Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## Watauga County Capital Improvement Plan



**Board of Commissioners** 

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### WATAUGA COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

### FY 2025-2026

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Dear Commissioners:

The Capital Improvement Plan has been completed with the review of capital projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The current CIP recommendation is a result of an in-depth review of proposals submitted by each department head, outside agencies, and input provided by the Commissioners at their annual retreat in February. The current funding recommendation for the Capital Improvement Plan acknowledges the current economic outlook and direction provided by the Commissioners at their annual retreat in February. Staff based the plan on a detailed and systematic analysis of proposals submitted by each department and outside agencies. The County received requests totaling \$33,039,704 for the current year and \$103,903,342 for the five (5) additional years, for a total of \$136,943,046. Three tables are provided for review. The first shows the adopted Capital Improvement Plan for the current Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The second shows requests submitted by staff and outside agencies. The third table shows recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Copies of the capital projects balance summary and debt service schedule are included. In addition, the CIP request forms for all recommended and non-recommended projects are also attached.

The principal expenditure reflected in the CIP budget is funding for the School System. The total amount of funding for school needs is \$300,000 state lottery allocation, \$950,000 current capital, and \$5,179,550 for long-term capital. The new Valle Crucis Elementary School is scheduled to be completed by July 2025. The new Emergency Services Center is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2026. Staff continues to work on the completion of the new and upgraded communication system.

The CIP will be reviewed during the budget work sessions and may change at the direction of the Board, or the Manager may recommend changes as the regular operating budget is proposed. Should you have any questions or require more information, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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GENERAL FUND	Planning Year 2024-2025	Planning Year 2025-2026	Planning Year 2026-2027	Planning Year 2027-2028	Planning Year 2028-2029	Planning Year 2029-2030	TOTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Voting Machines	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PUBLIC BUILDINGS							
Facilities Maintenance/Renovations	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$3,000,000
Future County Facilities	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$7,200,000
Flood Mitiigation	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$135,000
PUBLIC SAFETY							
LEC Future Expansion	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$600,000
Emergency Services and Communications	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,000,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$12,700,000
ECONOMIC/PHYSICAL DEVELOPMI	ENT						
Commerce Park	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
Water and Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Work Force Housing	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL							
Community Facilities	\$30,336	\$30,336	\$30,336	\$30,336	\$30,336	\$30,336	\$182,016
Future Facilities/Park Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facility Renovations and Upgrades	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
EDUCATION							
CCC&TI Campus Expansion	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
WC Schools - Future Needs	\$5,598,300	\$5,679,550	\$5,760,800	\$5,842,050	\$5,928,300	\$6,000,000	\$34,809,000
TOTALS	\$11,851,136	\$11,932,386	\$11,813,636	\$7,994,886	\$8,081,136	\$8,152,836	\$59,826,016

GENERAL FUND	Planning Year 2025-2026	Planning Year 2026-2027	Planning Year 2027-2028	Planning Year 2028-2029	Planning Year 2029-2030	Planning Year 2030-2031	TOTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Voting Machines	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS							
Facilities Maintenance	\$65,811	\$83,000	\$99,500	\$89,071	\$257,000	\$133,000	\$727,382
Facilities Renovations	\$862,500	\$882,500	\$847,500	\$842,500	\$842,500	\$41,153,500	\$45,431,000
Future County Facilities	\$3,272,228	\$3,272,228	\$3,066,666	\$3,066,666	\$3,066,666	\$3,066,670	\$18,811,124
Flood Mitigation	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$135,000
PUBLIC SAFETY							
LEC Future Expansion	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$828,000
Emergency Services & Communications	\$7,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,900,000
ECONOMIC/PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT							
Economic Development	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$600,000
CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL							
Community Facilities	\$14,405,500	\$518,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$393,875	\$16,697,375
Future Facilities/Park Development	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
Facility Renovations and Upgrades	\$290,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$290,950
EDUCATION							
CCC&TI Campus Expansion	\$209,215	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,209,215
WC Schools - Future Needs	\$5,323,000	\$7,873,000	\$7,873,000	\$1,048,000	\$873,000	\$1,623,000	\$24,613,000
TOTALS	\$33,039,704	\$12,939,228	\$32,657,166	\$5,816,737	\$5,809,666	\$46,680,545	\$136,943,046

GENERAL FUND	Planning Year 2024-2025	Planning Year 2025-2026	Planning Year 2026-2027	Planning Year 2027-2028	Planning Year 2028-2029	Planning Year 2029-2030	TOTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Voting Machines	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS							
Facilities Maintenance/Renovations	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$3,000,000
Future County Facilities	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$7,200,000
Flood Mitiigation	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$135,000
PUBLIC SAFETY							
LEC Future Expansion	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$600,000
Emergency Services and Communications	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$4,000,000
ECONOMIC/PHYSICAL DEVELOPM	ENT						
Economic Development	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL							
Community Facilities	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
Future Facilities/Park Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facility Renovations and Upgrades	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$600,000
EDUCATION							
CCC&TI Campus Expansion	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
WC Schools - Future Needs	\$5,179,550	\$5,679,550	\$5,760,800	\$5,842,050	\$5,928,300	\$6,000,000	\$34,390,250
TOTALS	\$9,052,050	\$9,602,050	\$7,983,300	\$8,064,550	\$8,150,800	\$8,222,500	\$51,075,250

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY

Project Description	6/30/2024	2024-25	Budget A	mendments	6/30/2025
	Balance	Budget	In	Out	Balance
Caldwell Community College	\$ 267,462	\$ 50,000	\$-	\$-	\$ 317,462
Information Technology Needs	482,587	-	-	-	482,587
East Annex Renovations	361,391	-	-	-	361,391
Eastern Community Center	57,919	-	-	-	57,919
Emergency Communications	1,876,464	4,200,000	6,575,583	(2,800,000)	9,852,047
Facilities Maintenance	341,059	500,000	-	(269,680)	571,379
Future County Parking Deck	3,128,844	-	-	-	3,128,844
Future County Buildings	15,957,005	1,200,000	-	(12,337,307)	4,819,698
EDC	323,857	40,000	-	-	363,857
LEC Future Expansion	207,772	100,000	-	(50,259)	257,513
Future Processing Plant	519,429	-	-	-	519,429
Potential Flood Mitigation	46,749	22,500	-	-	69,249
Library Expansion	51,943	30,336	-	-	82,279
Workforce Housing	-	50,000	-	-	50,000
Recreation-Facilities/Maintenance	1,773,756	50,000	-	-	1,823,756
Watauga Co. Schools-Long Term Needs	9,020,853	5,098,300	-	(1,800,000)	12,319,153
Watauga Co. Schools-CIP	-	500,000	-	-	500,000
Totals:	\$ 34,417,090	\$ 11,841,136	\$ 6,575,583	\$ (17,257,246)	\$ 35,576,563

Project Description			Actual Addition	IS	
	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Caldwell Community College	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
EDC	83,463	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Processing Plant	-	-	500,000	-	-
East Annex Renovations	200,000	-	-	-	-
Emergency Communications	500,000	1,000,000	550,000	1,800,071	1,300,000
Facilities Maintenance	1,123,817	1,500,000	785,783	500,000	500,000
LEC Future Expansion	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Future County Buildings	-	2,900,000	2,424,583	3,700,000	9,540,715
Potential Flood Mitigation	-	-	-	22,500	22,500
Future County Parking Deck	-	-	5,400,000	2,500,000	-
Library Expansion	-	-	-	-	50,000
Recreation-Facilities/Maintenance	274,655	50,000	750,000	50,000	50,000
Workforce housing	-	-	-	-	50,000
Watauga Co. Schools-Long Term Needs	1,500,000	574,808	3,000,000	5,500,000	5,017,050
Future Valle Crucis School	2,700,000	-	7,545,000	2,700,000	-
Watauga Co. Schools-CIP	704,165	-	580,507	500,000	779,765
Totals:	\$ 7,136,100	\$ 6,174,808	\$ 21,635,873	\$ 17,472,571	\$ 17,510,030

#### Debt Service Summary

Fiscal Year	2012 High School Debt (Refunded and Unrefunded)	VC SCHOOL	2018 Recreation Center	Total General Fund Debt Service
	LOBs	LOBS	LOBs	
2025-26 (P)	3,600,000	1,625,000	1,320,000	6,545,000
2023-20 (F) (I)	278,415	1,395,450	464,150	2,138,015
Total	3,878,415	3,020,450	1,784,150	8,683,015
2026 27 (D)	2 555 000	1 625 000	1 220 000	6 500 000
2026-27 (P)	3,555,000 187,335	1,625,000 1,314,200	1,320,000 398,150	6,500,000 1,899,685
(I) Total	3,742,335	2,939,200	1,718,150	8,399,685
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2027-28 (P)	3,515,000	1,625,000	1,325,000	6,465,000
(1)	94,905	1,232,950	332,150	1,660,005
Total	3,609,905	2,857,950	1,657,150	8,125,005
2028-29 (P)		1,620,000	1,320,000	2,940,000
(1)		1,151,700	292,400	1,444,100
Total		2,771,700	1,612,400	4,384,100
2029-30 (P)		1,625,000	1,320,000	2,945,000
(I) Total		1,070,700	226,400	1,297,100
Iotal		2,695,700	1,546,400	4,242,100
2030-31 (P)		1,620,000	1,320,000	2,940,000
(1)		989,450	160,400	1,149,850
Total		2,609,450	1,480,400	4,089,850
2031-32 (P)		1,620,000	1,320,000	2,940,000
(I) Total		908,450 2,528,450	94,400 <b>1,414,400</b>	1,002,850 3,942,850
Total		2,520,450	1,414,400	5,942,050
2032-33 (P)		1,620,000	1,320,000	2,940,000
(I)		827,450	48,200	875,650
Total		2,447,450	1,368,200	3,815,650
2033-34 (P)		1,625,000		1,625,000
(I) Total	_	746,450 2,371,450		746,450 <b>2,371,450</b>
Total		2,371,430		2,571,450
2034-35 (P)		1,625,000		1,625,000
(1)		665,200		665,200
Total		2,290,200	-	2,290,200
2035-36 (P)		1,625,000		1,625,000
(I)		583,950		583,950
Total		2,208,950		2,208,950
2036-37 (P)		1,625,000		1,625,000
(1)		502,700	<u>.</u> .	502,700
Total		2,127,700		2,127,700
2037-38 (P)		1,625,000		1,625,000
(1)		421,450		421,450
Total		2,046,450		2,046,450
2038-39 (P)		1,620,000		1,620,000
(I) Tatal		340,200	-	340,200
Total		1,960,200		1,960,200
2039-40 (P)		1,620,000		1,620,000
(1)		255,150	_	255,150
Total		1,875,150		1,875,150
2040-41 (P)		1,620,000		1,620,000
(I) Total		170,100 <b>1,790,100</b>	-	<u>170,100</u> <b>1,790,100</b>
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2041-42 (P)		1,620,000		1,620,000
(1)		85,050	_	85,050
Total		1,705,050		1,705,050
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incipal	\$7,070,000	\$25,960,000	\$9,245,000	\$42,275,000

### **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

#### General Instructions

**PURPOSE OF A CIP:** A Capital Improvement Program allows the County to carefully plan for major capital expenditures in the most effective and efficient manner. As a planning tool, it represents an attempt to prioritize needed projects and develop detailed schedules for funding and implementation over a multi-year period. The benefits of a CIP include the avoidance of poorly timed projects (usually more costly as well) and allows a more even distribution of the costs of the capital projects over time. Such projects tend to involve large sums of money, often beyond the funding capability of the organization in any one year. From a borrowing standpoint, organizations employing a CIP can represent better financial stability and ensure some continuity when decision makers change (for whatever reason).

**DEFINING A CIP PROJECT:** The CIP will not detail each and every capital expenditure. It will include only non-recurring capital items with a life expectancy of greater than 5 years in the following categories:

- All Debt-funded Projects
- Building Construction Projects Greater than \$50,000
- Building Renovation Projects Greater than \$50,000
- Purchase of Equipment (non-vehicles) Subject to Formal Bid Requirements (currently \$30,000)
- Purchase of Vehicles in Excess of \$50,000 Per Vehicle
- Acquisition of Land or Building(s)
- Other Improvement Projects Greater than \$50,000 that Enhance the Value or Safety of a Structure or Property
- Major Studies/Projects in Excess of \$50,000

**RELATIONSHIP TO ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET:** Each County department and outside agency must evaluate their capital needs over a six fiscal year period, the first coinciding with the annual operating budget. This will also involve projecting associated operating costs over the time. The annual operating budget will reflect funding for CIP projects in two ways. First, approved future projects will receive earmarked funds in a capital reserve fund. Second, CIP projects for implementation during the fiscal year budget will receive funds in the appropriate departmental line item(s).

**CIP PROCESS:** As part of the regular budget process, the County Manager will distribute instructions and forms for the CIP to each department head and outside agency. They submit a CIP Request Form for <u>each</u> CIP project to the County Manager; each form includes the total project cost and the implementation year. The Manager will develop a recommended CIP budget and present it to the Board in April, before presenting the Manager's recommended operating budget. The Manager will present a summary of recommended projects over the six-year life of the budget and a message detailing his/her recommendation. It will also include a

summary of all requested projects with the CIP Request Forms as an appendix. As with the regular operating budget, the Board of Commissioners must adopt the CIP as part of the budget ordinance. Each year the County will review the CIP to determine its viability under current circumstances. A project approved in the CIP does not require a CIP Request Form each year unless the request needs updating as to cost, schedule, etc. However, the Board can remove an approved project from the CIP so initial approval does not guarantee implementation. The CIP represents a planning document that requires updating to ensure it matches current situations, parameters, needs, etc. In short, the CIP tries to predict needs but we must remain flexible in its use and implementation.

**FUNDING PRIORITIES:** General guidelines for prioritizing the CIP include (in no particular order):

- Projects mandated by law, regulations or formal board policy
- Projects currently funded or that have specific funding sources available
- Projects whose exclusion diminishes the effectiveness of another project
- Projects essential to the implementation of programs previously adopted by the Board
- Projects that financially support themselves
- Projects that result in more economical, efficient or effective delivery of county services
- Projects that would increase the county's tax base in a way that benefits existing and new citizens

**MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS:** You must use the prescribed (and provided) CIP Request Form. Each year department heads and outside agencies will receive the current CIP with the application packet. Please base all cost figures on current dollars. Do not include increases for inflation but include 5% contingency for construction/renovation projects. Building construction/renovation projects should include applicable and reasonable architectural/engineering (and other necessary) fees.

Project Title: VOTING MACHIN	NESRequestir	ng Departme	nt or Agency:	BOARD OF	ELECTIONS				
Fund: <u>GENERAL</u> Project Description:	Mail; Provisional; and 31 Ballot Scanner and 28 ADA Compliant Bal	eplace old voting equipment for all Election Day precincts and Administrative precincts (Early Voting; Absentee by ail; Provisional; and Transfer), and spare backups. I Ballot Scanner and Tabulator machines ADA Compliant Ballot Marking Devices o include all necessary support devices – ballot bins, secure thumb drives, computer, shipping, on-site aplementation, etc.)							
Project Justification:	Equipment was purch	ased in 2006	and has pas	sed its 10 yea	r life expectan	су			
Manager's Priority Ranking: _ Adjusted Ranking: _									
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total	
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)		\$400,000						\$400,000	
	Totals:								
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) GENERAL		\$400,000						\$400,000	
	Totals:								
Annual Operating Budgetary I (list expected annual operati	ng costs and effects)		\$31,751	\$31,751	\$31,751	\$31,751	\$31,751	\$158,755	
		Net Annual C	Operating Effe	ect:					

Project Title: <u>Facilities Maintenance (Asphalt, HVAC, and Roofs)</u> Requesting Department or Agency: <u>Maintenance</u>									
Fund:									
Project Description:	HVAC replacements	, paving, seal	ing, striping a	nd roof projec	ts				
Project Justification:	Replace aging HVAC	cunits, replac	ce poor perfor	ming roofs an	d pave, seal d	or stripe parkir	ng lots.		
Manager's Priority Ranking:									
		Budget	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning		
		Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Total	
		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31		
Project Cost Elements:									
(list expenditure categories)		\$65,811	\$83,000	\$99,500	\$89,071	\$257,000	\$133,000	\$727,382	
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Revenue Sources:									
(list expenditure categories)		\$65,811	\$83,000	\$99,500	\$89,071	\$257,000	\$133,000	\$727,382	
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		Not Annual (	Operating Effe	ct: None					
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			MAJOR	PROJECTS LIST	Ī								
			(Asphalt, H	IVAC and Roo	fs)								
		HVAC											
Building	Date Installed	<u>Component</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		<u>28-29</u>	<u>29-30</u>	<u>30-31</u>	<u>31-32</u>	<u>32-33</u>	<u>33-34</u>	<u>34-35</u>
Courthouse	2022 (SS metal)	No	\$ 3,000		\$ 40,000	\$	3,000			\$ 3,000			\$ 40,000
East Annex	2019 (SS metal)	Yes	\$ 1,000		\$ 12,000					\$ 1,000			\$ 12,000
Admin. (warranty)	2020 (SS metal)	No	\$ 1,200	\$ 63,000	\$ 7,500					\$ 1,200			\$ 7,500
Health Dept.	2001 (SS metal)	No	\$ 8,564			\$	8,564	\$ 3,000		\$ 8,564			
Anderson	2016 (SS metal)	No				\$	1,568		\$ 21,000	\$ 1,568			
Library	2006 (SS metal)	No	\$ 5,670			\$	5,670		\$ 25,000	\$ 5,670		\$ 200,000	
Records Storage	2015 Asp Shingle	No											
WWCC	2008 (SS metal)	No	\$ 4,350			\$	4,350			\$ 4,350			
West Annex	2018 (SS metal)	No	\$ 5,000		\$ 40,000	\$	5 <i>,</i> 000		\$ 12,000		\$ 74,000		\$ 40,000
Human Services	2023 PVC	Yes	\$ 18,058					\$ 200,000		\$ 18,058			
App. Enterprises	2023 PVC	Yes											
LEC Kitchen	2004 Asp Shingle	No		\$ 20,000									
LEC	2023 (SS metal)	Yes	\$    7,333			\$	7,333			\$ 7,333		\$ 200,000	
Old CC Gym (metal)	2009 SS metal	No						\$ 8,000					
Old CC Gym (flat)	2023 EPDM	No											
Howard's Knob Park	Ag Metal					\$	3,000			\$ 3,000			
Brookshire Park	Asp Shingle	No				\$	6,950						
TMSC	Asp Shingle	No	\$ 8,000			\$	8,000			\$ 8,000			
								\$ 15,000					
								\$ 25,000					
Water Street Lot			\$ 1,536			\$	1,536			\$ 1,536			
Ginn Lot													
Wat. River Access			\$ 2,100			\$	2,100			\$ 2,100			
Rocky Knob						\$	12,000			\$ 12,000			
Recreation Center	2020 (SS metal)					\$	20,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 150,000		
	annual total:		\$ 65,811	\$ 83,000	\$ 99,500	\$	89,071	\$ 257,000	\$ 133,000	\$ 97,379	\$ 224,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 99,500
Asphalt													
HVAC													
Roofs													

Project Title: <u>East Annex Rei</u>		Requesting D	epartment or	Agency:				
Fund:								
Project Description:	<u>Update finishes and ad</u> 10% = \$63,000.					5,300 sf x \$100		00; Design
Project Justification:	Need to replace old co	eilings and ca	arpet. Existing	g restrooms a	re not easily a	accessed by h	andicapped ir	ndividuals.
Manager's Priority Ranking: _ Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements:								
(list expenditure categories) Design & construction		\$115,500	\$115,500	\$115,500	\$115,500	\$115,500	\$115,500	\$693,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operat	Impact:							
		Net Annual (	Operating Effe	ect:				

### Project Title: <u>Renovation & Improvement of West Annex Building & Conference Center</u> Requesting Department or Agency: <u>Cooperative</u> <u>Extension & Watauga County Maintenance</u>

Fund:	Other Improvement Project	ts Greater than \$50,000 tha	t Enhance the Value or Safety o	of a Structure or Property	
Project Description:	downstairs needs update		ultural Services Center upstai uding: 1) interior and exterior p provements		
Project Justification:	eroded/rusted in several 30 years old). With heav	areas. Existing kitchen no y use from Extension and	eas are old and in need of up eeds upgrading for functionalit other groups using the confe ole, the functionality of the kitc	y (appliances/fixtures are rearence center for educational	aching
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:					
	Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28		Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories) Totals:	Flooring/sealant in downstairs/food hub area & offices: \$10,000 Hardscape improvements in exterior/border areas of the Ag Services Center \$10,000	Conference Center Kitchen renovation: (Replace stove/oven w/more capacity & vent to outside; replace & add sink/plumbing & fixtures; replace refrigerator, dishwasher & cabinet/counter upgrade) \$40,000	Conference Center Upgrades: Additional conference tables to replace and expand capacity; integrated speakers/podium for programming/publicevents \$5,000	4	\$65,000
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)	General fund	General Fund	General Fund		
Totals:					13

Annual Operating Budgetary Impact: (list expected annual operating costs and effects)

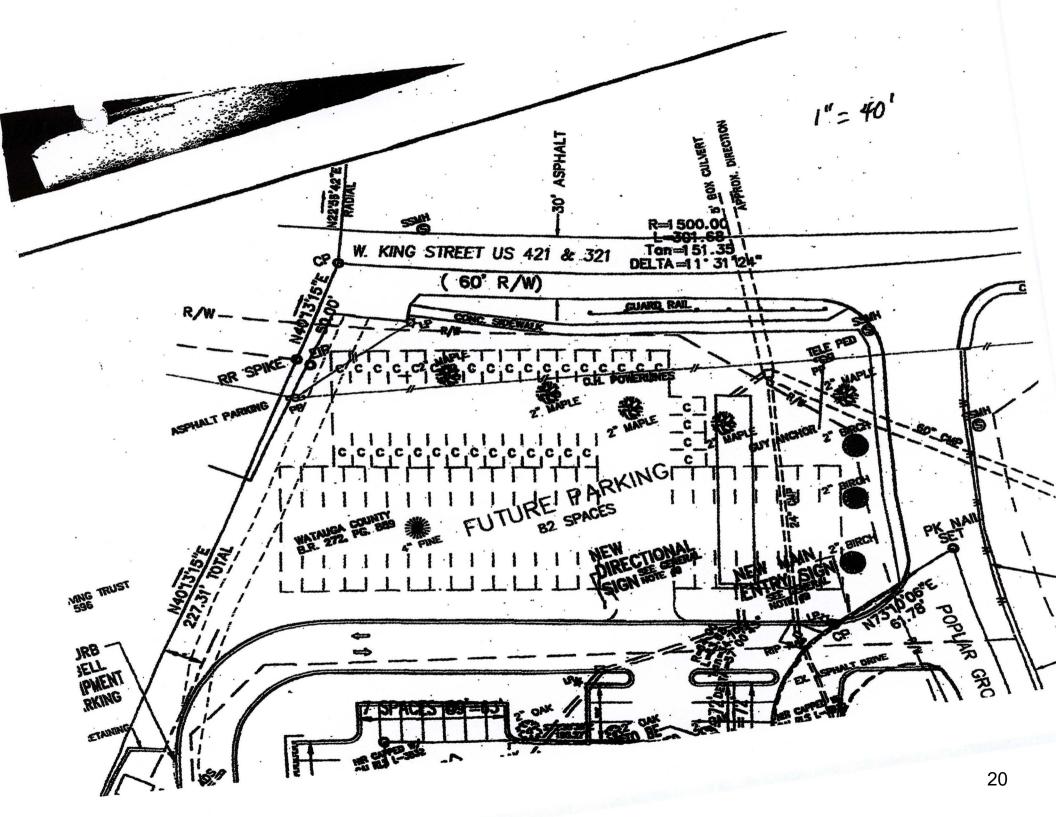
Project Title: Courthouse Exterior Renovations				Requesting Department or Agency: <u>Maintenance</u>				
Fund:								
Project Description:	Update exterior finish	ies						
Project Justification:	Improve the appeara	nce of the bu	ilding and also	o extend the li	ife of the build	ling		
Manager and Deignite Development								
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	
		Year 2025-26	Year 2026-27	Year 2027-28	Year 2028-29	Year 2029-30	Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements:		2023-20	2020-21	2021-20	2020-23	2023-30	2000-01	
(list expenditure categories)								
		\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$1,242,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources:	10(0)3.							
(list expenditure categories)								
		\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$207,000	\$1,242,000
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary In (list expected annual operating	mpact:							
	•							
		Net Annual (	Operating Effe	ct: None				

Project Title: <u>Option 1 Future Renovation to 1966 Courthouse</u> Requesting Department or Agency:								
Fund:								
Project Description:	Renovate middle floor increase office space f Replace old furniture a \$231,000; FFE \$440,0	or court-relat	ed agencies. upment. Build	Renovate ex	isting bathroo	ms and interi	or finishes on	middle floor.
Project Justification:	Court facilities are ina	dequate. CC	OC has reques	sted more cou	irtroom and of	fice space.		
Manager's Priority Ranking: _ Adjusted Ranking: _								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)		\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$1,881,000	\$2,981,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operation	Impact:							
		Net Annual (	Operating Effe	ect.				

Project Title: <u>Option 2 Courthouse Land Acquisition for future building</u> Requesting Department or Agency: <u>Maintenance</u>								
Fund:								
Project Description:	Purchase land in ant 2040. Land & Site Ir FFE \$2,500,000 Tota	nprovements	; \$9,000,000;	Building 60,0				
Project Justification:								
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:			_					
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories) Option 1		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$38,950,000	\$40,450,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) General Fund		\$						\$
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operation of the second								
		Net Annual C	Operating Effe	ct: None				

Project Title: <u>New County Office Building</u>				Rec	Requesting Department or Agency: <u>Administration</u>			
Fund:								
Project Description:	Construct 40,000sf Department in 2005.	office building Cost 40,000	for County ages for the second s	gencies. This \$16,000,000;	site was prep Design \$2,40	bared during tl 0,000 = \$18,4	he constructio 100,000.	n of the Health
Project Justification:	Provide offices for C Annex buildings.	County agenci	es so that spa	ace can be rea	allocated to co	ourt agencies	in the Courtho	buse and
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)		\$3,066,666	\$3,066,666	\$3,066,666	\$3,066,666	\$3,066,666	\$3,066,670	\$18,400,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) General Fund								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operati effects) Maintenance utilities \$114,00 Two maintenance positions \$	ing costs and 0							\$184,412
	,	Net Annual	Operating Effe	ect:				

Project Title: Human Service	s Center Parking Lot		Requesting D	epartment or	Agency:	Maintenance		
Fund:								
Project Description:	<u>Construct a parking lo</u> \$37,375; Construction		) in the front o	f the Human	Services Cer	nter adjacent t	o King Street.	Design
Project Justification:	Additional parking will	be needed for	or the future C	County Office	Building.			
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements:								
(list expenditure categories) Option 1		\$205,562	\$205,562					\$411,124
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) General Fund		Ф <i>4</i> 44 405						¢444 405
General Fund		\$411,125						\$411,125
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operati								
		Net Annual (	Operating Effe	ect: None				



Project Title: Flood Mitigation			Requ	esting Depart	ment or Ager	ncy: <u>Administr</u>	ation	
Fund:								
Project Description:	County previous determined to b						coverage, self	-funding was
Project Justification:	Reduced cost to	o the County						
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories) Option 1		\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$135,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) General Fund								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary Imp (list expected annual operating effects)								
		Net Annual O	perating Effect	t:				

Project Title: Future Renova	Requesting Department or Agency: <u>Maintenance</u>							
Fund:								
Project Description:	Renovations TBD to ir	icrease capa	city or efficien	cy of the LEC	operations			
Project Justification:	Upgrade facility to me	et the needs	of the WCSO					
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories) Option 1	)	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$828,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) General Fund	)	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$828,000
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operation)								
		Net Annual C	Operating Effe	ct: None				

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Project Title: Radio Infrastruct	tructure Requesting Department or Agency: Emergency Services									
Fund: <b>General</b>										
Project Description:	structural analyses of e hardware bringing Wata upgradeability, and ulti	The project entails the complete overhaul of the antiquated public safety radio system. The scope of work includes structural analyses of existing radio towers, construction of new towers, and the design and installation of radio hardware bringing Watauga County radio infrastructure in line with current industry standards with expandability, upgradeability, and ultimately the flexibility to face tomorrow's challenges. The major improvements this year are detailed in the accompanying update memo.								
Project Justification:	design shortcomings, t or broken communicati of risk to our personnel	The current system was never fully designed and completed to address the current system usage. Beyond the initial design shortcomings, that patchwork system is now decades old and obsolete. There are daily occurrences of misse or broken communications along with significant radio dead zones in the County that result in an unacceptable level of risk to our personnel. The recommended system also addresses the growing issue of expandability in the system juxtaposed with the ever-reducing availability of frequencies due to FCC mandated narrowbanding.								
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:										
		Budget Year <b>FY 2025-26</b>	Planning Year <b>FY 2026-27</b>	Planning Year <b>FY 2027-28</b>	Planning Year <b>FY 2028-29</b>	Planning Year <b>FY 2029-30</b>	Planning Year <b>FY 2030-31</b>	Total		
Project Cost Elements: (list ex	kpenditure categories)									
Tower Construction	Totolo	\$7,900,000						\$7,900,000		
Revenue Sources: (list expen	Totals: diture categories) Totals:									
Annual Operating Budgetary								15000		

(list expected annual operating costs and effects)

Net Annual Operating Effect:



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### Radio Infrastructure Update FY26

While the public safety radio infrastructure has been a long-term project, it is with pleasure that we are able to report significant progress over the past year. This summary will provide the current status of the overall project and plans moving forward. For clarification, VIPER stands for Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders and is the North Carolina Statewide 700/800Mhz public safety radio network. Engineered Towered Solutions (ETS) is the state contractor for tower construction and provided the additional updates under the ETS section of each site.

As this project has been ongoing in some form since well before my time with the County, I feel it prudent to share some highlights of the history of this project. This document does not intend to serve as a comprehensive review and as such I will be happy to provide answers to specific questions at the budget retreat.

#### Pre-September 2018

- Jeff Virginia and Dr. Marvin Hoffman worked on a plan to simulcast a 5-channel 5-site VHF system in the County incorporating both current and new sites.
  - o No formal real estate conversations were had regarding site selection or availability
  - No formal engagement of the FCC had occurred to determine if this was even possible

September 2018 – March 2020

- Reviewed current progress and began conducting proof of concept of the study presented by Dr. Hoffman
- During the time a transition was made from using Dr. Hoffman as a consultant to a subject matter expert on tower and system construction, 10-18 Consulting
- It was realized unfortunately during proof of concept that the solution presented in the study wasn't going to work for the following reasons:
  - The coverage maps were not representative of geography and its challenges
  - VHF spectrum availability showed no feasibility in getting the frequency pairs necessary to license such a system
  - The real estate acquisition process was extremely difficult in that the site had to have the right characteristics and a willing landowner

March 2020 – July 2021

- March 2020 marked a significant change in the project as we had to reevaluate the total scope of the project, expected outcomes, and realistic budget estimates
- The COVID-19 project ceased the majority of progress for well over a year as regulatory processes all but stopped along with private sector impacts



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- We did get the first ever inspections and mapping of the towers at Rich Mtn and the Comm Center done and remediated concerns as a result of that inspection
- Staff focus also was divided as we supported pandemic response including PPE acquisition, site support, and in Winter 2020 vaccination site operations

#### July 2021 – Present

- Transitioned concept of operations to Primary VIPER with a VHF outbound paging system. This will require 6 sites, 2 of which are existing sites
- Site evaluation and acquisition took extensive time with several sites in the Foscoe and Meat Camp areas all being evaluated and denied for various reasons.
- 6 sites for the system with only one site currently not fully secured but well into the process with a favorable outcome expected based on information currently available. A deeper description on the current status of the sites and system is below.
  - o Rich Mountain
  - o Buckeye
  - o Sampson
  - o Powderhorn
  - o Transfer Station
  - Hawks Nest (under negotiation)
- The Simulcast system hardware and the site buildings were purchased in Fall/Winter 2024
- A kick-off meeting with project managers was held January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss next steps in the process

#### System-wide Status

- Meetings have progressed very well with a close symbiotic partnership moving forward as the VIPER team has agreed to take over maintenance and operations of a huge portion of the system once constructed saving several thousand dollars a year in maintenance and contract cost
- The system will have 12 channels (22 talk paths with TDMA enabled) which includes all current capacity and room for continued growth
- The microwave path studies have been completed after a delay due to the NC General Assembly changing the vendors for the microwaves used by VIPER
- Tower Procurement documents and final Construction drawings can now be completed as the microwave paths have been confirmed with the equipment locations
- Civil work will now begin with site walks as soon as the weather allows to outline next steps once the CDs are completed
- VHF equipment that will be remaining in service for paging purposes has been replaced with new equipment
- Consoles and consolettes have been upgraded to accept the system changes



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- The Fire Commission's Communications sub-committee met regularly to discuss what a final operations picture looks like, working to restart those conversations
- Testing of a better VHF paging outbound-only paging option is being tested this year, was delayed by equipment needs and Helene.
- Review of a back-up VHF system utilizing existing licenses is ongoing. The system will have the same limitations of the current VHF system but will be a valuable backup if the primary has a failure

#### Communications Center (VHF/VIPER)

- The communications center's radios have been upgraded to include the rack-mounted radios and portables used as our required back-up
- The console replacement is complete
- The integration of our consoles with VIPER in addition to going on the State's ESINet for 911 phones allows for a fully remote and redundant option for our communications center operations
- The new 911 center will have dual connectivity to the simulcast system both through a microwave path and a fiber connection to the core in Newton.

#### Buckeye Knob (VHF/VIPER)

- ETS has been engaged to do the tower study requirements for the addition of two antennas and a microwave dish. This was delayed by the microwave study delay and Helene but is not back in progress. This will determine any potential tower upgrade requirements

#### Rich Mountain (VHF/VIPER)

- The tower is being redesigned to accommodate NC SHP moving to our site
  - This "drop and swap" will be on a 199' tower allowing for further propagation, and most importantly more real estate on the tower for microwave dishes to integrate the system with the Statewide network infrastructure
- Remediation for NEPA requirements was accomplished by the NC Forest Service at no cost to the County
- The current tenets will remain on the current tower which is not being taken down which include UNC Health-Appalachian, the Watauga County HAM club, and the Watauga County Schools system.

#### ETS Update:

- Site Visit, Survey, Zoning Drawings, FAA Filing, NEPA, Geotech, FCC Filing and path study completed by ETS
- Construction drawings pending Motorola design loading to proceed



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#### Sampson (VIPER)

- This site went live in late Spring 2022 with significant coverage improvements in the southern area of Watauga County, specifically the Aho community, Blue Ridge Mountain Club, Sampson, and other areas along that corridor
- Additions to this site will be a revised microwave path to increase redundancy and include the system in the simulcast network directly
- Additional channels will be added in accordance with VIPER specifications

#### ETS Update:

- L&A Mapping and path study completed by ETS
- Tower Analysis pending Motorola design loading to proceed.

#### Powderhorn Mountain (VIPER)

- This site was donated by the Powderhorn POA to Stewart Simmons Fire Department for the purpose of constructing a tower
- Construction approval was delayed by the FCC (staffing issues, no biologist)
- This site is dependent upon the Transfer Station being completed for simulcast operations but there is also a possibility of a microwave path to the Sampson site, this is being evaluated closer by VIPER as they need to determine final tree height in the area of the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- This site has a revenue potential through leasing space to a cell phone provider. This possibility
  will be further explored as construction continues and the fiber line is installed by Blue
  Ridge/SkyLine

#### ETS Update:

- Site Visit, Survey, Zoning Drawings, FAA Filing, NEPA, Environmental Assessment, FCC Filing and path study completed by ETS
- Construction drawings pending Motorola design loading to proceed.

#### Transfer Station (VIPER)

- This site is being evaluated as the microwave hub for a simulcasted system and coverage for Meat Camp/Southern Boone/Deep Gap
- This site would be constructed at the top of the bike park, neighboring with existing towers
- Access to the site is via Hidden Pond Rd via a negotiated easement which is still being finalized

#### ETS Update:

- Site Visit, Survey, Zoning Drawings, FAA Filing, NEPA, FCC Filing and path study completed by ETS
- Construction drawings pending Motorola design loading to proceed.



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#### Hawks Nest (VIPER)

- This site has moved to a new location based on real estate needs and is being reviewed by engineers
- Lease on hold pending funding agreement

#### ETS Update:

- Site Visit, Lease Exhibit, Survey, Zoning Drawings, FAA Filing, NEPA, Geotech, FCC Filing and path study completed by ETS
- Construction drawings pending Motorola design loading to proceed.

As an example of a finished site, this is the Sampson Site:



### Watauga County

Capital Improvement Plan FY 2026

Project Title: <u>Economic Development set aside</u> Requesting Department or Agency: <u>BACC/Economic Development</u>

#### Fund: Economic/Physical Development

Project Description: Annual allocation to Economic Development Capital Reserve Account to be subsequently invested at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners upon recommendations/requests by Watauga Economic Development Commission. Potential projects include, but not exclusively, development of work force housing, purchase and development of industrial land/buildings, development of early childhood education facilities, et al.

Project Justification: The top 3 priorities of the WEDC are housing, child care, and workforce development. These are well documented national issues not exclusive to Watauga County, but magnified here because high costs of real estate and construction coupled with relatively low income levels and the exodus of young people upon completion of education. There are shortages of housing of all types except the most expensive homes, early childhood and after school child care facilities, slots, and teachers, and skilled work force in the trade and service sectors. Existing local employers often have difficulty filling positions or expanding due to those factors, and attracting new businesses is problematic for the same reasons.

Manager's Priority Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ Adjusted Ranking:

Budget Planning Planning Planning Planning Planning Year Year Year Year Year Year Total 2027-28 2025-26 2026-27 2028-29 2029-30 2030-31 Project Cost Elements: **Capital Reserve set aside** \$100,000 \$100,000 \$600,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 Totals: **Revenue Sources: General Fund allocation (potentially** supplemented by grants as available) Totals: Annual Operating Budgetary Impact: (list expected annual operating costs and effects)

Net Annual Operating Effect:



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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque FROM: Joe Furman SUBJECT: Appalachian Enterprise Center DATE: January 30, 2025

You and I briefly discussed technology and furniture upgrades to the Appalachian Enterprise Center conference room. After estimating the costs for that, we have determined that the Chamber can cover those costs with operating funds, so no request to the County will be made.

The carpet in the AEC has not been replaced in many years, and the heavy usage of the building during the past six (6) months due to FEMA and SBA occupying it has undoubtedly affected it. The County may wish to assess the condition of the carpet when the disaster relief centers are closed and consider replacing it. In addition, many of the ceiling tiles have been stained by roof leakage through the years and may need to be replaced as well.

Project Title: <u>Eastern Watauga</u>	Community Center		Requesting D	Department or	Agency: <u>Ac</u>	Iministration		
Fund:								
Project Description: <u>C</u>	<u>construct 7,000sf Cor</u> 1,811,250; Des					00; Constructi	on 7,000sf x 2	258.75 =
- - -								
<u>t</u>	his building will offer ne eastern region of t r Cove Creek.							
Manager's Priority Ranking:  Adjusted Ranking:			-					
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)		\$460,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$393,875	\$2,693,875
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)		\$460,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$393,875	\$2,693,875
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary Im (list expected annual operating		\$153,763	\$153,763	\$153,763	\$153,763	\$153,763	\$153,763	\$922,578
		Net Annual	Operating Effe	ect:				

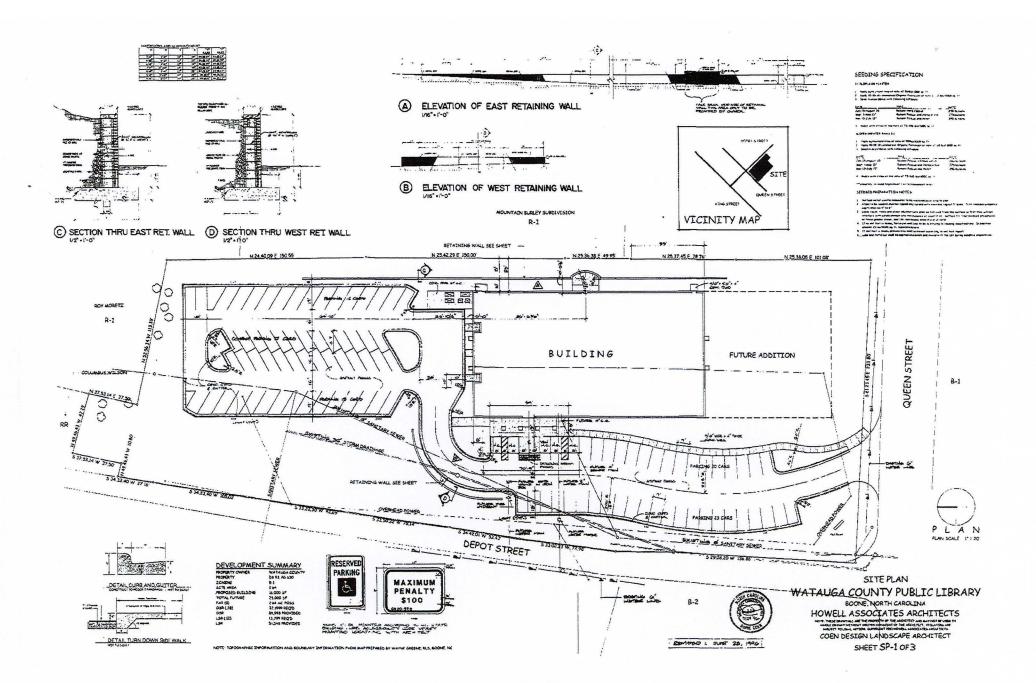
#### Projected Start-up/Operating Costs for Eastern Senior Center

Kitchen/CNP	Cost
Food carriers (1 - 3 pan carrier - \$290 x 2)	580
Stainless steele pans (6 pans @ \$38 ea)	228
Perforated pans (2 @ \$40 ea)	80
Half lids (12 @ \$16 ea)	192
Serving trays (3 cases of 24 - \$100 ea)	300
Tableware (72 forks, spoons and knives)	54
Salt/pepper shakers (\$17 doz x 2)	34
Serving utensils (tongs, scoops, lg spoons, spatulas)	100
Flatware holder and cylinders	130
Steamer table	2,000
Refrigerator/Freezer	1,500
Work tables (2 x \$400 ea)	800
Shelving	1,000
Utility carts (2 x \$300)	600
Thermometers	20
Rubbermaid tubs	25
3 compartment utility sink	2,000
Rubber floor mats	100
large coolers	100
Handwashing sink (kitchen)	300
Dining room tables (8 8' tables @ \$200 ea)	1,600
Dining room chairs (50 x \$40)	2,000
Coat racks	500
Hot water booster	1,500
TOTAL	\$15,743
Senior Center	
Tables (12 6' tables for 3 classrooms)	1,800
Chairs (50 x \$40)	2,000
Whiteboards (3 x \$72)	216
Handwashing sinks (3 classrooms)	900
Cabinets (3 classrooms)	10,000
Television, VCR/DVD, stand (x2)	2,000
Living room furniture (couch, chairs, loveseat, tables)	6,000
TOTAL	\$22,916
Director's Office	
Furniture (desk w rt return, chair, 2 chairs, bookcase)	1,700
Filing cabinets (2 x \$200 ea)	400
Shredder	1,000
Computer/printer	2,000
TOTAL	\$5,100
Food costs for CNP (40 meals/day = 10,000/year x \$2/meal)	\$20,000

Staffing	
Senior Center Director I (FT + benefits)	44,177
Senior Center Assistant (PT + benefits)	28,849
Kitchen Assistant (15 hrs/week @ \$8.50/hr + SS, WC)	7,044
Kitchen Aide (LE Harrill Center)*	10,437
TOTAL	\$90,507
AppalCART cost to provide transportation to center and transport	
food to Eastern site (based on FY07 cost for WWCC)	\$18,000
Ongoing Costs	
Program supplies	500
Instructors (based on WWCC cost for FY07)	4,000
Copier (rental)	200
Miscellaneous (office supplies, phone, DSL, postage, etc)	500
TOTAL	5,200
Total for start-up costs (kitchen/CNP, Senior Center, Office)	\$43,759
Total for start-up costs (kitchen/own; benior benier, bince)	ψ+3,733
Total for on-going operational costs (Food, staffing, AppalCART, Ongoing)	\$133,707
GRAND TOTAL	\$177,466

\*Kitchen position at LE Harrill Center would need to be increased d/t volume of return dishes that would need to be washed. Current number of hours (19) would not cover additional volume. Since position would have to be increased to 25 hrs/week, would need to become PT regular position. The amount listed is the increase in cost over current cost.

Project Title: Library Expansion			Requesting Department or Agency: Library					
Fund:								
Project Description:	Increase square foo incorporated into the Renovate existing \$	e building plans	in 1997. Co	st: Site impro	ovements \$25	0,000; New c	onstruction \$	9,856,000;
Project Justification:	Library staff has stated a need for additional space							
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories) Option 1		\$13,895,000						\$13,895,000
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) General Fund		\$13,895,000						\$13,895,000
Totals: Annual Operating Budgetary Impact: (list expected annual operating costs and effects)								
Net Annual Operating Effect:								



Project Title: Impound Lot (	Wicker Lot) Conversion & Imp	provement Requestin	g Departmen	t or Agency:	Cooperative	Extension	
Fund:	Other Improvement Projects	Greater than \$50,000 that E	nhance the Va	lue or Safety	of a Structure	or Property	
Project Description:	outdoor education and de Department began clearin the Wicker lot for decades structure from unsecure g 2) replace/upgrade front of greenhouse to be used fo construct a pavilion or oth	e West Annex Building prop monstration. In early Jan, 2 ng the roughly ½ acre site o s. Action items for the project ravel parking area into sect chain-link fence/gate with a or master gardener classes, her covered structure to serv Il water & electricity to the p	2023, County f trees & vehi ct include: 1) ure lot (which secure & mor plant product ve as outdoor	Maintenance cles/other co move outdoo will create ex e aesthetic & ion, and othe	& the Watau unty property or shared equ (tra parking a funtional fer r demonstrat	ga County Sh that has bee upment & quo it Ag Services nce & gate; 3) ion/education	neriff's n stored on onset center); install a n, etc.; 4)
Project Justification:	county citizens and clients Food Hub/BRWIA, Forest use agricultural equipmen for Extension and Ag Cen needed infrastructure & s borders the impound lot, h entire property. Town of E	osed project is to increase s of Watauga County Coope Service, Soil & Water, etc) at and will free up additional ther programming, the conver- pace for public service. Kra has eroding & unstable stre soone & New River Conservice the from the Temple proper	erative Extens . The project parking space ersion & impro ut Creek, whi ambanks whi vancy have pl	sion & other a additionally p at the Wes ovement of th ch runs throu ch, over time ans for a rest	affiliated orga rovides secu t Annex. With e Wicker lot gh the West will compror	nizations (Hig re storage for limited outdo will provide m Annex proper mise the stab	<u>h Country</u> shared- por space uch ty and ility of the
Manager's Priority Ranking Adjusted Ranking:	:						
	Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories) Totals:	Lot Improvement & Greenhouse: Gravel/reseeding: \$4,000 Fencing/bypass gate: \$12,000 Concrete pad (pending dimensions): \$5,000 Engineering/Permitting fees: \$3500	Outdoor Education Pavilion (32x24ft): Concrete pad & drains (pending dimensions): \$8,000 Pavilion construction: \$40,000 Electrical: \$5000 Furnishings: \$5000					36

	Water & electrical lines/installation: \$5,500 Greenhouse (match/cover by Extension): \$18,000 Furnishings: \$2,500 <b>Total: \$50,500</b>	Total: \$58,000	
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories) Totals:	General fund & some match from Cooperative Extension for greenhouse	General Fund	
Annual Operating Budgetary Impact: (list expected annual operating costs and effects)	Utilities, service panel for greenhouse Net Annual Operating Effect: ~\$2,000		

Project Title: Future Parks				_Requesting Department or Agency: Parks & Recreation					
Fund:									
Project Description:	Future Satellite	Community P	arks						
Project Justification:									
Manager's Priority Ranking:									
Adjusted Ranking:									
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		Budget Year	Planning Year	Planning Year	Planning Year	Planning Year	Planning Year	Total	
		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	TOLAI	
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)									
Option 1		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$300,000	
	Totals:								
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)									
General Fund									
	Totals:								
Annual Operating Budgetary Imp (list expected annual operating effects)									
		Net Annual O	perating Effect	t:					

Project Title: Old Cove Cree	ek Gym Requesting Department or Agency: <u>P&amp;R</u>							
Fund:								
Project Description:	Renovation to add AD water supply to gym, a \$290,950.							
Project Justification:	Building is in poor con				ccessible resti	-	•	
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)	)	\$290,950						\$290,950
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)	)	\$290,950						\$290,950
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operation)								
		Net Annual	Operating Effe	ect:				

Project Title: Stucco/Gutter Re	epair		Requesting [	Department or	Agency: <u>CC</u>	C&TI		
Fund:								
Project Description:	Repair the aged stucc	o on the Instr	uctional Build	<u>ding (372) and</u>	replace the g	gutter system.		
Project Justification:	<u>Stucco is in bad condi</u> damages the building							
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements:								
(list expenditure categories)								
Cumpling and Labor		40,000						40,000
Supplies and Labor	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operat								
		Net Annual (	Operating Eff	ect <sup>.</sup>				

Project Title: Duct Work Modular Buildings Requesting Department or Agency: CCC&TI								
Fund: Project Description:	Remove existing duct	work and ren	lace with new	v duct work in	three module	ar buildings		
r toject Description.	Remove existing duct work and replace with new duct work in three modular buildings							
Project Justification:	Existing duct work is no longer sufficient to handle heating and cooling needs of building. Room temperatures are averaging 58 degrees during winter season.					ratures are		
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)	)	76,000						76,000
Supplies and Labor		70,000						70,000
	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)	)							
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operat								
		Net Annual (	Operating Effe	ect:				

Project Title: <u>Replace Chiller</u>		Reques	sting Departm	nent or Agenc	y: <u>CCC&amp;TI</u>			
Fund:								
Project Description:	Replace the original cl	hiller in the In	structional B	<u>uilding (372).</u>				
Project Justification:								
Manager's Priority Ranking:								
Adjusted Ranking:								
		Budget	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	
		Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Total
		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)								
		169,215						169,215
Supplies and Labor	Totals:							
Revenue Sources:	TOLAIS.							
(list expenditure categories)								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operati								
(list expected annual operation	ing costs and enects)							
		Net Annual (	Operating Eff	ect:				

Project Title: Equipment for Oc	Equipment for Occupational Building Addition Requesting Department or Agency: 0			ncy: <u>CCC&amp;TI</u>				
Fund:								
Project Description:	The college is currentl addition will allow the are required for the ne	expansion of	truction phase nursing and	e of adding 10 construction to	),000 square f rades progran	eet to the Ocons. Additional	cupational Bui equipment an	<u>lding. This</u> <u>d furnishings</u>
Project Justification:								
Manager's Priority Ranking: _ Adjusted Ranking: _			-					
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)		300,000						300,000
Supplies and Labor	Totals:	500,000						500,000
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operat								
		Net Annual (	Operating Eff	ect:				

Project Title: Workforce Trainin	ning Building Requesting Department or Agency: <u>CCC&amp;TI</u>							
Fund:								
Project Description:	A workforce training be few lab spaces to offer respond effectively to b	r healthcare	and other tec	hnical progran	ns that require	e large spaces	which limits	our ability to
Project Justification:								
Manager's Priority Ranking: Adjusted Ranking:			-					
		Budget Year 2025-26	Planning Year 2026-27	Planning Year 2027-28	Planning Year 2028-29	Planning Year 2029-30	Planning Year 2030-31	Total
Project Cost Elements: (list expenditure categories)				20,000,000				20,000,000
Supplies and Labor	Totals:							
Revenue Sources: (list expenditure categories)								
	Totals:							
Annual Operating Budgetary (list expected annual operat								
		Net Annual	Operating Eff	ect:				

2 Fire Alarm Panel Replacements	140,000
Air Cond.@ GV & Bethel	4,000,000
Band / Art Program Equipment	40,000
Cafeteria Tables	18,000
Carpet & Tile Replacement	45,000
Custodial Floor Equipment	25,000
Door Replacement	20,000
Electrical Upgrades for Cove Creek/ BR/Mabel	250,000
Fuel Oil Tank Replacement @ CC	100,000
Furniture / Equipment	70,000
Generator @ Maintenance Shop	80,000
Gym Floor Screening and Recoating	25,000
HVAC Sewer Pump Replacement	25,000
Pavement Repair	80,000
Replace Kitchen/Cafeteria Equipment	75,000
Roof Maintenance	100,000
Sidewalk Repair	80,000
Vehicle Replacement	150,000

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Activity Bus Replacement	120,000
Air Cond.@ CC/Mabel/BR	7,000,000
Band / Art Program Equipment	40,000
Cafeteria Tables	18,000
Carpet & Tile Replacement	45,000
Custodial Floor Equipment	25,000
Door Replacement	20,000
Furniture / Equipment	70,000
Gym Floor Screening and Recoating	25,000
HVAC Sewer Pump Replacement	25,000
Pavement Repair	80,000
Replace Kitchen/Cafeteria Equipment	75,000
Roof Maintenance	100,000
Sidewalk Repair	80,000
Vehicle Replacement	150,000

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Activity Bus Replacement	120,000
Band / Art Program Equipment	40,000
Cafeteria Tables	18,000
Carpet & Tile Replacement	45,000
Custodial Floor Equipment	25,000
Door Replacement	20,000
Furniture / Equipment	70,000
Gym Floor Screening and Recoating	25,000
HVAC Sewer Pump Replacement	25,000
Pavement Repair	80,000
Replace Kitchen/Cafeteria Equipment	75,000
Roof Maintenance	100,000
Sidewalk Repair	80,000
Vehicle Replacement	150,000
Parkway Addition	7,000,000

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Activity Bus Replacement	120,000
Band / Art Program Equipment	40,000
Cafeteria Tables	18,000
Carpet & Tile Replacement	45,000
Custodial Floor Equipment	25,000
Door Replacement	20,000
Furniture / Equipment	70,000
Gym Floor Screening and Recoating	25,000
HVAC Sewer Pump Replacement	25,000
Pavement Repair	80,000
Replace Kitchen/Cafeteria Equipment	75,000
Roof Maintenance	100,000
Sidewalk Repair	80,000
Vehicle Replacement	150,000
Upgrade Central Exhausts @ Bus Garage	50,000
Add Lift for Service Vehicles	25,000
Replace Dump Truck	100,000

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Activity Bus Replacement	120,000
Band / Art Program Equipment	40,000
Cafeteria Tables	18,000
Carpet & Tile Replacement	45,000
Custodial Floor Equipment	25,000
Door Replacement	20,000
Furniture / Equipment	70,000
Gym Floor Screening and Recoating	25,000
HVAC Sewer Pump Replacement	25,000
Pavement Repair	80,000
Replace Kitchen/Cafeteria Equipment	75,000
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Sidewalk Repair	80,000
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Cafeteria Tables	18,000
Carpet & Tile Replacement	45,000
Custodial Floor Equipment	25,000
Door Replacement	20,000
Furniture / Equipment	70,000
Gym Floor Screening and Recoating	25,000
HVAC Sewer Pump Replacement	25,000
Pavement Repair	80,000
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Roof Maintenance	100,000
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