

Macon County



MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 9, 2020 AGENDA

1. Call to order and welcome by Chairman Tate
2. Announcements
3. Moment of Silence
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Public Hearing(s) – **6:00 p.m.**
 - (A) Recommended county budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21
 - (B) “Reopening Macon” COVID-19 Small Business Loans Program

Note: The board may consider action on these items immediately following the close of the public hearings.

- (1) Consideration of resolution to approve the “Reopening Macon” COVID-19 Small Business Loan Program
 - (2) Consideration of resolution to approve the funding source for the loan pool for the “Reopening Macon” COVID-19 Small Business Loan Program
 - (3) Consideration of approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 county budget and budget ordinance, using the proper option based on the action taken regarding Items 1 and 2 above.
6. Public Comment Period (via telephone)
 7. Additions to agenda
 8. Adjustments to and approval of the agenda
 9. Reports/Presentations
 - (A) Update on VAYA Health activities – Shelly Foreman, Community Relations Regional Director, VAYA Health
 - (B) Update on county’s response to COVID-19
 - (1) Kathy McGaha – Public Health
 - (2) Warren Cabe – Emergency Management
 - (3) Sheriff Robert Holland – Law Enforcement

- (4) Derek Roland -- Administration
- (C) Discussion regarding North Carolina's 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act funding – County Manager Derek Roland

10. Old Business

- (A) Consideration of Macon County Forest Advisory Committee recommendations and comments – County Manager Derek Roland
- (B) Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget – Finance Director Lori Carpenter
 - (1) Option 1 – Does not include the \$257,500 small business loan program amount
 - (2) Option 2 – Does include the \$257,500 small business loan program amount

11. New Business

- (A) Grant request for Highlands-Cashiers Health Foundation – Emergency Services Director Warren Cabe
- (B) Resolution concerning participation in the Southwestern NC Home Consortium – Southwestern Commission Executive Director Sarah Thompson (via telephone)

12. Consent Agenda – Attachment #12

All items below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held except on request of a member of the Board of Commissioners.

- (A) Minutes of the April 14, 2020 regular meeting
- (B) Tax Releases – none for May
- (C) Grant Project Ordinance – Weatherization Assistance Program FY 2021
- (D) Grant Project Ordinance Amendment – Duke Energy Income Qualified Weatherization Program Direct Reimbursement
- (E) Grant Project Ordinance – 2020 Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (ESFRLP)
- (F) Grant Project Ordinance – 2020 Urgent Repair Program
- (G) Capital Project Ordinance Amendment – Dog Park
- (H) Capital Project Ordinance – Macon Middle School Locker Room
- (I) Capital Project Ordinance – Macon Middle School Renovation
- (J) Capital Project Ordinance Amendment – South Macon Elementary School Addition
- (K) Agreement to Provide Recreation Opportunities with Scaly Mountain Historical Society, Inc.
- (L) Monthly ad valorem tax collection report – no action necessary

13. Appointments

- (A) Library Board – 2 seats

14. Closed session (if necessary)

15. Adjourn/Recess

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

We have two public hearings on the agenda this evening, both of them advertised for 6 p.m.

Up first will be the public hearing on the recommended Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget. A copy of the “Public Notice” is attached and was published in The Franklin Press on May 20th.

Prior to the second public hearing, Macon County Economic Development Director Tommy Jenkins will make a presentation to the board regarding the “Reopening Macon” COVID-19 Small Business Loans Program.

A copy of that “Notice of Public Hearing” is also attached, and was published in The Franklin Press on May 27th.

Following the close of that hearing, the board will (1) consider approval of the loan program and (2) consider making appropriations or expenditures in the approximate sum of \$250,000 in order to fund it. Mr. Jones is preparing resolutions on both of those items, and they will be either be included in the packet or emailed directly to the board by Mr. Jones.

Also attached is a draft agreement and scope of work between the county and Mountain BizCapital, Inc. (doing business as Mountain BizWorks), the agency that will administer the loan program, concerning this matter. Pending advice and a recommendation from the County Attorney, the board may also consider the agreement immediately following the close of the public hearing.

Depending upon the action the board takes with regard to approving and funding the loan program, it may then consider one of two options for

approving the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget and budget ordinance. Mrs. Carpenter has prepared two versions of the budget ordinance – one that includes funding for the program and one that does not.

Due to the ongoing restrictions on the size of mass gatherings, the county will again implement a telephone call-in method to receive comment on these two matters.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The recommended Macon County budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was submitted to the Macon County Board of Commissioners on May 12, 2020, and a copy is now available for public inspection at the receptionist desk at the Macon County Courthouse Annex Building in Franklin, N.C. The recommended budget, along with the county manager's budget message, can be accessed on the County's web site at www.maconnc.org.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the recommended budget on June 9, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the Commission Boardroom on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC.

Derek C. Roland, County Manager
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Franklin Press – Run one time – May 20, 2020
Send affidavit of publication

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Macon County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock, p.m., in the Commissioners Board Room located on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse, located at 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, concerning the making of appropriations or expenditures pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 158-7.1, for economic development purposes. Macon County will consider making appropriations or expenditures in the approximate sum of \$250,000.00 in order to fund the "Re-Opening Macon" COVID-19 Small Business Loans Program by contract with and through Mountain BizCapital, Inc., d/b/a Mountain BizWorks, a non-profit corporation. All loans made under the same are to be repaid to Macon County by the recipients of the loans. Public comment upon the same shall be received at this public hearing. The public is invited to attend this public hearing.

This the 22nd day of May, 2020.

Macon County Board of
Commissioners

PREAUDIT CERTIFICATE

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

This the ____ day of June, 2020.

Macon County Finance Officer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF MACON

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of June 2020, by and between the County of Macon, a body politic and subdivision of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "the COUNTY"), and Mountain BizCapital, Inc. dba Mountain BizWorks, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR").

W I T N E S S E T H :

Upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, Macon County has requested and CONTRACTOR has agreed to furnish the COUNTY with emergency loan fund management services as set forth in this contract. The COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

1. **Effective Period.** This Contract shall be effective on June , 2020 and shall terminate upon December 31, 2023 or upon the termination of all of the loans made under this agreement, whichever is sooner.
2. **Independent Contractor.** The Contractor is an independent contractor in the performance of this Contract and as such shall be wholly responsible for the work to be performed and for the supervision of its employees. The Contractor represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Contract. Such employees shall not be employees of or have any individual contractual relationship with the County. Upon request, the Contractor must provide the names of all owners, managers, and management entities, including those of any subcontractor, which are used in the performance of and compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract.
3. **Subcontracting.** The Contractor shall not subcontract any of the work contemplated under this Contract without prior written approval from the County. Only the subcontractor specified in the written approval documents are permitted upon award of the subcontract. The County shall not be obligated to pay for any work performed by any unapproved subcontractor. Any approved subcontractor shall also be subject to all terms and conditions of this Contract.

The Contractor is ultimately responsible for providing the services of this Contract and shall be responsible for the performance of all of its subcontractors, agents, and employees.

4. **Contract Administrators.** All notices permitted or required to be given by one party to the other and all questions about the Contract from one party to the other shall be addressed and delivered to the other party's Contract Administrator. The name, post office address, street address, telephone number, and email address (if available) of the parties' respective initial Contract Administrators are set out below. Either party may change its Contract Administrator and contact details by giving timely written notice to the other party.

Contract Administrator for the Contractor:

Matt Raker, Executive Director
153 S Lexington Ave
Asheville, NC 28801
828-253-2834 x 15

Contract Administrator for the County:

Derek Roland, Macon County Manager
5 West Main Street
Franklin, NC 28734.

5. **Amendment.** This Contract may not be amended orally or by performance. Any amendment or modification shall be made in written form and executed by duly authorized representatives of the County and the Contractor.

6. **Confidentiality.** Contractor acknowledges that in receiving, storing, processing or otherwise dealing with any confidential information, including but not limited to confidential personnel information, it will safeguard and not further disclose the information except as provided by law.

7. **Indemnification.** Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from any breach or default on the part of Contractor in the performance of any part of this Agreement, or from any negligence of Contractor, its officers, agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors unless caused by the breach or default or negligence of the County or its agents. In case of any action, suit, or proceeding brought against the County, its officers, agents, or employees by reason of any such claim, upon notice from the County, Contractor agrees and covenants to defend such action, suit, or proceeding by counsel reasonably satisfactory to the County. Contractor's obligation and responsibility under this section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8. **Insurance.** Contractor agrees their insurance policies shall be endorsed evidencing the minimum insurance coverage and limits set forth below prior to the County's signing of this Agreement. The insurance coverage and limits set forth below shall be deemed minimum coverage limits and shall not be construed in any way as a limitation on Contractor's duty to carry adequate insurance. All policies of insurance shall be primary insurance and non-contributory with respect to all other available sources. The minimum insurance coverage which the Contractor shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense during the term of the Agreement is as follows:

Commercial General Liability. Insurance covering all operations performed by the Contractor with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence with a \$2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding nor limiting Product/Completed Operations or Contractual Liability. Macon County, NC shall be named as an additional insured under the policy.

9. **Additional Insurance Provisions.** If the Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the Macon County. The Contractor shall provide the County with certificates of insurance on an approved form, evidencing the above amounts. Macon County, North Carolina shall be named as additional insured under the commercial general liability policy. Each insurance policy required by this Contract must be in effect at or prior to commencement of work under the Contract and remain in effect for the duration of the Agreement. Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with written notice to the County, delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. All insurance shall be procured from reputable insurers authorized and qualified to do business in North Carolina with a rating of A- VII or better as determined by A.M. Best Company and shall be in a form acceptable to the County. Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that the County is additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors. Waiver of Subrogation: Contractor hereby grants to the County a waiver of any right to subrogation that any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the County by virtue of payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under this Agreement.

10. **Termination.** Either party may terminate this Contract for any reason, or for no reason, by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice.

11. **Scope of Work.**

Macon County shall: Make payment to the Contractor for services purchased as described in this Contract.

Contractor shall: Provide the following services as outlined in "Attachment A" to this Contract. If there are conflicting terms in the Attachment, this Contract shall control. Contractor shall also report to the County for each loan, (1) a unique loan identifier; (2) the amount loaned; (3) the number of jobs the business has; and (4) whether the business is a minority/women owned businesses.

12. **Payment.** Payment from the County to the Contractor under the terms of this Contract will be up to a maximum of \$257,500.00 and the initial funding shall be \$257,500.00. Fiscal management of the direct provision of service will be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor will deposit all funds in a separate bank account to be used only for the Reopening Macon Fund as described in the Scope of Work. The Contractor will provide the County with monthly bank statements showing the transactions and ending balance. Contract will serve as invoice. Contractor shall be solely responsible for any travel or other costs or expenses incurred by Contractor in connection with the performance of this Agreement and in no event shall the County reimburse Contractor for any such costs or expenses except as set forth in Attachment A.

13. **Compliance with Laws.** Contractor shall comply with all state, federal, and local laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations governing performance of this Contract.

14. **Legal Proceedings.** Claims, disputes and/or other matters in question between the parties that are not resolved by mediation shall be heard in the North Carolina General Courts of Justice in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, which said Court shall have jurisdiction to hear any dispute between the parties arising out of this contract. The Parties hereby agree that this paragraph establishes exclusive and sole jurisdiction for any legal proceeding in Macon County, North Carolina. This Contract and any claims, disputes, or other matter arising thereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

15. **Non-Waiver.** The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision or paragraph of this Contract shall not operate as, or be considered to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or other provision or paragraph herein.

16. **E-Verification.** Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes. Further, if Contractor utilizes a subcontractor, Contractor shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby make, agree, and execute this Contract by the below signatures by duly authorized agents.

County of Macon

Mountain BizCapital, Inc.

NAME, Chairman

Executive Director

Attest: _____
Macon County Board of Commissioners

Attachment A

REOPENING MACON FUND – COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS LOANS PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK

OVERVIEW

In response to the unprecedented challenges being faced by local businesses throughout the county, the Macon County Economic Development Commission is announcing the Reopening Macon Fund. The mission of the Reopening Macon Fund is to support the basic needs of individuals employed by small businesses by providing bridge funding to our small businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. The Fund is made possible by Macon County ("the County") and is supported by the following cooperative entities: Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Southwestern Community College Small Business Center, and WCU SBTDC.

The County is engaging Mountain BizCapital, Inc. dba Mountain BizWorks ("MBW") to administer loans to small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Mountain BizWorks is a non-profit, US Treasury-certified community development financial institution (CDFI) based in Asheville and with 30 years of small business lending and training experience. Mountain BizWorks will leverage its current capacities to operate the fund, maximize impacts, and minimize operating expenses.

Loans will be designed to provide low-cost "bridge funding" to help businesses stay open and limit job losses until businesses can qualify for longer term disaster funding from SBA or other sources.

FUND GOALS

- Provide immediate relief to help business stay open and limit job losses (be able to start making loans within 7 days of fund establishment)
- Be designed to provide low-cost "bridge funding" until businesses can qualify for longer term disaster funding from SBA or others
- Reach a diverse mix of area businesses in need

CORE ACTIVITIES & DELIVERABLES

Mountain BizWorks will:

- Quickly establish the Fund operations within one week of contract approval
- Create a dedicated Fund information and application page on the MBW website
- Accept applications via the online application
- Process applications, underwrite, and fund loans per the standardized guidelines herein in a consistent and expeditious fashion – towards a goal of deploying the Fund’s capital within no more than a few weeks of launch
- In coordination with the County and its business partners create necessary communication materials to share this resource within the local business community, and will proactively market the Fund via cooperative entities (Macon County Economic Development Commission, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Southwestern Community College Small Business Center, and WCU SBTDC) and through MBW’s direct communications channels.
- Report Fund progress (# loans made, total amount of loans made, loans per business size (1-5 employees, 6-10 employees, 11-20 employees, 21-30 employees, greater than 30 employees), # of minority/women-owned businesses, # of jobs retained) on a weekly basis until the County determines that less frequent reports are needed. Impacts will be estimated at time of the loan and subsequently reassessed at loan close out.
- Will support Spanish-language requests where needed using bi-lingual staff as well as comply with Title VI and/or utilizing other language resources to provide equal opportunity in other languages.
- Account unto County for all expenditures or disbursements of the monies delivered unto Contractor by County as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 158-7.2.

TIMELINE / PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

It’s expected that most acute period of the COVID-19 crisis will be in the next 3 months, and principally in the next 30 days. Given the loan terms, the total Fund life is expected to be between 3-5 years.

BUDGET / COMPENSATION

- To cover staffing, underwriting, documentation, and other fund administrative costs, Mountain BizWorks will assess a 2% fee (based on the loan amount) at time of loan origination and then another 1% fee when a loan is closed out. These will be paid by the Fund and no fees will be assessed to the borrowers under this program.

THE LOANS

Terms:

- Up to \$10,000 and a minimum loan size of \$2,500
- Initial 6-month period of no payments of any kind. Interest accrues at 4.0% interest during the 6 month period but is not paid and rolls up into the loan at the end of the 6 month period.
- After 6 months, any principal that has not been refinanced by an SBA Disaster Loan or otherwise repaid, will convert to a second phase of 36 months (3 yrs.) principal and interest payments at 5.5% interest. There is no penalty for early repayment.
- Eligible uses include payroll, accounts payable, fixed debts, or other bills the business is unable to pay due to COVID impact;

- Funds may not be used to refinance existing debt

Eligibility:

- Less than 50 (full and part time) employees
- Must have a physical location and be principally based within Macon County, North Carolina
- For-profit
- Demonstrated loss of revenue of 25% or more due to COVID-19
- Agree to provide impact data

Underwriting:

- Is designed to be i) standardized and streamlined to be able to expedite the emergency funds, ii) responsible to ensure clear COVID-19 impacts and to prevent fraud, iii) ensure the borrower's ability to repay and likelihood of meeting the business and job retention goals of the Fund
- Will require most recent tax return and recent financial statements to validate loss of revenue due to COVID-19 and calculate the eligible loan amount
- Borrowers must not have a recent bankruptcy or substantial charge off per their credit report
- For borrowers with credit scores 640 or higher, loans will be secured with a simple UCC filing; Borrowers with less than a 640 score will have a UCC filing plus an additional collateral lien where possible
- All borrowers will be excluded from credit reporting for these loans

THE FUND**Financial Structure & Operations:**

- The County will be the recipient of contributions to support the Reopening Macon Fund including economic development appropriations of the County and its municipal partners, and community donations.
- The County will provide funding to MBW, initially \$257,500 and up to a maximum of \$257,500 (as funding is available), for the purposes of the Reopening Macon Fund small business loans program.
- MBW will manage the Fund with a distinct account both in its accounting system and with its own bank account.
- The County will be providing regular communication to MBW regarding any additional amount of funds available to be deployed.
- MBW will process applications, underwrite, and fund eligible loans per the Loan Guidelines outlined herein.

- MBW will package the loans and hold all loans. MBW will be the servicing agent for the life of the loans. MBW will charge a 1% annual servicing fee on the average outstanding loan balance of the fund.
- As loans mature, are paid off, or otherwise terminated, MBW will complete all necessary loan close-out procedures and submit a close out report to the County.
- In situations where the borrower is unable to repay, MBW will be responsible for any collections processing or other actions.
- All principal and interest payments on the Fund's loans will be returned to the Fund. During the Fund's "active phase" (the COVID crisis and immediate recovery phase), MBW will aim to redeploy these funds to aid additional businesses in need.
- Once COVID impacts and demand for the emergency disaster loans have sufficiently waned, the County will instruct MBW to close the Fund to new loans, starting the "closed phase." During this phase principal and interest payments will be returned to the Fund, and then on a monthly basis MBW will return such monies to the County minus any administrative fees outlined herein.

MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET ORDINANCE
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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

SECTION 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Governing Board | \$ | 613,825 |
| Administration | | 486,249 |
| Finance | | 599,313 |
| Tax Supervision | | 666,489 |
| Mapping | | 174,045 |
| Tax Assessment | | 849,280 |
| Legal | | 126,000 |
| Human Resources | | 225,412 |
| Board of Elections | | 286,640 |
| Register of Deeds | | 345,514 |
| Information Technology | | 1,384,533 |
| Garage | | 366,532 |
| Buildings & Grounds | | 2,025,750 |
| Sheriff | | 4,603,933 |
| Courthouse Security | | 720,591 |
| NC Forest Service Contract | | 70,000 |
| Law Enforcement Center | | 2,468,061 |
| Permitting, Planning, and Development | | 559,279 |
| Emergency Medical Service | | 3,533,351 |
| Emergency Management Services | | 1,487,926 |
| E911 Addressing | | 125,975 |
| Fire Task Force | | 267,371 |
| Animal Control | | 339,417 |
| Airport | | 33,650 |
| Economic Development | | 93,344 |
| Cowee School | | 41,020 |
| Transit Services | | 1,424,172 |
| Soil Conservation | | 160,603 |
| Cooperative Extension | | 260,763 |
| Health Department | | 5,877,525 |
| Social Services | | 5,332,196 |
| Mental Health/Handicapped | | 168,993 |
| Juvenile Crime Prevention Council | | 146,382 |
| Veterans Services | | 128,073 |
| Senior Services | | 881,950 |
| Library Services | | 1,019,390 |
| Recreation | | 1,615,257 |
| Education | | 10,036,908 |
| Transfers to other funds | | 1,445,551 |
| Special Appropriations | | 149,000 |
| Non-Departmental | | <u>1,162,182</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 52,302,445 |

SECTION 2. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Tax Collections | \$ 30,137,247 |
| Gross Receipts Tax | 27,000 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | 8,063,941 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 390,000 |
| Service Fees | 3,484,744 |
| Health Programs | 3,176,030 |
| JCPC Grants | 113,126 |
| Social Services Revenues | 3,838,976 |
| Transit Services Grants & Fees | 1,058,496 |
| Veterans Affairs | - |
| Senior Services Revenues & Fees | 444,606 |
| Recreation Fees | 60,100 |
| Interest Earnings | 110,000 |
| Rentals | 57,000 |
| ABC Funds | 13,000 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 118,200 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 702,312 |
| Grants | 100,667 |
| Transfers from other funds | <u>407,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 52,302,445 |

SECTION 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding and anticipated debt of the county and the fees relating thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| 2004 SCC Campus/Library Installment Purchase | \$ 168,492 |
| Sanders Owens 5-6 School Land | 185,203 |
| 2008 School Issue | 1,215,325 |
| QZAB – East Franklin | 105,590 |
| 2010 Iotla Valley School | 1,060,005 |
| QZAB - Nantahala | 157,335 |
| South Macon Elementary Addition | 282,861 |
| QZAB - Highlands | 150,000 |
| Little Tennessee Sewer Project | 130,932 |
| Debt service reserve | 277,689 |
| Union Academy/Highlands QZAB | <u>199,058</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 3,932,490 |

SECTION 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Debt Service Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Transfer from General Fund | \$ 1,266,351 |
| Transfer from Schools Capital Reserve Fund | 2,036,123 |
| Subsidy Refunds | 288,903 |
| Town of Franklin | 41,113 |
| Lottery | 300,000 |
| Fund balance appropriated | <u>-</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 3,932,490 |

SECTION 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Transfer to Debt Service Fund | <u>\$ 2,036,123</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 2,036,123 |

SECTION 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$ | 2,034,123 |
| Interest Earnings | | <u>2,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 2,036,123 |

SECTION 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| Franklin | \$ | 877,107 |
| Clarks Chapel | | 335,916 |
| Otto | | 341,718 |
| Cullasaja | | 259,711 |
| West Macon | | 318,762 |
| Scaly Mountain | | 151,523 |
| Burningtown/lotta | | 231,235 |
| Cowee | | 322,403 |
| Nantahala | | 229,596 |
| Highlands | | 1,060,180 |
| Mountain Valley | | <u>136,646</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 4,264,797 |

SECTION 8. The following tax rates, based upon the various estimated collections rates, are hereby levied for the Fire Tax Districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. Rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property.

| Fire District | Tax Rate | Estimated Valuation | Estimated Collection Rate | Levy |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Franklin | 0.0545 | 1,590,905,094 | 97.47% | \$ 845,107 |
| Clarks Chapel | 0.0802 | 412,902,835 | 98.42% | 325,916 |
| Otto | 0.0684 | 492,132,862 | 97.95% | 329,718 |
| Cullasaja | 0.0557 | 460,469,096 | 98.14% | 251,711 |
| West Macon | 0.0724 | 432,477,727 | 98.61% | 308,762 |
| Scaly Mountain | 0.0586 | 258,199,679 | 97.17% | 147,023 |
| Burningtown/lotta | 0.1056 | 216,493,043 | 96.99% | 221,735 |
| Cowee | 0.1142 | 276,696,141 | 97.60% | 308,403 |
| Nantahala | 0.0706 | 322,719,076 | 97.04% | 221,096 |
| Highlands | 0.0300 | 3,545,989,742 | 99.19% | 1,055,180 |
| Mountain Valley | 0.1261 | 106,271,863 | 98.61% | 132,146 |
| Prior Years Taxes | | | | <u>118,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | | | | \$ 4,264,797 |

SECTION 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| 911 Program | \$ | <u>379,790</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 379,790 |

SECTION 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| 911 Revenues | \$ | 379,790 |
| Fund balance appropriated | | <u>-</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 379,790 |

SECTION 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|---|----|----------------|
| Administration | \$ | 601,107 |
| Convenience Centers | | 1,128,087 |
| Landfill Operations | | 721,668 |
| Highlands Transfer Station Operations | | 417,516 |
| Recycling | | 702,844 |
| Solid Waste Processing | | 306,772 |
| Debt Service | | 1,095,129 |
| Transfers to Closure/Post-closure Reserve | | <u>436,659</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 5,409,782 |

SECTION 12. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| Landfill Fees | \$ | 2,900,263 |
| Tipping Fees | | 1,619,319 |
| Recycling Sales | | 100,000 |
| State Revenues | | 99,000 |
| Other Revenues | | 10,200 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | | <u>681,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 5,409,782 |

SECTION 13. The following amount is appropriated in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|---------------|
| Post-Closure Expenditures | \$ | <u>55,559</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 55,559 |

SECTION 14. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

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| Transfer from Solid Waste Fund | \$ | <u>55,559</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 55,559 |

SECTION 15. The following amounts are appropriated in the Cell I Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|---------------|
| Closure Reserve | \$ | 313,500 |
| Post-Closure Reserve | | 2,500 |
| Remediation Reserve | | <u>65,100</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 381,100 |

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| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 381,100 |

SECTION 17. The following amount is appropriated in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Insurance Claims/Premium/Administration | \$ 5,443,579 |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 5,443,579 |

SECTION 18. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Contributions from Other Funds | \$ 5,209,719 |
| Cobra/Retirees Contributions | 22,104 |
| Fund balance appropriated | 150,000 |
| Transfer from General Fund | 61,756 |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 5,443,579 |

SECTION 19. The following amount is appropriated in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Transfer to general fund | \$ 407,000 |
|--------------------------|------------|

SECTION 20. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Interest/Fund balance appropriated | \$ 407,000 |
|------------------------------------|------------|

SECTION 21. The following amount is appropriated in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Occupancy Tax | \$ 1,012,500 |
|---------------|--------------|

SECTION 22. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Occupancy Tax Collections | \$ 1,012,500 |
|---------------------------|--------------|

SECTION 23. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a tax at the rate of 37.47 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue included in "Tax Collections" in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

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SECTION 24. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a per unit assessment fee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, on solid waste disposal based upon the following schedule:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Residential Household/Mobile Home | \$ 108.00 |
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The Board of Commissioners authorizes the assessment amount to be printed on the Macon County Property Tax statement. The assessment is authorized to be collected in the same manner as property tax.

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SECTION 28. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and to the Budget Officer and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Derek Roland
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

VERSION INCLUDES \$257,500 FOR SMALL BUSINESS LOAN
PROGRAM FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND

MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET ORDINANCE
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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

SECTION 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Governing Board | \$ | 613,825 |
| Administration | | 486,249 |
| Finance | | 599,313 |
| Tax Supervision | | 666,489 |
| Mapping | | 174,045 |
| Tax Assessment | | 849,280 |
| Legal | | 126,000 |
| Human Resources | | 225,412 |
| Board of Elections | | 286,640 |
| Register of Deeds | | 345,514 |
| Information Technology | | 1,384,533 |
| Garage | | 366,532 |
| Buildings & Grounds | | 2,025,750 |
| Sheriff | | 4,603,933 |
| Courthouse Security | | 720,591 |
| NC Forest Service Contract | | 70,000 |
| Law Enforcement Center | | 2,468,061 |
| Permitting, Planning, and Development | | 559,279 |
| Emergency Medical Service | | 3,533,351 |
| Emergency Management Services | | 1,487,926 |
| E911 Addressing | | 125,975 |
| Fire Task Force | | 267,371 |
| Animal Control | | 339,417 |
| Airport | | 33,650 |
| Economic Development | | 93,344 |
| Cowee School | | 41,020 |
| Transit Services | | 1,424,172 |
| Soil Conservation | | 160,603 |
| Cooperative Extension | | 260,763 |
| Health Department | | 5,877,525 |
| Social Services | | 5,332,196 |
| Mental Health/Handicapped | | 168,993 |
| Juvenile Crime Prevention Council | | 146,382 |
| Veterans Services | | 128,073 |
| Senior Services | | 881,950 |
| Library Services | | 1,019,390 |
| Recreation | | 1,615,257 |
| Education | | 10,036,908 |
| Transfers to other funds | | 1,445,551 |
| Special Appropriations | | 149,000 |
| Non-Departmental | | <u>1,162,182</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 52,302,445 |

SECTION 2. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Tax Collections | \$ 30,137,247 |
| Gross Receipts Tax | 27,000 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | 8,063,941 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 390,000 |
| Service Fees | 3,484,744 |
| Health Programs | 3,176,030 |
| JCPC Grants | 113,126 |
| Social Services Revenues | 3,838,976 |
| Transit Services Grants & Fees | 1,058,496 |
| Veterans Affairs | - |
| Senior Services Revenues & Fees | 444,606 |
| Recreation Fees | 60,100 |
| Interest Earnings | 110,000 |
| Rentals | 57,000 |
| ABC Funds | 13,000 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 118,200 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 702,312 |
| Grants | 100,667 |
| Transfers from other funds | <u>407,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 52,302,445 |

SECTION 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding and anticipated debt of the county and the fees relating thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| 2004 SCC Campus/Library Installment Purchase | \$ 168,492 |
| Sanders Owens 5-6 School Land | 185,203 |
| 2008 School Issue | 1,215,325 |
| QZAB – East Franklin | 105,590 |
| 2010 Iotla Valley School | 1,060,005 |
| QZAB - Nantahala | 157,335 |
| South Macon Elementary Addition | 282,861 |
| QZAB - Highlands | 150,000 |
| Little Tennessee Sewer Project | 130,932 |
| Debt service reserve | 277,689 |
| Union Academy/Highlands QZAB | <u>199,058</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 3,932,490 |

SECTION 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Debt Service Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Transfer from General Fund | \$ 1,266,351 |
| Transfer from Schools Capital Reserve Fund | 2,036,123 |
| Subsidy Refunds | 288,903 |
| Town of Franklin | 41,113 |
| Lottery | 300,000 |
| Fund balance appropriated | <u>-</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 3,932,490 |

SECTION 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Transfer to Debt Service Fund | <u>\$ 2,036,123</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 2,036,123 |

SECTION 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$ | 2,034,123 |
| Interest Earnings | | <u>2,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 2,036,123 |

SECTION 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| Franklin | \$ | 877,107 |
| Clarks Chapel | | 335,916 |
| Otto | | 341,718 |
| Cullasaja | | 259,711 |
| West Macon | | 318,762 |
| Scaly Mountain | | 151,523 |
| Burningtown/Iotla | | 231,235 |
| Cowee | | 322,403 |
| Nantahala | | 229,596 |
| Highlands | | 1,060,180 |
| Mountain Valley | | <u>136,646</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 4,264,797 |

SECTION 8. The following tax rates, based upon the various estimated collections rates, are hereby levied for the Fire Tax Districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. Rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property.

| Fire District | Tax Rate | Estimated Valuation | Estimated Collection Rate | Levy |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Franklin | 0.0545 | 1,590,905,094 | 97.47% | \$ 845,107 |
| Clarks Chapel | 0.0802 | 412,902,835 | 98.42% | 325,916 |
| Otto | 0.0684 | 492,132,862 | 97.95% | 329,718 |
| Cullasaja | 0.0557 | 460,469,096 | 98.14% | 251,711 |
| West Macon | 0.0724 | 432,477,727 | 98.61% | 308,762 |
| Scaly Mountain | 0.0586 | 258,199,679 | 97.17% | 147,023 |
| Burningtown/Iotla | 0.1056 | 216,493,043 | 96.99% | 221,735 |
| Cowee | 0.1142 | 276,696,141 | 97.60% | 308,403 |
| Nantahala | 0.0706 | 322,719,076 | 97.04% | 221,096 |
| Highlands | 0.0300 | 3,545,989,742 | 99.19% | 1,055,180 |
| Mountain Valley | 0.1261 | 106,271,863 | 98.61% | 132,146 |
| Prior Years Taxes | | | | <u>118,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | | | | \$ 4,264,797 |

SECTION 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| 911 Program | \$ | <u>379,790</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 379,790 |

SECTION 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| 911 Revenues | \$ | 379,790 |
| Fund balance appropriated | | <u>-</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 379,790 |

SECTION 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|---|----|----------------|
| Administration | \$ | 601,107 |
| Convenience Centers | | 1,128,087 |
| Landfill Operations | | 721,668 |
| Highlands Transfer Station Operations | | 417,516 |
| Recycling | | 702,844 |
| Solid Waste Processing | | 306,772 |
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| Transfers to Closure/Post-closure Reserve | | <u>436,659</u> |
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| Tipping Fees | | 1,619,319 |
| Recycling Sales | | 100,000 |
| State Revenues | | 99,000 |
| Other Revenues | | 10,200 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | | <u>681,000</u> |
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SECTION 13. The following amount is appropriated in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|---------------|
| Post-Closure Expenditures | \$ | <u>55,559</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 55,559 |

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| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------|
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| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 55,559 |

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| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
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| | \$ 664,500 |

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| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
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|------------------------------------|------------|

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|---------------|--------------|
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Adopted this 9th day of June, 2020.

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

MEETING DATE: JUNE 9, 2020

9A. Shelly Foreman, the Community Relations Regional Director for VAYA Health, has requested time on the agenda to update the board on the agency's activities and legislative priorities. She has provided four documents as "background" information for the overview she will present at the meeting, and all are attached.

9B. The board will receive its monthly update on the county's COVID-19 response from the following individuals:

- Kathy McGaha regarding Public Health
- Warren Cabe regarding Emergency Management
- Sheriff Robert Holland regarding law enforcement issues
- Derek Roland regarding overall county administration

9C. Mr. Roland would also like to discuss the county's use of the \$833,421 from the state following passage of the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act.

Get to know Vaya Health, an organization helping people in Macon County connect with the right providers on the journey toward health and wellness.

Vaya by the Numbers in Your County

Vaya's community-based complex care management model provides a team-based approach to integrated healthcare. Data below is county specific.

841

Members served in network
(based on claims data)

71

Members receiving complex
care management

289

Complex care management
contacts

Community Partnership Spotlight

In conjunction with NC DMH/DD/SAS and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Vaya designed and implemented NC CORE (the NC Collaborative for Ongoing Recovery through Employment), a milestone payment model for Individual Placement and Support (IPS). IPS is an evidence-based best practice for adults with serious mental illness that helps individuals find and maintain employment.



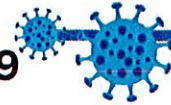
Recovery is a Reality: Vaya's Efforts in the Opioid Epidemic

Vaya works with local partners to support prevention, harm reduction and treatment efforts to improve the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

- 14% of North Carolinians receiving treatment through North Carolina's Opioid Crisis Grant are served by providers funded by Vaya.
- Substance use admissions/readmissions declined over the past two years as Vaya increased access to Medication Assisted Treatment throughout western North Carolina.
- Since 2016, we have distributed 8,200 opioid overdose-reversal kits in our communities.



Response to COVID-19



Vaya is committed to supporting providers, ensuring access to care and meeting the extraordinary behavioral health challenges faced by our communities as a result of COVID-19.

- We funded hardship payments and increased rates to providers to help stabilize their workforce and address COVID-19 impacts, from purchasing personal protective equipment to transitioning services to telehealth.
- We purchased 500 smartphones for high priority members to ensure they can receive telehealth services.
- In partnership with MAHEC and others, we launched the WNC COVID-19 Regional Report, a weekly update that provides the regional medical community with timely information on trends, needs, resources and training opportunities.
- As part of the statewide Hope4NC Helpline, our call center connects people in our region to mental health supports that help them cope and build resilience during times of crisis.



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Key COVID-19 Support for Vaya Network Providers



Vaya prioritized network stabilization efforts to address the most at-risk areas first. These efforts focused on supporting:

1. Providers delivering a required crisis service to Vaya members;
2. Providers delivering emergency walk-in services in the Vaya catchment area; and/or
3. Providers unable to provide their contracted services via Telemedicine due to the nature of the service (e.g. direct care, clubhouse, day treatment).

To offer immediate financial support to eligible providers, Vaya:

- Released the last FY20 quarter of non-Medicaid funding to Comprehensive Care Centers to ease cash flow needs;
- Obtained funding to ensure that members currently receiving Medication Assisted Treatment through the State Opioid Response Grant who were no longer covered by grant funding were covered for treatment;
- Authorized hardship funding to support providers who experienced an immediate loss of Medicaid revenue – eligible providers can request funding to stabilize their workforce and transition to telehealth service delivery;
- Identified \$300,000 in child mental health funding and requested funding flexibility from DMH/DD/SAS that allows Vaya to use non-Medicaid funds to support child MH service needs in unique emergency cases;
- Purchased 500 cell phones for high priority members to ensure they can access services via Telemedicine;
- Assisted child and I/DD residential providers who are experiencing rising costs related to costs of supplies and staff overtime and, in some cases, staff retention. We gathered provider input directly and from hardship requests and aligned with Attachment K guidance (for IDD providers). As a result, Vaya enacted a 10% targeted rate increase retroactive to March 13 through April 30, 2020 for:
 - Child Residential providers including TFC, Levels II, and III
 - I/DD Residential levels of care including AFLs, Group Homes and Community ICFs.

In addition, to offer providers maximum flexibility during the State of Emergency while still maintaining quality standards, Vaya:

- Obtained approval from DHHS for a Telemedicine policy that is less restrictive than the revised NC Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy 1H, and which allows both clinical (licensed) and non-licensed service providers to utilize telehealth options for Medicaid and non-Medicaid services;
- Identified and requested specific waivers for existing contract requirements and Clinical Coverage Policies/ Service Definitions to enable clinical and support service flexibility. This included allowing many services to be delivered via Telemedicine instead of face-to-face and waiving or suspending certain staffing and training requirements;

- Suspended all non-essential provider monitoring and investigations. Vaya will continue to log and track all complaints we receive but will only investigate allegations of serious health and safety issues, as determined by our Chief Medical Officer;
- Transitioned provider on-site reviews to desk reviews and streamlined the provider credentialing process to expedite requests from providers already enrolled in NCTracks;
- Continued collaboration with other LME/MCOs and statewide Provider Councils to maximize standardization of services, policies and procedures while meeting the unique service needs of Vaya members and providers in our rural catchment area;
- Quickly established and set up new codes, modifiers and contract amendments across the majority of the Vaya Provider Network;
- Aligned and streamlined administrative processes within Vaya to minimize service disruption and stabilize provider infrastructure.

To help keep members out of Emergency Departments and inpatient settings, Vaya:

- Continued working with hospital systems and counties to support sanctuary sites for Behavioral Health overflow;
- Developed emergency services tracking tool to provide bi-weekly updates to CEO about status of crisis system and ED utilization;
- Continued working with county government, departments of Public Health and local AHEC to ensure a regional approach (whenever possible) to establish clear line of sight for members and providers about resources and emergency management options, including quarantine and well housing options for homeless members.

To help bridge communication barriers and ensure timely and accurate information for our Network Providers, Vaya:

- Created a provider-focused COVID-19 webpage for providers where helpful guidance is stored in one convenient location;
- Disseminates regular COVID-19 Provider Bulletins to consistently inform providers of new information and resources to support providers and member care;
- Established and implemented a weekly (or more often) Provider Network Question and Answer (Q&A) Teams Live event that includes representation from both Benchmarks and NC Providers Council;
- Developed a Q&A process to receive provider questions, vet cross-departmentally for accurate responses and post for internal and external use;
- Moved staff into the rotation for the Provider Services Line so calls are being answered in real time, instead of rolling to voicemail, to provide as much immediate support as possible;
- Developed and implemented a proactive communication strategy to ensure a cohesive approach in notifying providers of funding options and process for requesting hardship funds;
- In partnership with MAHEC and the Western Carolina Medical Society, launched the WNC COVID-19 Regional Report, a weekly update that provides the regional medical community with timely information on regional trends, needs, resources and training opportunities.

While awaiting final guidance about the Appendix K Emergency Preparedness and Response Waiver Request submitted by DHHS on March 13, 2020, Vaya:

- Set aside necessary funding to ensure Innovations Waiver participants have access to medically necessary services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency;
- Ensured funding for acute placement “emergency” options (e.g. death of caregiver);
- Designed streamlined provider authorization request, plan, budget updates and UM approval process to minimize impact on families;
- Worked within Vaya’s medical and clinical teams to design standard questions for Complex Care Managers/Care Coordinators to ask members during meetings to ensure service, basic care and safety needs are met to greatest degree possible;
- Developed a process, forms and provider communication tools for Innovations Provider Retention payments.

If the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues beyond April 30, Vaya will re-evaluate and address ongoing provider needs.



On behalf of North Carolina’s seven Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs), we appreciate the opportunity to provide continuing feedback on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our state’s publicly managed behavioral health system. LME/MCOs are responsible for managing Medicaid and other public behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability (IDD) funds for millions of North Carolinians in all 100 counties. We are working 24/7 to support frontline healthcare providers, ensure access to and continuity of care, and meet the staggering behavioral health challenges faced by our communities as a result of this terrible pandemic.

The LME/MCO system respectfully requests the Legislature’s consideration of the following non-CARES Act budget and policy items:

- **Stop Single-Stream Funding Cuts: *Ensure the solvency of our state’s health safety net to provide behavioral health access to increasing uninsured and underinsured individuals due to COVID-19.***

Single-Stream Funding is the state funding to provide access to behavioral health services for North Carolinians who are uninsured/underinsured and do not qualify for Medicaid. This resource enables LME/MCOs to cover things that Medicaid does not, such as housing, vocational programs, jail diversion activities, and transportation. This safety net funding has been cut for more than five consecutive years, diverting more than half a billion dollars from the state’s public behavioral health system. When people cannot get the behavioral healthcare they need, their conditions often manifest into severe crises resulting in avoidable ED visits, police involvement, and homelessness – scenarios that are traumatic and expensive for our families and that will exact more of an economic toll as our state struggles to recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

With a large influx of North Carolinians suddenly facing unemployment or furlough due to the crisis, this funding stream is critical to serving the behavioral health needs of many individuals and families during a very challenging time. An [April 2020 study by Health Management Associates](#) estimated how the economic impacts of COVID-19 could affect the number of uninsured individuals. This study warned that uninsured numbers could increase to 40 million nationwide, with bigger impacts in North Carolina and other Medicaid non-expansion states. North Carolina could see our uninsured numbers grow anywhere from 98,000 to 524,000 more individuals.

- **Increase Innovations Waiver Slots: *Increase Innovations Waiver slots to meet the needs of over 12,000 North Carolina citizens on the waiting list for IDD services.***

Waiver slots enable individuals with disabilities, who would otherwise face institutionalization, to receive support services in their homes and communities. Currently, the waiting list across the state for this program is more than 12,000 people. The total number of slots is determined and funded in the state budget. Keeping individuals stable in the home and community of their choice is integral to positive health outcomes, especially during this emergency when we all should be at home to the fullest possible extent to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Furthermore, additional stress on families due to the pandemic can exacerbate the need for adequate services and supports for a family member with IDD, particular when parents/family caregivers are elderly.

We are grateful that DHHS pursued, and the federal government approved, options to assist people who are already on the Innovations Waiver through an Appendix K Waiver that allows additional hours of service, alternatives for service delivery, and other flexibilities during the pandemic. It is important to note that depending on how long the impact of the pandemic lasts, LME/MCO capitation rates may need to be adjusted to recognize the cost of those flexibilities.

- **Additional Policy Considerations:**
 - Support allocation of additional revenue from alcohol sales during the COVID-19 emergency period for substance use disorder treatment
 - Support new funding to add reserved capacity (emergency) Innovations Waiver slots for COVID-19-related situations
 - Support sufficient allocation of personal protective equipment (PPE) to behavioral health providers and support staff

COVID-19 Impacts to NC's Public Behavioral Health System



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Given the unprecedented nature of the pandemic, the LME/MCO system respectfully requests the Legislature's consideration of the following:

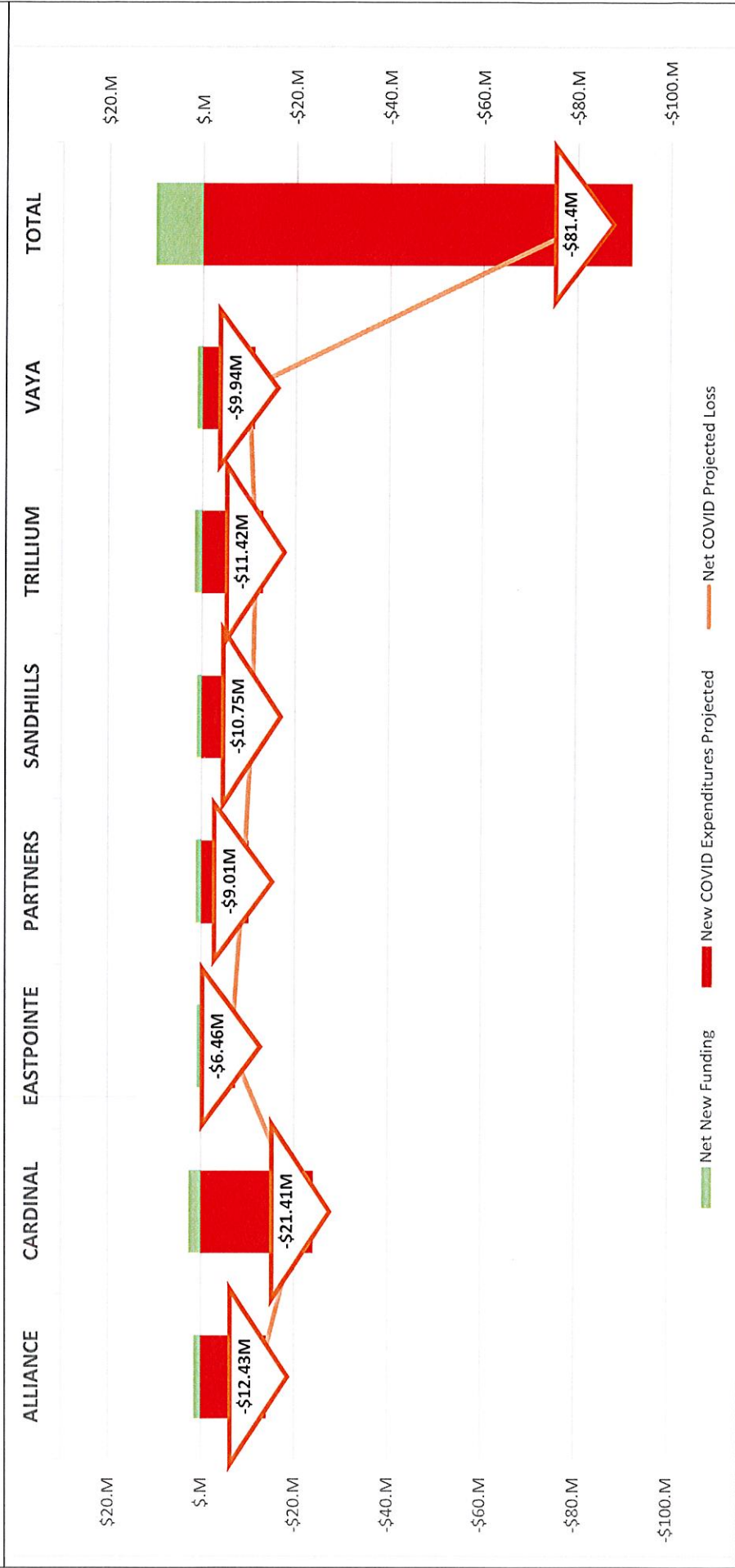
- **A System Payment of \$81.4 Million to Cover Direct COVID-19 Related Care Costs for Current Fiscal Year (as detailed in Table 1 below):** The COVID-19 pandemic is the largest crisis to ever hit behavioral health and IDD care providers. As a system, the LME/MCOs have incurred increased and unexpected cost increases as they have taken swift and measured action to preserve the continuity of care for members and offer needed assistance to providers. In addition, other pandemic-related impacts have led to increases in expenses, including:
 - Increasing provider reimbursement rates to address COVID-19 impacts (hazard pay, PPE, operating costs of implementing social distance within their care model)
 - Expansion of essential enhanced care by providing telehealth equipment, housing and food to our most vulnerable population
 - Making financial stability payments to vital providers to keep their doors open throughout this crisis and beyond
 - Converting services customarily performed in the community or group settings to virtual services

In addition, we have experienced significant increases in certain service utilization trends due to stay-at-home orders, as well as increased coverage costs due to new regulatory flexibilities such as the temporary lifting of payment caps for certain services.

As shown in Table 1, this \$81.4 million one-time system payment accounts for the net new spend due to the COVID-19 pandemic for March-June 2020, the initial four months of the pandemic. Additionally, further service payments will be essential to bolster the public behavioral health system in the upcoming state fiscal year beginning July 1st when the needs of our members and providers are expected to increase drastically due to continuing COVID-19 Response initiatives and the devastating statewide economic impact of the pandemic.

It is critical to note that the majority of COVID-19 Response resources made available to LME/MCOs are not new funds and do not carry forward past State Fiscal Year 2020. As LME/MCOs have stepped up to help our members and our communities weather this storm, this system payment is crucial to make sure we can continue to support the frontline behavioral healthcare providers that make up our networks and assist the members and families that are suffering during this crisis.

TABLE 1: LME/MCO System-Wide COVID-19 Cost Impact Projections, March – June 2020



Impact Projection Assumptions

Timeline - Phase 3 through June 30th, 2020

Projections - Initiatives and expenditures are conservative as of 5/6/2020. Efforts are ongoing to develop additional initiatives as current data is evolving and this projection is based on available data
 New COVID Expenditures Projected- Includes COVID related housing/food/telehealth equipment, net new impact on increased utilization projections, net new impact on provider rate increases (i.e. hazard pay), grant/hardship payments, net new impact on provider retainer payments, net new impact on provider enhanced rates

Admin - Additional COVID-19 related administrative costs, provider support and equipment purchased not included

Note: All seven LME/MCO CFOs organized the various COVID-19 initiatives to streamline coding and reporting to ease the State's and providers' administrative burden. We have consolidated the various initiatives for this report.

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – OLD BUSINESS

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

10A. The board will consider the recommendations and comments of the Macon County Forest Advisory Committee regarding the 2020 Draft Management Plan for the Nantahala National Forest Lands within the county. Mr. Roland has prepared what is essentially an executive summary of the committee's report, based on USFS guidelines for the form that feedback on the plan should take, and a copy of it is attached.

10B. Based on action taken earlier in the meeting, the board will have two options regarding consideration of the ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget. Again, one includes funding for the small business loans program, and the other does not. Mrs. Carpenter can elaborate if needed. Copies of both documents are attached.



On behalf of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, we are pleased to present to you our feedback concerning the proposed forest plan revision. As approximately 46% of our land lies within the boundaries of the Nantahala National Forest, it plays a crucial role in the lives of Macon County residents, from providing recreational opportunities, to creating local jobs and supporting local businesses. In recognizing the numerous and wide-ranging benefits the forest provides to Macon County, much effort has gone into reviewing the proposed plan.

In February of 2020, the Macon County Board of Commissioners established a “forest plan review committee.” Made up of homebuilders, hunters, planners, hiking enthusiasts, GIS specialists and representatives of the timber industry, the “forest plan review committee” provided an excellent cross section of local forest representation. In May of 2020, following plan review, the committee submitted its feedback to the Macon County Board of Commissioners in the form of recommendations. We would respectfully request that the United States Forest Service consider implementing “Alternative B,” with consideration given to the following recommendations:

Recommendation # 1: *No additional wilderness area classification in Macon County*

Justification: In July of 2014, the Macon County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a “Resolution Opposing the Designation of Additional Wilderness Areas within the Nantahala National Forest in Macon County.” The commissioners reaffirmed this stance again in 2016 as they chose not to consider a resolution proposed by the Wilderness Society to support the USFS recommendations for wilderness in the final Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Management Plan.

Recommendation # 2: *No change to the designation of existing administrative and congressionally designated areas in the plan revision with emphasis added to areas designated “Inventoried Roadless.”*

Justification: The commitment to leave existing administrative and congressionally designated areas unchanged is contained within the “Nantahala and Pisgah Forest Plan Revision Readers Guide.” Furthermore, USFS representatives communicated this commitment verbally to Macon County officials during a meeting on February 10, 2020.

Recommendation #3: *Continue to support vegetation management for wildlife habitat and forest restoration within the Appalachian Trail Corridor, where it cannot be seen from the corridor.*

Justification: This is consistent with historic practice for projects falling within the AT Corridor.

Recommendation #4: *Continue to maintain and improve frequently visited sites through locally coordinated efforts.*

Justification: Tourists and locals alike frequently visit many sites located within the USFS. From an economic standpoint, sites like Dry Falls, White Side Mountain, Glenn Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Cliffside

recreation area are tremendously popular among "day trippers" who come for a short visit and spend their money at local stores, restaurants and gas stations. In recognizing the tremendous boost this provides to our local economy and opportunities for forest enjoyment among residents and visitors, Macon County requests that continual maintenance and improvement at these frequently visited sites is a top priority for the USFS moving forward.

In addition to particular sites, high priority should be placed on maintaining local trails. These frequently visited areas also provide an economic benefit along with opportunities for individuals to enjoy the local forest. Decisions involving construction and reconstruction of trails should be handled at the local ranger district level, as they are most familiar with these areas.

Recommendation #5: *Higher prioritization placed on Wildlife.*

Justification: While it is understood this is not a wildlife management plan, healthy, abundant wildlife populations have a direct impact on 3 of the 4 land management themes in the forest revision plan including: Sustaining healthy ecosystems, partnering with others and connecting people to the land.

Recommendation #6: *Enhance forest access for people of all ages and abilities while maintaining the character of the forest.*

Justification: As Macon County's population is aging, it is extremely important to ensure the forest remains accessible to all Macon County residents. Furthermore, access is crucial to many of those individuals who enjoy various forms of forest-related recreation. Currently, road closures occurring in January result in limited access for all residents and visitors, as well as small game hunters for a large part of the small game hunting season.

Recommendation #7: *Recognize the economic impact of sustainable timber management*

Justification: Local timber businesses now have to process a high volume of timber from outside Macon County due to declining quality and sporadic supply of timber within the local forest. Timber sales are important to the local economy and, in addition, a portion of receipts from timber sales provides funding for the local education system.

Recommendation #8: *Area East of Scream Ridge classified as Matrix*

Justification: Grouse, deer and turkey hunters actively use the area east of Scream Ridge. Numerous wildlife openings along with two gated system roads, maintained for decades, provide key access points to the area. Furthermore, the gated roads serve as a buffer between the heavily used FSR67 and the Southern Nantahala Wilderness. As no opportunities for active wildlife management exist within the immediate proximity of this area, it is extremely important that the area is actively managed under the Matrix designation.

Recommendation # 9: *Overflow Creek (Blue Valley) classified as Backcountry*

Justification: USFS Road 79, which divides this area, for decades has promoted fishing, camping and hunting. The area is bordered by State Highway 106 and intensive private development has occurred on the west and northeast borders. Furthermore, Glenn Falls, a highly visited recreation site and trail, also borders the property on the northeast. The aforementioned factors, combined with the small size of the Overflow Creek area, make it inappropriate for wilderness area classification. As a Backcountry area,

steps can be taken to improve the ecosystem health and prevent the total takeover of white pine, which is occurring in some sections. Additionally, the Backcountry designation would allow for maintenance of open and closed roads, wildlife openings and primitive campsites.

Recommendation #10: *Ellicott Rock Extension classified as Matrix*

Justification: Due to the proposed extension's relatively gentle and hidden terrain, elevation and history, it is vitally important for this area to receive active management for ecosystem restoration, wildlife improvement and access for hunters. In addition, multiple stands of timber that will soon be mature for harvest are located in this area.

Recommendation #11: *Tusquittee Bald divided into Matrix/Backcountry rather than Wilderness.*

Justification: This classification would allow for the continued maintenance of existing road systems and wildlife habitat while also enabling timber harvest.

Again, we appreciate you taking the time to review Macon County's recommendations pertaining to the forest plan revision. We feel strongly that the recommendations as presented will serve to maximize forest accessibility, sustain healthy ecosystems, provide clean and abundant water and allow for a continued partnership between Macon County and the United States Forest Service. As a result, we are ensuring that this invaluable resource will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Jim Tate

Chairman, Macon County Board of Commissioners

MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE AMENDING
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget

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

SECTION 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

| | | |
|---|--------|------------------|
| Governing Board | \$ | 632,041 |
| Administration | | 490,924 |
| Finance | | 599,554 |
| Tax Supervision | | 737,013 |
| Mapping | | 208,690 |
| Tax Assessment | | 807,719 |
| Legal | | 140,000 |
| Human Resources | | 223,705 |
| Board of Elections | | 325,945 |
| Register of Deeds | | 328,460 |
| Information Technology | | 1,178,896 |
| Garage | | 414,207 |
| Buildings & Grounds | | 2,398,737 |
| Sheriff | | 5,049,035 |
| Courthouse Security | | 938,576 |
| NC Forest Service Contract | | 92,748 |
| Governor's Highway Safety | | - |
| Law Enforcement Center | | 2,714,955 |
| Permitting, Planning, and Development | | 589,260 |
| Emergency Medical Service | | 4,358,585 |
| Emergency Management Services/Fire Task Force | | 1,802,828 |
| E911 Addressing | | 125,827 |
| Animal Control | | 384,529 |
| Airport | | 33,650 |
| Economic Development | | 105,794 |
| Cowee School | | 41,020 |
| Transit Services | | 1,262,978 |
| Soil Conservation | | 204,851 |
| Cooperative Extension | | 294,481 |
| Health Department | | 7,025,012 |
| Social Services | | 5,577,433 |
| Mental Health/Handicapped | | 168,993 |
| Juvenile Crime Prevention Council | | 135,091 |
| Veterans Services | | 126,529 |
| Senior Services | | 905,742 |
| Library Services | | 1,019,390 |
| Recreation | | 1,431,045 |
| Education | | 10,471,863 |
| Transfers to other funds | | 2,778,730 |
| Special Appropriations | | 280,372 |
| Non-Departmental | | <u>2,123,670</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 58,528,878 |

SECTION 2. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Tax Collections | \$ 30,474,019 |
| Gross Receipts Tax | 27,000 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | 8,506,185 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 390,000 |
| Service Fees | 3,678,224 |
| Health Programs | 4,439,234 |
| JCPC Grants | 108,976 |
| Social Services Revenues | 4,095,600 |
| Transit Services Grants & Fees | 950,904 |
| Veterans Affairs | - |
| Senior Services Revenues & Fees | 466,206 |
| Recreation Fees | 60,100 |
| Interest Earnings | 510,000 |
| Rentals | 62,000 |
| ABC Funds | 12,000 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 276,527 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 2,466,094 |
| Grants | 1,598,809 |
| Transfers To General Fund | <u>407,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 58,528,878 |

SECTION 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding and anticipated debt of the county and the fees relating thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Principal payments | \$ 3,319,162 |
| Interest payments | <u>781,054</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 4,100,216 |

SECTION 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Debt Service Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Transfer from General Fund | \$ 1,266,351 |
| Transfer from Schools Capital Reserve Fund | 2,163,400 |
| Subsidy Refunds | 328,531 |
| Town of Franklin | 41,934 |
| Interest | - |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | - |
| Lottery | <u>300,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 4,100,216 |

SECTION 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Transfer to Debt Service Fund | <u>\$ 2,163,400</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 2,163,400 |

SECTION 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Local Option Sales Tax/Interest Earnings | <u>\$ 2,163,400</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 2,163,400 |

SECTION 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| Franklin | \$ | 883,007 |
| Clarks Chapel | | 332,450 |
| Otto | | 340,452 |
| Cullasaja | | 259,486 |
| West Macon | | 316,838 |
| Scaly Mountain | | 150,273 |
| Burningtown/lotla | | 233,160 |
| Cowee | | 321,969 |
| Nantahala | | 234,214 |
| Highlands | | 1,058,864 |
| Mountain Valley | | <u>139,329</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 4,270,042 |

SECTION 8. The following tax rates, based upon an estimated collections rate of 97.95%, are hereby levied for the Fire Tax Districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. Rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property.

| <u>Fire District</u> | <u>Tax Rate</u> | <u>Levy</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Franklin | 0.0545 | \$ 883,007 |
| Clarks Chapel | 0.0802 | 332,450 |
| Otto | 0.0684 | 340,452 |
| Cullasaja | 0.0557 | 259,486 |
| West Macon | 0.0724 | 316,838 |
| Scaly Mountain | 0.0586 | 150,273 |
| Burningtown/lotla | 0.1056 | 233,160 |
| Cowee | 0.1142 | 321,969 |
| Nantahala | 0.0706 | 234,214 |
| Highlands | 0.0300 | 1,058,864 |
| Mountain Valley | 0.1261 | <u>139,329</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | | \$ 4,270,042 |

SECTION 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| 911 Program | \$ | <u>501,145</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 501,145 |

SECTION 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| 911 Revenues | \$ | 359,431 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | | <u>141,714</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 501,145 |

SECTION 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---|----|----------------|
| Solid Waste Operations | \$ | 5,356,545 |
| Transfers to Closure/Post closure Reserve | | <u>514,659</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 5,871,204 |

SECTION 12. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|------------------|
| Landfill Fees | \$ | 2,575,000 |
| Tipping Fees | | 1,600,000 |
| Recycling Sales | | 275,000 |
| State Reimbursements | | 97,800 |
| Other Revenues | | 20,423 |
| Fund balance appropriated | | <u>1,302,981</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 5,871,204 |

SECTION 13. The following amount is appropriated in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| Post-Closure Expenditures | \$ | <u>115,000</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 115,000 |

SECTION 14. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Transfer from Solid Waste Fund | \$ | <u>115,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 115,000 |

SECTION 15. The following amounts are appropriated in the Cell I Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|---------------|
| Closure Reserve | \$ | 328,725 |
| Post-Closure Reserve | | 2,676 |
| Remediation Reserve | | <u>68,258</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 399,659 |

SECTION 16. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Cell I Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Transfer from Solid Waste Fund | \$ | <u>399,659</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 399,659 |

SECTION 17. The following amount is appropriated in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---|----|------------------|
| Insurance Claims/Premium/Administration | \$ | <u>5,594,253</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 5,594,253 |

SECTION 18. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Contributions from Other Funds | \$ | 4,988,645 |
| Cobra/Retirees Contributions | | 27,552 |
| Interest Earnings | | 6,300 |
| Transfer from general fund | | 61,756 |
| Fund balance appropriated | | <u>510,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 5,594,253 |

SECTION 19. The following amounts are appropriated in the Federal/State Forfeiture Fund (fund 22) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Federal Forfeiture Expenditures | \$ | 17,699 |
| State Forfeiture Expenditures | | <u>18,526</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 36,225 |

SECTION 20. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Federal/State Forfeiture Fund (fund 22) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---|----|---------------|
| Federal Forfeiture Revenues/Fund Balance Appropriated | \$ | 17,699 |
| State Forfeiture Revenues/Fund Balance Appropriated | | <u>18,526</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 36,225 |

SECTION 21. The following amount is appropriated in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|---------|
| Transfer to general fund | \$ | 407,000 |
|--------------------------|----|---------|

SECTION 22. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Revenues/Fund balance appropriated | \$ | 407,000 |
|------------------------------------|----|---------|

SECTION 23. The following amount is appropriated in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------|----|-----------|
| Occupancy Tax | \$ | 1,333,696 |
|---------------|----|-----------|

SECTION 24. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| Occupancy Tax Collections | \$ | 1,333,696 |
|---------------------------|----|-----------|

SECTION 25. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a tax at the rate of 37.47 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2019, for the purpose of raising revenue included in "Tax Collections" in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate of tax is based upon an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$8,044,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 98.32% for real/personal and 100% for motor vehicles.

SECTION 26. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a per unit assessment fee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, on solid waste disposal based upon the following schedule:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Residential Household/Mobile Home | \$ | 95.00 |
| Commercial Buildings | \$ | 95.00 |

The Board of Commissioners authorizes the assessment amount to be printed on the Macon County Property Tax statement. The assessment is authorized to be collected in the same manner as property tax.

SECTION 27. The Board of Commissioners hereby levies a charge of \$66.00 per ton for non-residential tipping fees for demolition and commercial waste. A charge of \$10.00 per ton is levied for Materials Useful and a charge of \$30.00 per ton is levied for brush and stumps. A charge of \$8.75 per ton is levied for Highlands transfer fee to Macon County Landfill.

SECTION 28. The County Manager and/or Finance Director are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a) The Finance Director may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department.
- b) The County Manager may transfer amounts between departments.
- c) The funding for approved reclassifications may be transferred from the budgeted reserve with the approval of the County Manager.
- d) No revenues may be increased, no funds may be transferred from the Contingency account in the General Fund, and no transfers may be made between funds unless formal action is taken by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 29. The County Manager is hereby authorized to accept grant funding which has been previously approved for application by the Board of Commissioners, including any local match involved. The County Manager is authorized to execute any resulting grant documents. Also, the County Manager is authorized to enter into contracts for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment as described in G.S. 143-129(a) up to the limits stated therein for informal bidding which are within budgeted appropriations. The County Manager is authorized to enter into routine service contracts in the normal course of county operation within budgeted appropriations. Change Orders for capital project contracts previously approved by the Board of Commissioners may be approved by the County Manager up to the informal bidding limits referred to above, provided that sufficient funding is available. All contracts authorized by this ordinance are approved for signature by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager, and/or the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners as appropriate.

SECTION 30. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and to the Budget Officer and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Derek Roland
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**VERSION INCLUDES \$257,500 FOR SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM
FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND**

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE AMENDING
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget**

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

SECTION 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

| | | |
|---|--------|------------------|
| Governing Board | \$ | 632,041 |
| Administration | | 490,924 |
| Finance | | 599,554 |
| Tax Supervision | | 737,013 |
| Mapping | | 208,690 |
| Tax Assessment | | 807,719 |
| Legal | | 140,000 |
| Human Resources | | 223,705 |
| Board of Elections | | 325,945 |
| Register of Deeds | | 328,460 |
| Information Technology | | 1,178,896 |
| Garage | | 414,207 |
| Buildings & Grounds | | 2,398,737 |
| Sheriff | | 5,049,035 |
| Courthouse Security | | 938,576 |
| NC Forest Service Contract | | 92,748 |
| Governor's Highway Safety | | - |
| Law Enforcement Center | | 2,714,955 |
| Permitting, Planning, and Development | | 589,260 |
| Emergency Medical Service | | 4,358,585 |
| Emergency Management Services/Fire Task Force | | 1,802,828 |
| E911 Addressing | | 125,827 |
| Animal Control | | 384,529 |
| Airport | | 33,650 |
| Economic Development | | 105,794 |
| Cowee School | | 41,020 |
| Transit Services | | 1,262,978 |
| Soil Conservation | | 204,851 |
| Cooperative Extension | | 294,481 |
| Health Department | | 7,025,012 |
| Social Services | | 5,577,433 |
| Mental Health/Handicapped | | 168,993 |
| Juvenile Crime Prevention Council | | 135,091 |
| Veterans Services | | 126,529 |
| Senior Services | | 905,742 |
| Library Services | | 1,019,390 |
| Recreation | | 1,431,045 |
| Education | | 10,471,863 |
| Transfers to other funds | | 2,778,730 |
| Special Appropriations | | 280,372 |
| Non-Departmental | | <u>2,123,670</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 58,528,878 |

SECTION 2. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Tax Collections | \$ 30,474,019 |
| Gross Receipts Tax | 27,000 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | 8,506,185 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 390,000 |
| Service Fees | 3,678,224 |
| Health Programs | 4,439,234 |
| JCPC Grants | 108,976 |
| Social Services Revenues | 4,095,600 |
| Transit Services Grants & Fees | 950,904 |
| Veterans Affairs | - |
| Senior Services Revenues & Fees | 466,206 |
| Recreation Fees | 60,100 |
| Interest Earnings | 510,000 |
| Rentals | 62,000 |
| ABC Funds | 12,000 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 276,527 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 2,466,094 |
| Grants | 1,598,809 |
| Transfers To General Fund | <u>407,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 58,528,878 |

SECTION 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding and anticipated debt of the county and the fees relating thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Principal payments | \$ 3,319,162 |
| Interest payments | <u>781,054</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 4,100,216 |

SECTION 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Debt Service Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Transfer from General Fund | \$ 1,266,351 |
| Transfer from Schools Capital Reserve Fund | 2,163,400 |
| Subsidy Refunds | 328,531 |
| Town of Franklin | 41,934 |
| Interest | - |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | - |
| Lottery | <u>300,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 4,100,216 |

SECTION 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Transfer to Debt Service Fund | \$ <u>2,163,400</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 2,163,400 |

SECTION 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Local Option Sales Tax/Interest Earnings | \$ <u>2,163,400</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ 2,163,400 |

SECTION 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| Franklin | \$ | 883,007 |
| Clarks Chapel | | 332,450 |
| Otto | | 340,452 |
| Cullasaja | | 259,486 |
| West Macon | | 316,838 |
| Scaly Mountain | | 150,273 |
| Burningtown/Iotla | | 233,160 |
| Cowee | | 321,969 |
| Nantahala | | 234,214 |
| Highlands | | 1,058,864 |
| Mountain Valley | | <u>139,329</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 4,270,042 |

SECTION 8. The following tax rates, based upon an estimated collections rate of 97.95%, are hereby levied for the Fire Tax Districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. Rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property.

| <u>Fire District</u> | <u>Tax Rate</u> | <u>Levy</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Franklin | 0.0545 | \$ 883,007 |
| Clarks Chapel | 0.0802 | 332,450 |
| Otto | 0.0684 | 340,452 |
| Cullasaja | 0.0557 | 259,486 |
| West Macon | 0.0724 | 316,838 |
| Scaly Mountain | 0.0586 | 150,273 |
| Burningtown/Iotla | 0.1056 | 233,160 |
| Cowee | 0.1142 | 321,969 |
| Nantahala | 0.0706 | 234,214 |
| Highlands | 0.0300 | 1,058,864 |
| Mountain Valley | 0.1261 | <u>139,329</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | | \$ 4,270,042 |

SECTION 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----------------|
| 911 Program | \$ | <u>501,145</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 501,145 |

SECTION 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| 911 Revenues | \$ | 359,431 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | | <u>141,714</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 501,145 |

SECTION 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---|----|----------------|
| Solid Waste Operations | \$ | 5,356,545 |
| Transfers to Closure/Post closure Reserve | | <u>514,659</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 5,871,204 |

SECTION 12. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|------------------|
| Landfill Fees | \$ | 2,575,000 |
| Tipping Fees | | 1,600,000 |
| Recycling Sales | | 275,000 |
| State Reimbursements | | 97,800 |
| Other Revenues | | 20,423 |
| Fund balance appropriated | | <u>1,302,981</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 5,871,204 |

SECTION 13. The following amount is appropriated in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| Post-Closure Expenditures | \$ | <u>115,000</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 115,000 |

SECTION 14. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Transfer from Solid Waste Fund | \$ | <u>115,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 115,000 |

SECTION 15. The following amounts are appropriated in the Cell I Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|----------------------|----|---------------|
| Closure Reserve | \$ | 328,725 |
| Post-Closure Reserve | | 2,676 |
| Remediation Reserve | | <u>68,258</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 399,659 |

SECTION 16. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Cell I Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Transfer from Solid Waste Fund | \$ | <u>399,659</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 399,659 |

SECTION 17. The following amount is appropriated in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---|----|------------------|
| Insurance Claims/Premium/Administration | \$ | <u>5,594,253</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 5,594,253 |

SECTION 18. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Contributions from Other Funds | \$ | 4,988,645 |
| Cobra/Retirees Contributions | | 27,552 |
| Interest Earnings | | 6,300 |
| Transfer from general fund | | 61,756 |
| Fund balance appropriated | | <u>510,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 5,594,253 |

SECTION 19. The following amounts are appropriated in the Federal/State Forfeiture Fund (fund 22) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Federal Forfeiture Expenditures | \$ | 17,699 |
| State Forfeiture Expenditures | | <u>18,526</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ | 36,225 |

SECTION 20. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Federal/State Forfeiture Fund (fund 22) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---|----|---------------|
| Federal Forfeiture Revenues/Fund Balance Appropriated | \$ | 17,699 |
| State Forfeiture Revenues/Fund Balance Appropriated | | <u>18,526</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$ | 36,225 |

SECTION 21. The following amount is appropriated in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| Transfer to general fund | \$ | 407,000 |
| Small business loan program | | <u>257,500</u> |
| | \$ | 664,500 |

SECTION 22. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Revenues/Fund balance appropriated | \$ | 664,500 |
|------------------------------------|----|---------|

SECTION 23. The following amount is appropriated in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------|----|-----------|
| Occupancy Tax | \$ | 1,333,696 |
|---------------|----|-----------|

SECTION 24. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| Occupancy Tax Collections | \$ | 1,333,696 |
|---------------------------|----|-----------|

SECTION 25. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a tax at the rate of 37.47 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2019, for the purpose of raising revenue included in "Tax Collections" in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate of tax is based upon an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$8,044,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 98.32% for real/personal and 100% for motor vehicles.

SECTION 26. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a per unit assessment fee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, on solid waste disposal based upon the following schedule:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Residential Household/Mobile Home | \$ | 95.00 |
| Commercial Buildings | \$ | 95.00 |

The Board of Commissioners authorizes the assessment amount to be printed on the Macon County Property Tax statement. The assessment is authorized to be collected in the same manner as property tax.

SECTION 27. The Board of Commissioners hereby levies a charge of \$66.00 per ton for non-residential tipping fees for demolition and commercial waste. A charge of \$10.00 per ton is levied for Materials Useful and a charge of \$30.00 per ton is levied for brush and stumps. A charge of \$8.75 per ton is levied for Highlands transfer fee to Macon County Landfill.

SECTION 28. The County Manager and/or Finance Director are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a) The Finance Director may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department.
- b) The County Manager may transfer amounts between departments.
- c) The funding for approved reclassifications may be transferred from the budgeted reserve with the approval of the County Manager.
- d) No revenues may be increased, no funds may be transferred from the Contingency account in the General Fund, and no transfers may be made between funds unless formal action is taken by the Board of Commissioners.

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Adopted this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Derek Roland
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – NEW BUSINESS

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

11A. Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe is seeking the board's approval to submit a grant request to the Highlands-Cashiers Health Foundation in the amount of \$101,200 for equipment purchases for EMS, including sanitizing equipment for ambulances and equipment/supplies to limit aerosolizing procedures. Mr. Cabe can provide further details at the meeting.

11B. Sarah Thompson, the Executive Director for the Southwestern Commission, is requesting that the county join the Southwestern NC Home Consortium. She has provided a packet of information on the program that includes a cover letter, a draft resolution for the board's consideration, a consortium agreement, and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that explains the program. Ms. Thompson cannot attend the meeting but will be available by telephone during the board meeting to answer questions or provide more information.



Southwestern Commission

125 Bonnie Lane
Sylva, NC 28779

Phone: 828.586.1962
Fax: 828.586.1968

regiona.org

May 8, 2020

Managers and Chairmen,

This packet is a request for your local government to join the Southwestern NC HOME Consortium. As we all attend to the immediate challenges of this time, the Southwestern Commission continues our work on long-range issue, such as housing, that affect the quality of life of the citizens of our region.

Forming the Southwestern NC HOME Consortium will enable us to access approximately \$600,000 annually in funds from HUD's HOME program, to help alleviate the housing issue in our region. Joining the consortium does not cost your local government any money.

This packet includes:

- A draft resolution for your board to adopt
- A consortium agreement to be signed and returned to the Southwestern Commission
- A Frequently Asked Questions document to explain the program

A signed agreement of the 24 member governments of the Southwestern Commission is due to HUD by June 30th, 2020 so we are asking that you please return the signed agreement to the Southwestern Commission by June 15th, 2020.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. You can email me at sarah@regiona.org or call me at 828-508-1796.

Sincerely,

Sarah Thompson
Executive Director
Southwestern Commission

Southwestern Commission does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, marital status, color, religion, national origin or disability

Cherokee County
Andrews
Murphy

Clay County
Hayesville

Graham County
Robbinsville
Lake Santeetlah
Fontana Dam

Haywood County
Canton
Clyde
Maggie Valley
Waynesville

Jackson County
Dillsboro
Forest Hills
Sylva
Webster

Macon County
Franklin
Highlands

Swain County
Bryson City

**Eastern Band
of Cherokee
Indians**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF MACON
APPROVING PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNTY OF MACON
IN THE "SOUTHWESTERN NC HOME CONSORTIUM"
AND
AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE
A HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created the HOME Investment Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, a provision of the HOME Program is that multiple governmental bodies may join together to form a consortium and thereby qualify for a HOME formula grant; and

WHEREAS, Haywood County (Lead Entity) and the Southwestern NC Planning and Economic Development Commission (Administrative Agent) have proposed that such a consortium will facilitate regional and intergovernmental cooperation and the accomplishment of common goals and objectives;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Macon County Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute the "HOME Investment Partnership Act Consortium Agreement", substantially in the form as attached herewith, subject to approval of the Town Attorney as to form and legality.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

SIGNED: _____
Chairman

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk

SOUTHWESTERN NC HOME CONSORTIUM

**JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT
FOR
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this _____ day of _____, 2020, by and between the County of Haywood (herein called the “Lead Entity”), County of Cherokee, County of Clay, County of Graham, County of Jackson, County of Macon, and County of Swain (herein called the Counties) and all other municipalities within Haywood County (including Canton, Clyde, Maggie Valley and Waynesville), Cherokee County (including Andrews and Murphy), Clay County (including Hayesville), Graham County (including Lake Santeetlah, Robbinsville and Fontana Dam), Jackson County (including Dillsboro, Forest Hills, Sylva and Webster), Macon County (including Franklin and Highlands) and Swain County (including Bryson City), herein known as Members, said parties to the agreement being geographically contiguous units of general local government of the State of North Carolina, and is made pursuant to North Carolina Statutes, Article 20 of Chapter 160A.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (herein called the “Act”) makes provisions whereby units of general local government may enter into cooperation agreements and form a Consortium to undertake or assist in undertaking affordable housing pursuant to the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties that the Lead Entity will act in a representative capacity for the Members as well as itself. The Members desire that the Lead Entity assume overall responsibility for ensuring that the Consortium is carried out in compliance with the requirements of the Act, state and federal regulations’ program requirements and the Consolidated Plan for the Consortium. The Lead Entity through written agreement is utilizing the Southwestern NC

Planning and Economic Development Commission (Administrative Agent) to assist in carrying out the daily administration responsibilities of the Consortium. That written agreement specifies the duties and responsibilities of the Administrative Agent to carry out the administrative and other functions necessary, required and desirable to fulfill the requirements of the Act, its regulations, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development directives and state and federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. The parties agree to cooperate to undertake or to assist in undertaking housing assistance activities for the HOME program. The Members hereby authorize the Lead Entity to apply for and receive HOME funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Lead Entity is authorized to act in a representative capacity for all Members for purposes of the HOME program.

2. The Members hereby authorize the Lead Entity to establish a local HOME Investment Trust Fund for receipt and disbursement of HOME funds and repayments.

3. The Lead Entity and Members shall cooperate in the implementation of the HOME Program and shall cooperate in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan by providing information to the Lead Entity. The Members shall execute and submit the required certifications, and shall prepare and submit plans for monitoring compliance with the Consolidated Plan. The Lead Entity, through the Administrative Agent, assumes overall responsibility for ensuring that the Consortium's HOME Program is carried out in compliance with the requirements of the HOME Program, including requirements concerning a Consolidated Plan in accordance with HUD regulations in 24 CFR Parts 91 and 92, respectively, and the requirements of 24 CFR 92.350.

4. The Lead Entity and each Member shall be responsible for providing matching funds required by federal regulations for any funds allocated for that jurisdiction. No Member shall refuse to provide matching funds required

by its projects for the period of time that the participation of that Member is required in the Consortium by HUD regulations and this Agreement. Each Member shall reimburse the Lead Entity immediately and in full for any and all expenses incurred by Lead Entity as a result of the failure of any Member to provide the matching funds. Matching funds will not be required when the Member does not have a project within its jurisdiction.

5. The Consortium agrees, that unless this requirement is suspended by HUD, that a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of all HOME funds received will be set aside for the use of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) which have 501(c)(3) tax status as required by federal law.

6. The Lead Entity and the Administrative Agent will be paid an administrative fee totaling ten percent (10%) of the overall HOME funds allocation for the performance of their duties administering the HOME program in accordance with the applicable requirements of 24 CFR part 92. Said fee will be shared between the parties as stipulated in a separate administrative agreement. Only costs associated with the management and administration of the HOME program will be charged against HOME administrative allocations.

7. The Members do hereby agree to inform the Lead Entity through the Administrative Agent, in writing, of any income generated by the expenditure of HOME funds received by the Members, and that such program income must be paid to the Lead Entity for deposit into the Trust Fund or may be retained by the Members only if its use is defined in a separate agreement and approved by the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development.

8. The Members and Lead Entity shall affirmatively advance fair housing. And make all benefits of the program available in accordance with fair housing regulations.

9. The Members, as parties to the Consortium, agree that they shall direct all activities, with respect to the Consortium, to the alleviation of housing problems in the State of North Carolina.

10. This section shall not be construed as waiving any defense or limitation which any party may have against any claim or cause of action by any person not a party to this agreement.

11. The terms of this agreement will cover the period necessary to carry out all activities that will be funded from funds awarded for three federal fiscal years. The units of general local government which join the Consortium will remain in the Consortium for this entire period. The qualification period is Federal Fiscal Years 2021 -2023. The time for which this agreement remains in effect is until the HOME funds from each of the Federal Fiscal Years set out above are closed out pursuant to 24 CFR 92.507. No Consortium member may withdraw from the agreement while the agreement remains in effect.

12. This agreement will automatically renew for participation in successive three-year qualification periods. By the date specified in HUD's consortia designation notices, the Consortium's Lead Entity, through the Administrative Agent, will notify each participating unit of general local government in writing of its right not to participate for the successive three-year qualification periods. A copy of the notification to each jurisdiction must be sent to the HUD Field Office by the date specified in the consortia designation notice. The Lead Entity shall have the authority to amend the HOME consortium agreement on behalf of the consortium's members. The Lead Entity will incorporate all changes necessary to meet the requirements for cooperation agreements set forth in a Consortia Qualification Notice applicable for a subsequent three-year period, and will submit the amendment to HUD as specified in the Consortia Qualification Notice for that period, and failure to comply will void the automatic renewal of the consortia agreement.

13. The Members and Lead Entity agree that this Cooperation Agreement may require modifications when final regulations on HOME and Consolidated Plan are provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and will cooperate in executing a revised or amended written agreement acceptable to all parties.

14. Should disputes arise between any participants in the Consortium resulting in legal action, such actions shall be filed in the appropriate courts of

Haywood County. All parties hereto located in Counties outside Haywood County specifically waive any alternate venue.

15. The program start date for the Consortium is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and all units of general local government are on the same program year.

16. A Consortium Committee has been formed with one representative from each Member. The Consortium Committee will meet quarterly to receive Consortium updates and to review progress made towards Consolidated Plan goals. The Lead Entity, through the Administrative Agent, shall establish all policies, determine funding allocations, and control all activities of the consortium. The Administrative Agent will accept project recommendations from all HOME consortium members, but reserves the right to make final funding decisions consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Lead Entity and the Members have caused this Agreement to be executed by a duly authorized officer of each party.

COUNTY OF _____

By: _____

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:

By: _____

SEAL

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF _____

I, a Notary Public of _____ County and State of North Carolina, certify that _____ personally came before me this day and acknowledge that he/she is _____ of the County Board of Commissioners, a North Carolina body corporate, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the _____ County Board of Commissioners, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name and by its Chairman of Board of Commissioners, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by himself/herself as its _____.

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____ (Signature)

_____, Notary Public
(Printed Name)

SEAL

My Commission Expires: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Printed Name)

Attorney for _____ County Board of Commissioners

SOUTHWESTERN NC HOME CONSORTIUM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Home Investment Partnership Program?

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use – often in partnership with local nonprofit groups – to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. HOME is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households.

HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions. The program's flexibility allows States and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancements, or rental assistance or security deposits.

In what ways can HOME funds be used?

HOME funds can be used in a variety of ways to support a consortium's homeownership activities: home-owner occupied rehabilitation programs, direct homebuyer assistance (down payment and/or closing costs), development of for-sale housing and low-income rental housing, rental assistance, or for other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing including site acquisition or improvement, and demolition of dilapidated housing.

What are the income requirements for eligible beneficiaries?

The eligibility of households for HOME assistance varies with the nature of the funded activity. For rental housing and rental assistance, at least 90% of the benefitting families must have incomes that are no more than 60% of the HUD-adjusted median family income for the area. In rental projects with five or more assisted units, at least 20% of the units must be occupied by families with incomes that do not exceed 50% of the HUD-adjusted median. The incomes of households receiving HUD assistance must not exceed 80% of the area median. HOME income limits are published each year by HUD.

Why is there a need to form a Consortium?

Generally, units of local government form consortia to access direct formula allocations of HOME funds to support housing activities and programs.

States are automatically eligible for HOME funds and receive their formula allocation or \$3million, whichever is greater. Local jurisdictions eligible for at least \$500,000 under the formula also can receive a direct allocation. The formula allocation considers the relative inadequacy of each jurisdiction's housing supply, its incidence of poverty, its fiscal distress, and other factors.

Those communities that do not qualify for an individual allocation under the formula can join with one or more neighboring localities in a legally binding consortium whose members' combined allocation would meet the threshold for direct funding.

Those communities who do not receive a direct allocation or who are not part of a consortium can participate in HOME by applying for program funds made available by their State. In North Carolina the HOME program funds are made available through the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA). It should be noted, that the same communities that receive direct allocations and those that receive allocations through a consortium can also access the NCHFA programs.

What will be the HOME funding level for the consortium?

Under current funding levels the proposed consortium would have funding of approximately \$670,000. The net funding level after deducting administrative fees used to run the program would be approximately \$600,000.

Will there be a match requirement for participating local jurisdictions?

There are two match requirements both of which potentially will not require local jurisdiction participation:

During the first year of the program a new consortium must meet the difference between its formula allocation (approximately \$670,000) and the first-time participation threshold of \$750,000, with local funds and/or non-federal funds. The Southwestern Commission is working with the Dogwood Health Trust's Leverage Fund, which will provide the initial \$80,000 match for the region.

There is also a 25% on-going match requirement on all funds drawn from the consortium's HOME Investment Trust Fund treasury account in that fiscal year. The 25% non-federal match can be in the form of cash, assets, labor or other services valuable to the HOME program. The

25% match will be the responsibility of the recipient accessing the funds on a project by project basis.

No money is required from local governments to join the consortium.

Will there be a need for a consolidated plan?

Yes. Forming a consortium enables local governments to work together to develop collaborative approaches to local and regional housing needs that cross town and county lines. Prior to receiving HOME funds every consortium must develop a three to five-year consolidated plan that will describe community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken with the HOME program funding.

What will be the governance structure of the consortium?

- Consortium Members

The proposed consortium will consist of the seven counties and seventeen towns representing Region A in southwestern North Carolina: the counties of Cherokee (including the towns of Andrews and Murphy), Clay (including the town of Hayesville), Graham (including the towns of Lake Santeetlah, Fontana Dam, and Robbinsville), Haywood (including the towns of Canton, Clyde, Maggie Valley and Waynesville), Jackson (including the towns of Dillsboro, Forest Hills, Sylva and Webster), Macon (including the towns of Franklin and Highlands) and Swain (including the town of Bryson City).

- Lead Entity

A consortium can organize and govern themselves as they choose, however, they must designate one jurisdiction as the “lead entity” and must execute a legally binding consortium agreement that formally organizes the consortium. The lead entity retains primary responsibility for ensuring consortium compliance with all HOME Program rules and reporting to HUD. The lead entity must have the capacity to administer program requirements either directly or jointly with another entity. The lead entity in the proposed consortium will be Haywood County.

- Administrative Agent

As the lead entity, Haywood County will enter into a written agreement with the Southwestern Commission (Administrative Agent) to carry out most of the administrative responsibilities of the HOME program. The Administrative Agent will accept project recommendations from all HOME consortium members and will make final funding decisions consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

- Consortium Committee

The consortium committee will have one representative from each member of the consortium and will meet quarterly to receive consortium updates and to review progress made towards consolidated plan goals.

When will the program start?

The program start date for the consortium will be July 1, 2021 for the three-year period 2021 to 2023. The agreement will automatically renew for participation in successive three-year periods.

Please return the signed consortium agreement, using the envelope in your packet, by June 15th, 2020

Please direct any questions to Sarah Thompson, Southwestern Commission Executive Director, sarah@regiona.org 828-508-1796

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – CONSENT AGENDA

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

Item 12A. A draft copy of the minutes of the April 14, 2020 regular meeting is attached for your review and approval. (Mike Decker)

Item 12B. There were no tax releases for the month of May. (Teresa McDowell)

Item 12C. A Grant Project Ordinance Amendment for the Weatherization Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$203,999. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12D. A Grant Project Ordinance Amendment for the Duke Energy Income Qualified Weatherization Program Direct Reimbursement in the amount of \$140,000. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12E. A Grant Project Ordinance for the 2020 Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (ESFRLP) in the amount of \$190,000. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12F. A Grant Project Ordinance for the 2020 Urgent Repair Program in the amount of \$100,000. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12G. A Capital Project Ordinance Amendment for the dog park in the amount of \$115,957. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12H. A Capital Project Ordinance for the Macon Middle School Locker Room project in the amount of \$35,000. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12I. A Capital Project Ordinance for the Macon Middle School Renovation project in the amount of \$1,037,268. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12J. A Capital Project Ordinance Amendment for the South Macon Elementary School Addition project in the amount of \$3,291,022. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12K. An Agreement to Provide Recreation Opportunities between the county and the Scaly Mountain Historical Society, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500 whereby the society makes the Old Scaly School House open and available to the public for recreation. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12L. A copy of the ad valorem tax collections report for the month of May, which shows an overall 98.06 percent collection rate as of 05.31.20. No action is required on this item. (Teresa McDowell)

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Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Due to Gov. Roy Cooper's Executive Order limiting the number of people at a mass gathering to 10 due to COVID-19, physical participation at the meeting in the boardroom was limited to that number. All five commissioners were physically present and practiced social distancing. County Manager Derek Roland was also present. Deputy Clerk Mike Decker and Finance Director Lori Carpenter watched the meeting via live stream, and County Attorney Chester Jones participated via telephone. A reduced number of members of the media were allowed to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Tate provided an overview of the process to be followed for conducting the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Due to COVID-19, the public comment period was conducted via telephone. **David Hurd** spoke on what he referred to as the "Second Amendment proposition." Referring to the board's action at its March 10, 2020 regular meeting, he said the board members did not listen and did not act according to their words when they adopted a resolution regarding the Second Amendment. Mr. Hurd and many others had supported a different resolution, and he noted some of the commissioners had said they would support that version, which he also noted the board had asked for. "You reneged on it," he said, adding that the board instead approved one written by Mr. Jones which has "many words without saying anything."

ADDITIONS, ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Tate asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Commissioner Shields, the pledge to the flag was recited. Following the pledge, Commissioner Beale noted the death of Bryant Holland, who served as Chief Deputy under Sheriff Homer Holbrooks.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM: Macon County Economic Development Director Tommy Jenkins gave the board an overview of the Paycheck Protection Program, which is designed to provide economic development assistance under the CARES Act, which is the \$2-trillion federal legislative package to address COVID-19. Mr. Jenkins said that some \$349 billion has been earmarked to help small businesses retain employees by helping with matters such as payroll and other expenses, and explained there are some instances where the loan funds are fully forgivable. He said the funds will go out through approved lenders, not the Small Business Administration (SBA), and noted there have been “some hiccups in the program,” but the SBA has tweaked the rules over the past month. He said he had spoken with several lenders, who are processing the loans as fast as possible, and he urged local businesses seeking those funds to continue to work with the lenders and to “stay in line.” He also provided the board with a brief overview of other assistance programs available to small businesses, noting that we are all in “uncharted waters.” The discussion then turned to unemployment, with Mr. Jenkins noting that, as to the numbers, “it is not gonna be pretty.” This was followed by discussion of the administration of producing unemployment checks, with Mr. Jenkins saying that “the system wasn’t built to handle this demand.” Commissioner Shields raised the question of what COVID-19 has done to impact the taking of the 2020 Census, which led to more discussion on that topic. In conclusion, Mr. Jenkins encouraged small businesses that need assistance to apply for funding help and to be patient. No action was necessary.

UPDATE ON COUNTY’S COVID-19 RESPONSE:

Emergency Management: Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe updated the board not only on his agency’s COVID-19 response but also on the severe weather that affected the area on April 12th. On the COVID-19 front, he said he had activated a virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with involvement from various stakeholders, noting they cannot all be in one room together. An Unmet Needs Committee has been formed, and Mr. Cabe said feeding coordination has been assigned to CareNet with help from five volunteer fire departments. He said that a plan has been developed to use the former National Guard Armory for medical sheltering, an alternative care site or any other related function as needed. Emergency Management has coordinated with both hospitals in the county for medical surge planning, is processing resource requests for various agencies, has developed a plan for non-congregate sheltering with local motels if needed, and has developed a contingency plan for morgue operations for an unexpectedly high number of deaths if the need arises. Mr. Cabe also told the board he has reviewed the regulations imposed in connection with COVID-19 for effectiveness and will make changes as necessary. He said the screening process at the Macon County Airport was not as effective as it

could be and would be changed tomorrow. He said his department has worked with Macon County Public Health staff to provide education to the public. In wrapping up this part of his report, he noted that EMS responses are increasing in number but are still not quite back to what would be a normal level for this time of year, and that 9-1-1 telecommunicators are conducting extra screenings and relaying pertinent information to responders.

In the second part of his presentation, Mr. Cabe said that severe weather on Sunday night (April 12) into Monday morning, including high water, high winds and debris flows or slope failures, caused damage across the county. While the damage assessment is ongoing, he provided the board with a snapshot of the aftermath. There were no injuries or fatalities reported, but two residential structures suffered major damage from debris flows, while two others suffered minor damage from debris flows. Six commercial structures suffered major damage by high water, and four residential structures suffered minor damage by high water. A total of 12 electrical services suffered major damages by high winds, and more than 4,000 customers were without power Monday morning. Mr. Cabe reported that numerous private roads, culverts or bridges were damaged or adversely affected by high water, and 16 people had to be evacuated from an area affected by a debris flow, while three others were evacuated from an area affected by high water. He added that five people are still being sheltered at a local hotel and the American Red Cross is assisting them. Overall, he said there were 11 minor to major debris flows or slope failures reported in the county, and a team of geologists from the North Carolina Geological Survey is conducting safety assessments. He said the National Weather Service will be providing the county with detailed rain event information, and he said it is believed that eight to 10 inches of rain fell in some areas during the storm, with reports of four to six inches in others. He told the board that one of the debris flows, located off of Parker Farms Road, displaced an amount of material comparable to the amount displaced in the Peeks Creek Community back in 2004, and stopped five feet away from some structures. Mr. Cabe closed this part of his report by outlining the qualifications for either individual assistance or public assistance resulting from the storm, noting again that damage assessments are ongoing.

Following his updates, Mr. Cabe answered questions from the board regarding both COVID-19 and weather issues. No action was taken.

CONSULTATION WITH BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING NEW HEALTH DIRECTOR: Chairman Tate explained that the board would be receiving a phone call from Melissa Bell, the chair of the Macon County Board of Health. Mrs. Bell explained that the members of the health board, as required by state statute, desired to consult with the commissioners regarding the health board's choice for a new director for Macon County Public Health. Following a process that took more than a year and half, she said the choice of the Board of Health is Kathy McGaha, a current, long-term employee of the department. Mrs. Bell said that Mrs. McGaha's years of experience and other factors made her "an

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excellent choice” to “lead us forward in the future.” Mr. Roland told the board members that a copy of Mrs. McGaha’s employment agreement had been provided to them, and outlines items including salary and a travel allowance. Mr. Jones pointed out that the recommendation and desire of the board of health needs to be approved by the commissioners, as well as Mrs. McGaha’s contract for employment, which would become effective April 29, 2020 if approved. Commissioner Beale made a motion to accept the recommendation of the board of health and the selection of Kathy McGaha as the new director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higdon, and all favored. An unexecuted copy of the Employment Agreement is attached (Attachment 1) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

UPDATE ON COUNTY’S COVID-19 RESPONSE (CONTINUED)

Public Health: Mrs. McGaha began her remarks by personally thanking outgoing Interim Public Health Director Carmine Rocco for his guidance to the staff and for “taking on this beast of a virus,” adding that he has done a great job. She then gave the board a status report on COVID-19 in Macon County, the region, the state and nationally. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is attached (Attachment 2) and is hereby made a part of these minutes. During her presentation, she noted that 93 counties in North Carolina have at least one confirmed COVID-19 case, adding that Macon has two confirmed cases and one COVID-19 associated death. She went on to note that a total of 198 residents have been tested as of this date. She then answered questions from the board members about testing, the time it is taking to get results and the availability of tests. No action was necessary.

Sheriff’s Department: Sheriff Robert Holland told the board that his number one goal continues to be keeping COVID-19 out of the jail, and visitation with inmates continues to be through videoconferencing. He said there has been a decrease in arrests and incidents since the pandemic began, noting that his department’s calls are down 19 percent. He added that his department is “100 percent in compliance with all complaints brought to our attention” as a result of the county’s State of Emergency regulations and Gov. Cooper’s executive orders, although he said a few have been charged with violating orders. The sheriff responded to questions from board members about his department’s needs, crime in the county and the “mental health side” of dealing with the virus. No action was necessary.

Administration: Mr. Roland stated that COVID-19 is “certainly the greatest challenge this organization has ever faced,” and while it has changed the way the county is doing business, he assured the board “it is not too big for Macon County government.” He told the board that with the exception of three departments, “We’re still open for business.” He noted that the county’s Information Technology department has help 35 county employees work from home, adding that teleworking is becoming a new reality. He said the county’s

employees have risen to the occasion, and the virus has put “a lot of extra work on a lot of folks.” He said that every service the county provides, as well as every employee, is essential, and that “everyone has taken responsibility” as needed, with those on the front lines doing an excellent job. He warned the board that there will be uncertainty going into the annual budget process. “All of these things tie into a budget process that is extremely uncertain,” he said, adding that “we won’t be in a situation where we overestimate our revenues.” Commissioner Beale noted that the state legislature was considering withholding county sales tax revenue, and Chairman Tate pointed out it was nice to have six months’ worth of expenses in the fund balance. No action was necessary.

DISCUSSION OF PLACING SALES TAX REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER BALLOT: Mr. Roland explained that the deadline for the board to make a decision on whether to place the ¼-cent local option sales tax on the November general election ballot would be in July. Mr. Jones said he could prepare the necessary resolution for the board’s consideration and have that ready at the June regular meeting. It was noted there would need to be coordination with Melanie Thibault, the Board of Elections Director, about getting the referendum on the ballot. Commissioner Shields expressed his reservations about “moving this request forward,” saying it may not be appropriate at this time and adding that the board needs to be sensitive about that. Chairman Tate said he has the same reservations. No action was taken.

LEASE WITH GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY OF FRANKLIN: Mr. Jones explained that the board approved a one-year lease agreement with the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin back in January for the society’s use of the old Macon County Jail as a museum. He said the organization desires a five-year lease, adding that the county has properly advertised that it will consider that time period. He said if the board wants to proceed, it will need to rescind its action approving the one-year lease, and approve a resolution calling for a five-year lease as requested. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to (1) approve a “Rescission of Lease Agreement” and (2) approve a “Resolution Leasing Property for a Term of Five Years” in connection with this matter. Copies of the rescission (Attachment 3), the resolution (Attachment 4) and an unexecuted copy of the new “Lease Agreement” (Attachment 5) are attached and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

LEASE WITH COWEE SCHOOL ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER: Likewise, Mr. Jones explained that similar action was needed with regard to the lease agreement with the Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center. The board had approved a one-year lease in January, and representatives of the center were also seeking a five-year term. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the board voted unanimously to (1) approve a “Rescission of Lease Agreement” and (2) approve a “Resolution of the Macon County Board of County Commissioners Declaring Property to be Surplus and Approving a Five Year Lease of the Same by Macon County to Cowee School Arts

and Heritage Center” in connection with this matter. Copies of the rescission (Attachment 6), the resolution (Attachment 7) and an unexecuted copy of the new “Lease to Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center from Macon County” (Attachment 8) are attached and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

REQUEST FROM TOWN OF FRANKLIN REGARDING NEW ROOF FOR TOWN SQUARE GAZEBO: Mr. Roland explained that officials with the Town of Franklin contacted him about the town having a new roof put on the gazebo on town square, which is county-owned property leased to the town. He said the town will pay for the new roof. Commissioner Shields made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Jones noted that this matter needs to be approved in writing, and told the board he would prepare a letter for Mr. Roland’s signature. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR LOTTERY FUNDS: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to approve an application to draw down \$330,776.72 in funding from the North Carolina Education Lottery’s Public School Building Capital Fund. A copy of the application is attached (Attachment 9) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

Prior to moving on to the Consent Agenda, Chairman Tate asked the other members for their consensus regarding a letter he was considering sending to those in the county who pay the occupancy tax and the recent effects of COVID-19 on short-term rentals that have been ordered to remain closed. A draft copy of that letter is attached (Attachment 10) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Higdon, the board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented, which includes: (A) budget amendment #220 for Senior Services to appropriate \$9,000 from a new grant allocation; #221 for the Solid Waste Department to appropriate \$946 from an insurance settlement; #222 for the Health Department to allocate \$4,941 in additional funding from the state; and #223 for the Maintenance Department to appropriate \$3,725 from an insurance settlement (copies of the amendments are attached). (B) received the monthly ad valorem tax collections report for the month of March, which shows an overall 97.32 percent collection rate, and for which no action was necessary.

APPOINTMENTS: (A) Board of Equalization and Review: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Tax Administrator Abby Braswell and appoint Dwight Vinson, Donald Holland, Gary Drake, Kristine Flaig and Richard Lightner as the members of the 2020 Board of Equalization and Review. Term of appointment is for one year. Following the appointments, Commissioner Beale noted the passing of Bill Martin, a long-time former member of the Board

of Equalization and Review who Commissioner Beale said “served on that board diligently and faithfully.”

Prior to the board going into closed session, Interim Public Health Director Carmine Rocco stopped by the meeting to say goodbye, noting that his last day with the county would be April 28th. He told the board that his time in Macon County had “reinvigorated my belief in county government.” The board members thanked Mr. Rocco for his service.

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:20 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing potential property acquisition under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). At 8:38 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the board voted unanimously to come out of closed session and return to open session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN: With no other business, at 8:39 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Higdon, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Jim Tate
Board Chairman

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY 2021**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is a Weatherization Assistance Program and a Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program administered through the NC Department of Environmental Quality.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of N.C.G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| Weatherization Services DOE | \$127,640 |
| Weatherization Services DHHS | 49,325 |
| HARRP Services DHHS | <u>27,034</u> |
| Total | \$203,999 |

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

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| DOE WX Funds | \$127,640 |
| DHHS LIHEAP WX Funds | 49,325 |
| DHHS HARRP Funds | <u>27,034</u> |
| Total | \$203,999 |

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of N.C.G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**DUKE ENERGY INCOME QUALIFIED WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM
DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Duke Energy Income Qualified Weatherization Program - Direct Reimbursement administered through the NC Community Action Association.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| Weatherization Projects | <u>\$140,000</u> |
| Total | \$140,000 |

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

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| DEC WX Funds | <u>\$140,000</u> |
| Total | \$140,000 |

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
2020 ESSENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY REHABILITATION
LOAN POOL (ESFRLP)**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the 2020 Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (funding agreement number ESFRLP2015) administered through the N C Housing Finance Agency.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| Rehabilitation | <u>\$190,000</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$190,000 |

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

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| Home Investment Partnerships Program - NC Housing Finance Agency | <u>\$190,000</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$190,000 |

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
2020 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the 2020 Urgent Repair Program (URP20) administered through the NC Housing Finance Agency.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| Urgent Repair | \$100,000 |
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SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

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| NC Housing Finance Agency | \$100,000 |
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SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
DOG PARK**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is a Dog Park funded by a transfer from the general fund.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| Construction | <u>\$115,957</u> |
| Total | <u>\$115,957</u> |

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Transfer from the General Fund | <u>\$115,957</u> |
| Total | <u>\$115,957</u> |

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
MACON MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Macon Middle School Locker Room.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| Architect Fees | \$ <u>35,000</u> |
| Total | \$ <u><u>35,000</u></u> |

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

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| Transfer from general fund | \$ <u>35,000</u> |
| Total | \$ <u><u>35,000</u></u> |

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
MACON MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Macon Middle School Renovation.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Architect Fees | \$ 1,029,768 |
| Professional Fees | <u>7,500</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,037,268</u> |

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Transfer from general fund | <u>\$ 1,037,268</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,037,268</u> |

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

James P. Tate, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT
SOUTH MACON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the South Macon Elementary School Addition.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the financing agreement and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Furniture | \$ 80,029 |
| Architect Fees | 174,322 |
| Special Inspections | 60,000 |
| Legal Fees | 20,990 |
| Construction | 2,944,214 |
| Contingency | <u>11,467</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,291,022</u> |

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Installment Financing Proceeds | \$ 2,923,674 |
| Fund 46 other revenues | <u>367,348</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,291,022</u> |

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the financing institution and the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MACON

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this the ____ day of _____, 2020, by and between Macon County (hereinafter "County"), a North Carolina Body Politic and Corporate, and Scaly Mountain Historical Society, Inc., (hereinafter "Historical Society"), a North Carolina non-profit corporation.

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS the State of North Carolina by way of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-351 has established the following as policy for the State of North Carolina concerning recreation:

"The lack of adequate recreational programs and facilities is a menace to the morals, happiness, and welfare of the people of this State. Making available recreational opportunities for citizens of all ages is a subject of general interest and concern, and a function requiring appropriate action by both State and local government. The General Assembly therefore declares that the public good and the general welfare of the citizens of this State require adequate recreation programs, the creation, establishment, and operation of parks and recreation programs is a proper governmental function, and that it is the policy of North Carolina to forever encourage, foster, and provide these facilities and programs for all of its citizens."; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-352 provides that "Recreation" means activities that are diversionary in character and aid in promoting entertainment, pleasure, relaxation, instruction, and other physical, mental and cultural development and leisure time experiences; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-444, the County is authorized to establish parks and provide recreational programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-449, the County is authorized to contract with and appropriate money to any person, association, or corporation, in order to carry out any public purpose that the County is authorized by law to engage in; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for recreation opportunities in the Scaly Mountain area of Macon County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Scaly Mountain Historical Society, Inc., (Historical Society), does own a building known as the Old Scaly School House, located at 41 Buck Knob Road, Scaly Mountain, North Carolina 28775 (hereinafter referred to as the Old Scaly School House) and does agree with County as provided for hereinafter for such facility to be used in part for public "recreation" as that term is defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-352 and provide recreational opportunities to

the general public at such location, and County does agree with Historical Society as provided for hereinafter to appropriate and provide funds to Historical Society in accordance with the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-449 to carry out the public purpose of providing recreation opportunities to the general public at the Old Scaly School House.

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE COVENANTS CONTAINED HEREINAFTER, THE PARTIES DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Historical Society shall make the Old Scaly School House, located at 41 Buck Knob Road, Scaly Mountain, North Carolina 28775, open and available to members of the general public during reasonable days and hours for recreation as that term is defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-352 for the period between July 1, 2020, and the end of June 30, 2021, and it shall provide recreational opportunities to the general public at such location.
2. The Historical Society shall perform its obligations hereunder in a nondiscriminatory fashion appropriate for public activity and there shall be no discrimination by it on the basis of race, sex or religion in its performance of such obligation.
3. County shall pay Historical Society upon the execution of this Agreement the sum of \$2,500.00 for making the Old Scaly School House open and available to members of the general public during reasonable days and hours for recreation as that term is defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-352 for the period between July 1, 2020, and the end of June 30, 2021, and for providing recreational opportunities to the general public.
4. Historical Society shall account to County for its expenditures and uses of the monies provided by County to Historical Society in accordance with paragraph number three above and Historical Society shall use such monies only for the public purpose of making the Old Scaly School House open and available to members of the general public during reasonable days and hours for recreation as that term is defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-352 for the period between July 1, 2020, and the end of June 30, 2021, and for providing recreational opportunities to the general public.
5. Historical Society shall at all times properly maintain the Old Scaly School House in a condition for use as a safe place of public recreation.
6. This Agreement shall not be construed to be a lease.
7. Historical Society is an independent contractor.
8. Historical society shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement property damage insurance and liability insurance in amounts as will protect it against any and all damages, liability, loss and claims to the Historical Society, Old Scaly School House, appurtenances and approaches thereto, in any manner caused directly or indirectly by, arising from, incident to, or in connection with its use or occupancy of the Old Scaly School House and its performance of its duties under this Agreement.

9. County may periodically inspect and monitor Historical Society's performance of its obligations hereunder.
10. The laws of the State of North Carolina shall control and govern this Agreement. Any controversy or claim arising out of this Agreement shall be settled by action instituted in the appropriate Division of the General Court of Justice in Macon County, North Carolina.
11. This Agreement may be modified only by written agreement executed by the parties hereto.
12. E-VERIFY. Each Party hereto shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes. Further, if any party hereto utilizes a subcontractor, such party shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have made and executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

Scaly Mountain Historical Society, Inc.

Macon County

By: _____
President

By: _____
County Manager

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

This the ____ day of _____, 2020

Macon County Finance Officer

MACON COUNTY MONTHLY
AD VALOREM TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT

May-20

| Month to Date | Beginning Balance | Levy Added | Less Releases | Less Write-Offs | Equals Adj Levy | Gross Payments | Less Refunds | Misc Dr/Cr | Net Payments | Outstanding Balance |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| General Tax | 645054.23 | 2240.78 | 0 | -5.11 | 647289.9 | -86040.74 | 2844.11 | 120.05 | -83076.58 | 564213.32 |
| Fire Districts | 100612.91 | 357.74 | 0 | -0.9 | 100969.75 | -12808.31 | 0 | 13.8 | -12794.51 | 88175.24 |
| Landfill User Fee | 107561.83 | 95 | 0 | -3.19 | 107653.64 | -10496.12 | 0 | 0 | -10496.12 | 97157.52 |
| Totals | 853228.97 | 2693.52 | 0 | -9.2 | 855913.29 | -109345.17 | 2844.11 | 133.85 | -106367.21 | 749546.08 |

| Year to Date | Beginning Balance | Levy Added | Less Releases | Less Write-Offs | Equals Adj Levy | Gross Payments | Less Refunds | Misc Dr/Cr | Net Payments | Outstanding Balance | Collection Percentage |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| General Tax | 840.83 | 29028618.01 | -17043.31 | -1238.23 | 29011177.3 | -28630154.21 | 149732.08 | 33458.15 | -28446964 | 564213.32 | 98.06 |
| Fire Districts | 256.26 | 3999913.85 | -2681.96 | -186.33 | 3997301.82 | -3912952.27 | 0 | 3825.69 | -3909126.58 | 88175.24 | 97.79 |
| Landfill User Fee | 0 | 2554550 | -1710 | -20.28 | 2552819.72 | -2457759.42 | 0 | 2097.22 | -2455662.2 | 97157.52 | 96.19 |
| Totals | 1097.09 | 35583081.86 | -21435.27 | -1444.84 | 35561298.84 | -35000865.9 | 149732.08 | 39381.06 | -34811752.8 | 749546.08 | 97.89 |

The collection rate is 98.06% collected on 2019 general taxes, late listing penalties, discoveries and deferred taxes as of 5/31/2020 as compared to 97.93% on 2018 taxes as of 5/31/2019

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – APPOINTMENTS

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

13(A). **Library Board** – Per Karen Wallace, the term of Lenny Jordan expired on May 16, 2020, and Paula Alter has expressed an interest in serving. Mrs. Alter's application is attached for your information. Also, Andrew Chmar has submitted his resignation, a copy of which is attached. Per Ms. Wallace, in order to comply with the board's by-laws, his seat must be filled by a member of the Hudson Library Board. Therefore, please see the attached application from Hudson Library Board member William (Bill) Trotter. If appointed, Mr. Trotter would fill the remainder of Mr. Chmar's term, which is set to expire August 14, 2021.

Application for Appointment to Macon County Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees

The Macon County Board of Commissioners believes all citizens should have the opportunity to participate in governmental decisions. The Board wants to appoint qualified, knowledgeable and dedicated people to serve on authorities, boards and committees. If you have an interest in being considered for an appointment to any advertised vacancy, please thoroughly complete the form below before the advertised deadline and choose from the following options.

Mail to: County Manager's Office
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Franklin, North Carolina 28734

or FAX to: 828-349-2400

Any Questions, please call the County Manager's Office at (828) 349-2025

Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Public Library Board

Name Paula Alter

Address 222 Wilkes Branch Lane City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828 371 0004 Work 828 369 9534

Occupation NC Department of Commerce/Career Center Manager - Macon, Jackson and Swain Co. NCWorks CC's

Business Address 5 West Main St., Franklin, NC 28734

Email Address paula.alter@nccommerce.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

None anticipated

Educational Background

B5 Biology, Juniata College; Healthcare Innovation Management Fellowship, WCU; ATE Education Certification, SBU

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Prior to DOC role, 26 years progressive healthcare leadership including business development, past member MountainWise Leadership Cmte

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

Workforce, event planning, business/community relations, community theater, photography and writing/publishing

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

Chair, Macon County Schools Business Advisory Committee

SIGNATURE: *Paula Alter*

DATE: 2/28/2020

MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

149 SILER FARM ROAD
FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA 28734
PHONE: (828) 524-3600 FAX: (828) 524-9550

Macon County Board of Commissioners
5 West Main Street
Franklin, NC 28734

Dear Chairman Tate and Other Macon County Commissioners,

It has been my honor and privilege to have served on the Macon County Library Board for the past two years. As I will be assuming my new role as President of the Hudson Library of Highlands, Inc. board in the coming weeks, I respectfully tender my resignation from the Macon County Library Board effective June 1, 2020. I'm pleased that William (Bill) Trotter, whose Application for Appointment to the Macon County Library Board you will be considering, will be my immediate replacement from the Hudson Library board, if approved.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. Chmar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew T. Chmar

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Library Board

Name William A. (Bill) Trotter, III

Address 3867 Cashiers Rd City Highlands NC Zip 28741

Telephone: Home 706 373 3295 Work 706 737 3138

Occupation Attorney at law

Business Address 3527 Walton Way Ext., Augusta, Georgia 30909

Email Address bill@trotterjones.com


Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:
Not applicable

Educational Background
Graduate of the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia
Graduate of Mercer University Law School

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:
Practicing law for 49 years, member/manager of various real estate investment companies.

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:
Real Estate Investments, commercial law

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:
Board Member Hudson Library
Board Member Hospice House of WNC- Franklin, N.C.

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 5/23/2020