

## Davidson County Board of Commissioners

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The Board of Commissioners holds regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00pm. In addition, informational meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:00am. The meetings are held on the 4th floor of the Governmental Center, which is located at 913 Greensboro Street in Lexington and all meetings are open to the public.

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### County Manager

Robert C. Hyatt 242-2200

### Departments

Cooperative Extension	Troy Coggins	242-2081
Ambulance	Jeff Smith	242-2270
Board of Elections	Ruth Huneycutt	242-2190
Assist. County Manager	Zeb M. Hanner	242-2213
Clerk of Court	Brian Shipwash	242-2264
Communications	Terry Bailey	242-2132
County Attorney	Chuck Frye	236-3084
Finance	Jane Kiker	242-2029
Fire Marshal	Brad Needham	242-2281
Health	Layton Long	242-2349
Human Resources	Jim Tysinger	242-2919
Inspections	Ron Triplette	242-2231
DavidsonWorks	Cindy Livengood	242-2065
Landfill/Solid Waste	Charles Brushwood	242-2283
Library	Ruth Ann Copley	242-2064
IT	Joel Hartley	242-2032
Museum	Catherine Hoffmann	242-2035
Planning & Zoning	Guy Corman	242-2224
Public Works	Rex Buck	242-2008
Purchasing/Printing	Dwayne Childress	242-2030
Recreation	Charles Parnell	242-2285
Register of Deeds	David Rickard	242-2150
Risk Management	Jim Price	242-2917
Senior Services	Thessia Everhart	242-2290
Sheriff	David S. Grice	242-2100
Social Services	Dale Moorefield	242-2562
Soil & Water	Andy Miller	242-2075
Tax Administration	Joe Silver	242-2160
Transportation	George Hodges	242-2251
Veterans Services	Boyd Morgan	242-2037

# The Layman's Budget

## A Citizen's Guide to the Budget

### Fiscal Year Adopted 2011-2012 Beginning July 1, 2011 Annual Operating Budget



Davidson County West Campus Senior Center

### Statement of Philosophy and Guiding Principles of Davidson County Government

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

Our philosophy is based on:

*Encouraging teamwork through collaboration and partnerships*

*Offering responsive services to obtain positive results  
Delivering excellent services through committed employees who are sensitive to the needs of our citizens*

*Creating and maintaining a safe, professional work environment that promotes leadership and empowers employees*

*Providing fiscal accountability and environmental stewardship by effectively using human and natural resources*



Davidson County West Campus Gymnasium

## DAVIDSON COUNTY APPROVED BUDGET 2011-2012 HIGHLIGHTS

### REVENUES

- TAX RATE WILL REMAIN AT 54 CENTS PER 100.
- ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX INCREASE : FAIRGROVE 1.5 CENT INCREASE
- FEE CHANGES IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EMS, AND A 10% FEE INCREASE IN SEWER RATES.
- 1 PENNY EQUALS \$1,218,876.
- THE TAX BASE IS ANTICIPATED TO BE \$12,598,203,617.
- THIS TAX BASE AT THE APPROVED TAX RATE (ASSUMING A 96.75% COLLECTION RATE) WILL YIELD REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,819,315, WHICH IS AN INCREASE \$1,290,575 OVER THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET.
- ACCORDING TO OUR TAX DEPARTMENT, OVER THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2011 WE SHOW AN AVERAGE INCREASE IN MOTOR VEHICLE VALUATIONS FOR COUNTY OF 5% PER MONTH OVER THE SAME TIME PERIOD OF 2010.
- FOR 2011 - 2012 THERE IS A PROJECTED DECREASE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$2,462,482 IN SALES TAX. SALES TAX ACCOUNTED FOR 22.76% OF TOTAL REVENUE IN 2006-2007 AND 13.94% IN THE 2011-2012 BUDGET.
- ARTICLE 42 SALES TAX HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO POINT OF SALE INSTEAD OF PER CAPITA. THIS MEANS THAT 1.5 CENTS OF SALES TAX RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY WILL BE BASED ON POINT OF SALE AND 5 CENTS WILL BE PER CAPITA.
- THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REDIRECTED ALL OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIAL CORPORATE TAX SET ASIDES FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, THE STATUTORY REVENUE STREAM FOR THE COUNTY ADM FUND, TO STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES. ABSENT FURTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION, THE CORPORATE TAX SET ASIDES FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT RESUME WITH THE 2011-13 BIENNIAL. THIS WAS ABOUT 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO DAVIDSON COUNTY.
- THE STATE IS CONTEMPLATING REDUCING OR TAKING THE LOTTERY FUNDS FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CURRENT BUDGET.
- THE APPROVED BUDGET REFLECTS \$20,745,940 IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 3.0% OR \$642,655.
- REGISTER OF DEEDS REVENUES ARE PROJECTED TO BE FLAT. INSPECTION'S REVENUES ARE BUDGETED TO BE \$550,000. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF \$25,000 OVER THE 2010-2011 BUDGET.
- THERE IS AN APPROVED AMBULANCE FEE INCREASE. THE FEE INCREASE SHOULD BRING IN \$216,083 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE.
- CATEGORY I CAPITAL FUNDS TO PAY THE DEBT SERVICE FOR THE 2010 QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS IS \$438,447.
- 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET INCLUDES A FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION OF \$3,029,478.
- THE \$1,290,575 GROWTH IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WAS NEGATED BY THE \$3,938,652 DECREASE OF THE THREE ITEMS: \$2,462,482 SALES TAX REVENUE, \$870,943 DECREASE IN THE USE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FOR PROJECTS AND \$605,227 DSS AND CHILD SUPPORT FUNDS
- THE LANDFILL WILL USE \$3,294,410 IN RETAINED EARNINGS TO START THE NEXT CELL OF PHASE 2 IN SPRING OF 2012.
- THE LANDFILL SHOULD RECEIVE A FULL YEAR OF METHANE GAS SALES COMMISSIONS.
- IN SUMMARY, THE PROJECTED REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET ARE \$115,425,009 AND THE TOTAL NET DECREASE IN REVENUE IS \$2,498,918 OR 2.1%.

### EXPENDITURES

- THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS AS OF MARCH 2011 WAS 2.8% IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE COUNTRY.
- THERE IS NO SALARY INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.
- THERE WERE 8 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS REQUESTED AND 3 UPGRADES. 4 PARAMEDIC POSITIONS IN EMS FUNDED BY THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASE, 2 LIBRARY TECHNICIAN IS UPGRADED TO LIBRARY TECHNICIAN IS AND 1 SEASONAL PART TIME GROUNDS KEEPER IN RECREATION ARE APPROVED.
- THERE IS A NET REDUCTION OF 4.50 FTE'S (FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS) IN THE APPROVED 2011-2012 BUDGET BRINGING THE TOTAL NET REDUCTION TO ABOUT 35 POSITIONS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.
- THE HEALTH INSURANCE COST PER EMPLOYEE TO THE COUNTY WILL INCREASE \$260 OR ABOUT 3.77%.
- CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INCREASED 5.3%. IT WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS.
- THE WORKERS COMP RATES WERE REDUCED TO OFFSET THE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION INCREASE.
- INSURANCE RATES ARE ANTICIPATED TO REMAIN FLAT FOR GENERAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND CASUALTY.
- \$300,000 IS TO BE SET ASIDE INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NO FUNDING INCLUDED FOR DAVIDSON VISION.
- EDC WILL BE FUNDED AT \$235,000 THERE IS \$10,000 FOR EDC TO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FRIENDS OF NORTH CAROLINA IN CONTRIBUTIONS AND \$15,994 TO THE PIEDMONT TRIAD PARTNERSHIP BASED ON RECOMMENDATION MADE BY DAVIDSON COUNTY EDC.
- THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED FOR EDUCATION IS \$35,737,727 WHICH IS THE \$75,609 LESS THAN LAST YEAR.
- CURRENT EXPENSE OR PER PUPIL RATE INCREASED FROM \$1,036.20 TO \$1,040.00.
- SAME OVERALL FUNDING TO DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS LAST YEAR.
- CAPITAL REQUESTS FOR FY 2011-2012 AMOUNTED TO \$1,451,598 AND \$1,280,674 IS APPROVED. THIS IS A DECREASE OF \$482,780 BELOW THE AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY IN THE 2010-2011 BUDGET.
- REPLACEMENT OF 14 SHERIFF'S VEHICLES (\$409,978), 72 COMPUTERS (\$257,533), VARIOUS EQUIPMENT REQUESTS (\$63,584), 3 SOFTWARE PROJECTS OR UPGRADES (\$114,119) AND IT EQUIPMENT FOR SYSTEM BACKUPS (\$68,778) IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS FUNDING INCLUDED FOR 1 TRUCK (\$36,000). IN ADDITION, SANITATION HAS VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BOX SITES (\$14,172). THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS FUNDING TO DO IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARKS AND A REPAIR TO THE ENTRANCE AT THE WEST CAMPUS (\$59,410). THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET INCLUDES THREE 22 PASSENGER VANS (\$265,500). THE VANS ARE 90% FUNDED BY THE STATE.
- \$314,107 WILL BE USED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE. \$59,410 WILL BE USED FOR PARKS AND THE WEST CAMPUS PAVEMENT REPAIR, 54,013 WILL BE USED FOR THE AS 400 BACKUP SYSTEM AND \$200,684 WILL BE ROLLED FORWARD TO COMPLETE ONGOING RENOVATIONS.
- CONTINGENCY AND MATCHING GRANT FUNDS WILL BE DECREASED TO \$200,000 AND \$12,500.
- IN SUMMARY, THE PROJECTED EXPENSES FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ARE \$118,454,577. THIS REFLECTS A 1.3% OR \$1,527,107 DECREASE FROM THE ADOPTED 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.
- IF THE INCREASE IN DEBT SERVICE IS EXCLUDED FROM THE BUDGET. THE OVERALL REDUCTION IS \$2,588,429 OR 2.16%.
- THE 3 LARGEST INCREASES IN THE 2011-2012 BUDGET: DEBT SERVICE \$1,061,322, 4 PARAMEDICS \$205,044, HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE \$244,049.
- THE SEWER BUDGET, NOT INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE FOR THE ADOPTED 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, IS \$427,717. THIS IS A \$521,267 DECREASE. THERE WAS \$602,500 INCLUDED IN THE 2010-2011 SEWER BUDGET TO INSTALL SEWER DOWN THE US 64 AND I-85 CORRIDOR IN 2010-2011.
- THE LANDFILL OPERATIONS ARE UP FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR BY \$3,689,102. THERE IS AN INCREASE BECAUSE IT IS ANTICIPATED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CELL IN PHASE 2 WILL BEGIN IN THE SPRING OF 2012. THE BUDGETED COST IS \$4,101,500. SALARY AND OPERATIONAL COST ARE DOWN \$138,401
- LANDFILL CAPITAL : AN AIR COMPRESSOR (\$1,200), A SALT SPREADER (\$8,500), A ROLLUP DOOR (\$1760), A STORAGE BUILDING (\$17,000), A TRACT LOADER REBUILD (\$80,000), A SKID STEER (\$30,000), A HOT BOX WARMING UNIT (\$3,300), 2 TOW WAY RADIOS (\$2,500), 6 40 YARD OPEN TOP BOXES (\$24,000), 2 20 YARD OPEN TOP BOXES (\$6,400), 2 RECYCLING BOXES (\$13,200), C & D MATERIALS (\$30,000), A SHELTER FOR THE RECYCLING BELT (\$5,000) AND A SHELTER FOR THE LEACHATE PUMP (\$4,500).
- THE ADOPTED BUDGET SHOWS \$86,046 IN REVENUES BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND \$82,206 FOR EXPENDITURES BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY.
- \$15,000 ONE TIME CONTRIBUTION TO PART.
- PAY AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY APPROVED FOR RECREATION (\$37,556).

## General Fund Budget

### General Government

County Commissioners	\$ 285,683
County Manager	\$ 497,475
County Attorney	\$ 448,987
Human Resources	\$ 794,130
Finance	\$ 711,342
Purchasing	\$ 310,104
Assessor & Collector	\$ 2,315,869
Board of Elections	\$ 512,070
Register of Deeds	\$ 521,483
State Agencies	\$ 156,989
Public Buildings	\$ 2,916,248
IT	\$ 815,837
Contingency	\$ 200,000
Matching Grant Funds	\$ 12,500
Financing use-transfer to revaluation	\$ <u>185,984</u>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$ <u>10,684,701</u></b>

### Public Safety

Sheriff	\$10,282,046
Sheriff Resource Officers	\$ 486,891
Jail	\$ 4,001,746
Emergency Communications	\$ 1,927,185
Inspections	\$ 816,322
Medical Examiner	\$ 65,000
Emergency Management	\$ 69,632
Fire Marshal	\$ 251,160
Ambulance	\$ 4,759,106
Day Reporting Center	\$ 129,690
Contributions to National Guard	\$ 3,000
Contributions to Rescue Squads	\$ <u>70,000</u>
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$ <u>22,861,778</u></b>

### Transportation

Financing use-transfer to airport	\$ 82,206
Financing use-transfer to transportation	\$ <u>89,620</u>
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$ <u>171,826</u></b>

### Environmental Protection

Sanitation	\$ 1,513,902
Soil & Water	\$ 191,739
Contributions to Yadkin Pee Dee	\$ 2,000
Contributions to Sewer Fund	\$ <u>175,217</u>
<b>Total Environmental Protection</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,882,858</u></b>

### Economic And Physical Development

Planning	\$ 556,526
GIS	\$ 168,552
Cooperative Extension	\$ 299,276
Contribution to Economic Development	\$ 235,000
Contribution to Forester	\$ 80,723
Contribution to Chambers of Commerce	\$ 3,500
Contribution to Piedmont Triad Partnership	\$ 15,994
Contribution to Friends of North Carolina	\$ 10,000
Contribution to PART	\$ 15,000
Financing use-transfer JTEC	\$ 170,399
Financing use-transfer Airport Project	\$ 16,667
Financing use-transfer Economic Development	\$ <u>300,000</u>
<b>Total Economic and Physical Development</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,871,637</u></b>

### Human Services

Health	\$ 7,219,927
Social Services	\$ 9,201,078
Public Assistance	\$ 9,318,684
Senior Services	\$ 1,984,414
Veterans Services	\$ 109,090
Contribution to Life Center (HHCBG)	\$ 96,726
Financing use-transfer to Mental Health	\$ <u>809,344</u>
<b>Total Human Services</b>	<b>\$ <u>28,739,263</u></b>

### Culture and Recreation

Recreation	\$ 729,398
Library	\$ 2,868,165
Museum	\$ 161,999
Lake Thom-a-Lex	\$ 133,358
Tourism	\$ <u>45,560</u>
<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>\$ <u>3,938,480</u></b>

### Debt Service

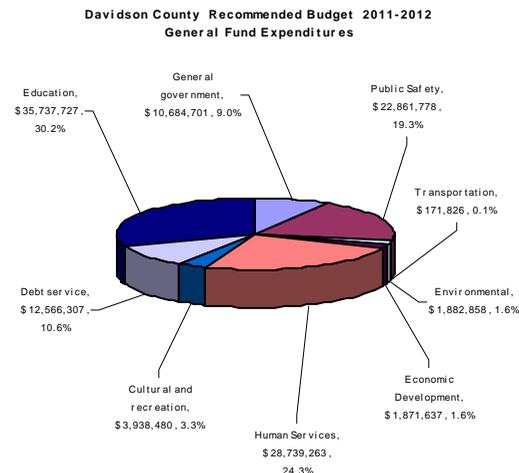
Principal	\$ 7,856,721
Interest	\$ 4,649,660
Interest	\$ <u>59,926</u>
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ <u>12,566,307</u></b>

### Education

School Current Expense	\$ 28,033,161
School Capital Outlay	\$ 4,396,315
Community College - Current Expense	\$ 2,943,210
Community College - Capital Outlay	\$ <u>365,041</u>
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$ <u>35,737,727</u></b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ <u>118,454,577</u></b>

### Other Funds Budget

<b>Mental Health Fund</b>	<b>\$ 809,344</b>
Mental Health is funded by County dollars in the amount of \$809,344. The remainder comes from other sources.	
<b>DavidsonWorks</b>	<b>\$ 2,145,267</b>
DavidsonWorks is to help retrain workers and get them back in the workforce. DavidsonWorks receives \$170,399 in County Funds.	



## Special Revenue Funds Budget

### Fire District Fund \$ 7,586,254

This fund includes revenue collected through fire district taxes for operational cost and capital needs for the County's 26 volunteer fire districts. One tax increase: Fairgrove 1.5 cents

### Transportation Fund \$ 1,429,907

This fund is for the Davidson County Transportation System. The fund receives \$89,620 or 6.3% from Davidson County. The remainder comes from charges for services, sale of Fixed Assets, Federal funds and State funds.

### Revaluation Fund \$ 185,984

Funds are set aside in this function to conduct the four year property revaluation cycle.

### Special School District Fund \$ 1,525,000

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

### Emergency Telephone Fund \$ 608,700

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

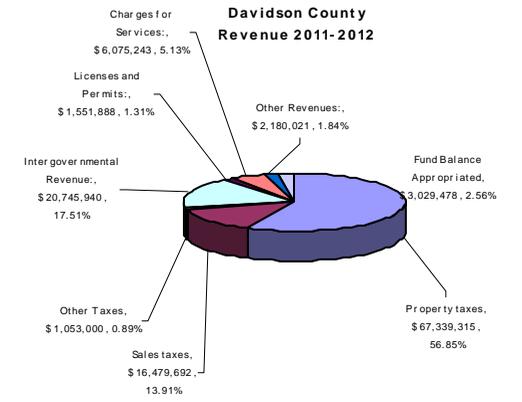
### Capital Improvement Project Plan \$ 16,667

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

### School Capital Outlay Fund \$ 2,239,797

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

### Total Special Revenue Funds \$ 13,592,309



## Property Tax Rate

This Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget includes no tax increase to the current property tax rate of 54 cents per \$100 dollar valuation. 56.85 percent of the County Budget is funded by property tax. This rate will yield a revenue of \$65,819,315 on a collection rate of 96.75%. One penny of property tax equals \$1,218,876. The current tax base is \$12.60 billion.

## Davidson County Profile

Davidson County was formed in 1822 including an area of 549 square miles. It was named for General William Lee Davidson, who was killed in a battle with British forces during the Revolutionary War.

With a mild climate free of extremes, citizens enjoy each of the distinct four seasons of the year. The average annual temperature is 59.3 degrees and the average rainfall is 40 to 50 inches.

Lexington is the county seat of Davidson County and is located in the center of the North Carolina industrial piedmont. The County has six municipalities Lexington, Thomasville, Denton, Wallburg, Midway and High Point. The County population is approximately 162,828.



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## Internal Service Fund Budget

### Garage \$ 1,553,403

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

### Insurance Fund \$ 6,954,403

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

### Workers Compensation \$ 405,000

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

### Total Internal Service Funds \$ 8,912,806

## Enterprise Funds Budget

### Landfill \$ 7,620,864

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

### Airport \$ 269,454

This fund is used to operate the local airport. The County portion of this is \$82,206.

### Sewer \$ 427,717

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

### Total Enterprise Funds \$ 8,318,035

### Total of all types of Funds \$ 152,232,338