

**Item Title:** Public Hearing on the County Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners holds a public hearing on the County Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.**

**Item Summary:**

North Carolina counties budget and spend monies under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act enacted in 1971. At the Board of Commissioners' May 5 meeting, County Manager David Ellis presented his recommended budget detailing the proposed plan for raising and spending money for specified programs, functions, activities, and objectives for fiscal year 2026. The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The County Manager's presentation complied with G.S. 159-11 and G.S. 159-12 which state that the Manager must present a budget by June 1st and must advertise a public hearing on the budget.

The Board received the presentation and approved the following steps:

1. Instruct the County Manager to provide an online method of public comment for the FY 2026 Recommended Budget ahead of the Monday, May 19, budget public hearing.
2. Hold a budget public hearing during the Board of Commissioners' regular meeting on Monday, May 19, which begins at 2:00 p.m., at which point the Clerk to the Board will provide a summary of public comments submitted. The budget public hearing will remain open for comment submission until Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Hold budget work sessions on Monday, May 12, at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 22, at 9:00 a.m.
4. Consider the budget for adoption on Monday, June 2, during the Board of Commissioners' regular meeting, which begins at 5:00 p.m.

This item represents the public hearing component of the schedule.

**Attachments:**

None.