authority.

Does not have enough information to form opinion on whether they do well / poorly. Relax development regulation/ see more B-1 development around lake.

Can contribute planning knowledge (7-8 years) dealt with surveying, engineering and regulations.

7:56: appointments

Adjourn: 8:00 Y/B

