

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

David B. Newell, Sr.
Gordon Powell
Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear
B. Ray Jeffers

MAY 20, 2019
OTHERS PRESENT

Heidi York, County Manager
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 9:00am in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Newell called the meeting to order. Commissioner Powell offered an invocation and Commissioner Puryear led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 5-0** to approve the agenda.

RECOGNITION:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR COUNTY RETIREE, REBECCA GENTRY:

Chairman Newell read and presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Person County retiree, Rebecca Gentry.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Rebecca Gentry has served the people of Person County during her tenure working for the Person County Tax Office as a Tax Collections Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Gentry has served the citizens of Person County with honor, integrity, sincerity and dedication, providing accurate, concise services for twenty-five years, November 1994 through March 2019; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Gentry has earned the respect and admiration of all who have known her and worked with her throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, the County of Person recognizes the many contributions Rebecca Gentry has made to the County and offers her sincere best wishes for her retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Newell, Sr., Chairman of the Person County Board of Commissioners, do hereby extend this Resolution of Appreciation to Rebecca Gentry for continually striving to make Roxboro and Person County a better place to live and work.

Adopted this, the 20th day of May 2019.



David Newell Sr.

David Newell, Sr., Chairman
Person County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Brenda B. Reaves

Brenda B. Reaves, MMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

May 20, 2019

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 5-0** to approve the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- A. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2019,
- B. Budget Amendment #19, as well as three notifications of budget transfers between functional areas,
- C. Resolution Approving a Grant of Easement to Piedmont Community College and Actions Related thereto and Authorizing Certain Actions in Connection therewith for an Emergency Easement and Ingress,
- D. Amendment to the Conservation Easement for Elderberry Village,
- E. Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Surplus Property (seats that are being replaced at the Kirby that have a value of \$0.00), and
- F. Tax Adjustments for May 2019
 - a. Tax Releases
 - b. NC Vehicle Tax System pending refunds

NEW BUSINESS:**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT ABC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE SALE OF LIQUOR:**

Dale Norris, General Manager of Person County ABC Board requested Board consideration to adopt a Resolution in Support of the Current ABC Control System for the Sale of Liquor.

Mr. Norris stated HB 971 (Modern Licensure Model for Alcohol Control) was filed and introduced in April to privatize the sale of liquor in North Carolina. Mr. Norris advocated for the current ABC Control System for the sale of liquor noting while significant revenue was generated for Person County. He opined that local communities would suffer the most if privatization was successful as there will be greater access to spirituous liquor and less revenue to share. For example, when the State of Washington became private in 2011, the number of outlets increased from 400 to 1400. There was a one-time license fee collected. In comparison, Person County receives in excess of \$300K annually. In 2018 Person Co. received 343K in profits from the local ABC board. Of that total, 30% goes to the City of Roxboro. He said approximately \$31K was distributed or spent on Alcohol/drug education and rehabilitation locally and \$28K was contracted with the Sheriffs' Dept. for law enforcement. Mr. Norris told the group that these revenues would be in jeopardy with privatization and counties would be forced to look to the state to replace these funds or raise property taxes.

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Mr. Norris, on behalf of the ABC Board, stated its support to maintain control noting there were many organizations in favor of keeping the current control system. Mr. Norris stated supporters and lobbyist feel strongly that obtaining a resolution from the appointing authority in support of the control system would go a long way towards defeating this bill.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton and **carried 5-0** to adopt a Resolution in Support of the Current ABC Control System for the sale of liquor.


Vice Chairman Jeffers asked that the adopted resolution be sent along to Person County's Representative Larry Yarborough and Senator Mike Woodard.

PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 RECOMMENDED BUDGET:

North Carolina General Statutes require that on or before June 1, the manager present her recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the Board of Commissioners. As required by General Statutes, a public hearing will be held on June 3rd. The schedule of the budget work sessions will be presented based on the Board's feedback. The budget can be adopted any time; according to the Budget Calendar, the Board is scheduled to adopt the budget at the June 17th Board meeting.

County Manager, Heidi York shared the following overview of the proposed budget through a presentation titled "Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget." She also passed out copies of the budget document for Commissioners' review.

**FISCAL YEAR
2019-2020
Proposed
Budget**




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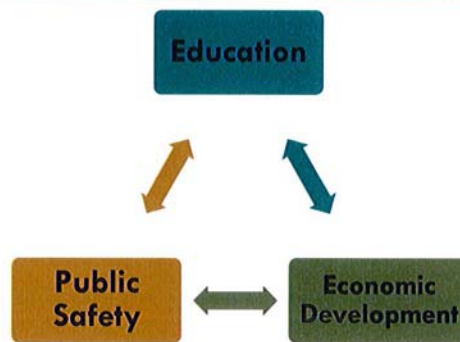
FY20 Budget Overview

**General Fund = \$64M
(+3M increase)**

**All Funds = \$70M
(+2.6M increase)**

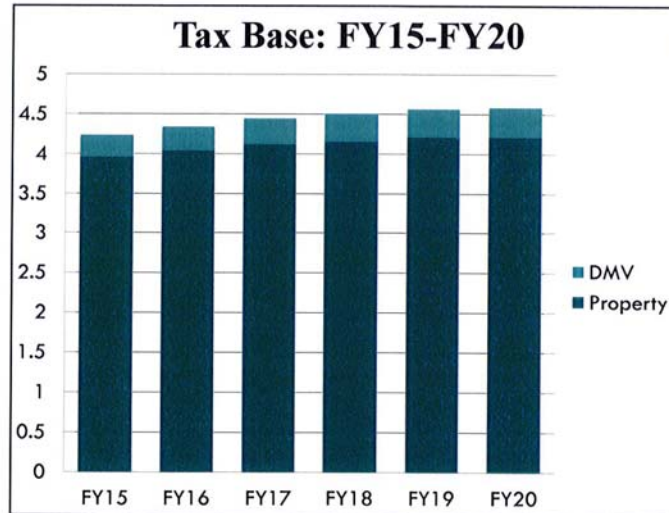
 = \$447,956

3 Equal Priorities



FY20 Budget Overview

- Property Tax rate
 - .70 to .72
 - Gain of \$896K (PCS funding)
- VFD funding moved to Fire Tax
 - .01 cent to .0275 cents
 - Generates \$1.02M for VFD's
 - Includes 2% (+\$20K) increase



Priority-Based Spending

EDUCATION

- +\$1M combined increase for PCC & PCS current expense

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- +\$2.6M increase for additional capital projects including executive hangar and fiber

PUBLIC SAFETY

- +\$601K combined increase supporting personnel & VFDs

Revenues

\$3M increase in General Fund

- Tax increase +\$896K
- Interest earnings +\$386K
- DMV growth +\$169K
- Sales tax growth +\$155K

Major Decreases:

- Health -\$883K
- Person Industries -\$298K

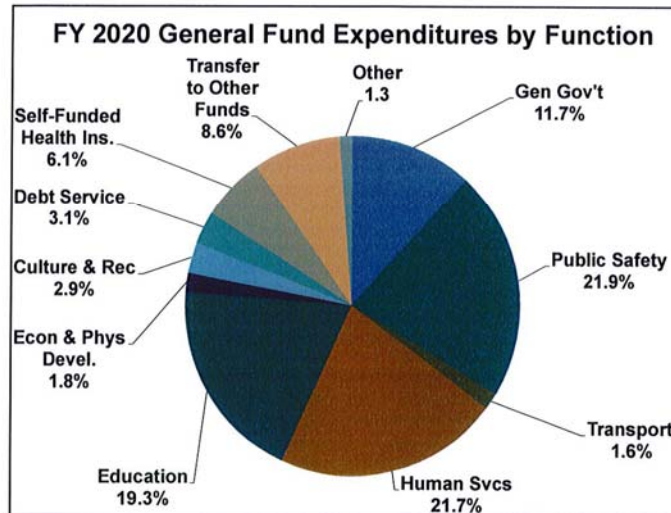
Expenditures

\$3M increase in General Fund

- CIP +\$2.6M
- DSS +\$461K
- EMS +\$314K
- Sheriff +\$258K
- Planning (comp plan) +\$203K
- Reappraisal (2021) +\$191K

Major Decreases:

- Health Dept. -\$764K
- Debt Service -\$618K



Fund Balance

- Amount budgeted: \$4.9M; +\$2.3M more than FY19
- All fund balance is appropriated for one-time costs, primarily the \$4.7M CIP
- Increase due to:
 - Healthy fund balance report from FY19 audit
 - CIP projects

Volunteer Fire Departments

- All VFD funding is generated from the Fire Tax
- Fire tax= 2.75 cents; 1.75 cent increase
- 2% increase, \$20K per contract
- \$1.02M in total funding

County Workforce Funding

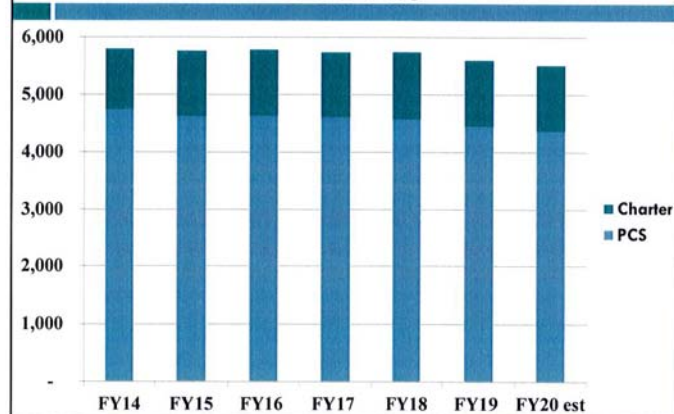
- Merit pay: \$183K
- Compression study: \$216K
- Health insurance:
 - \$705/month per employee
 - 9.5% increase
 - Total cost is \$3.5M

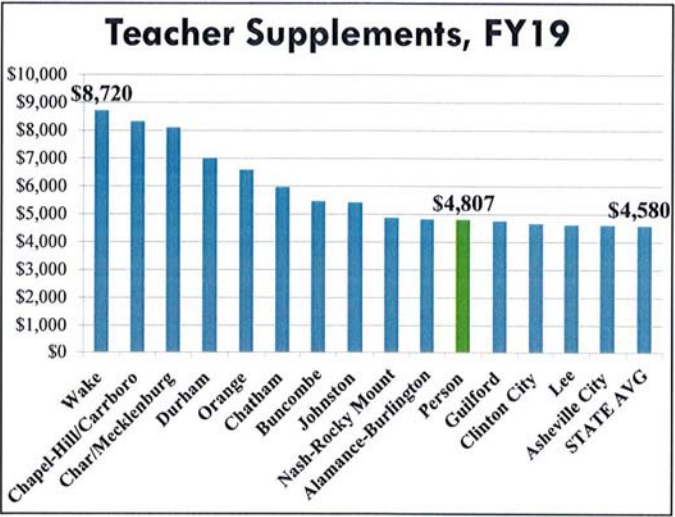
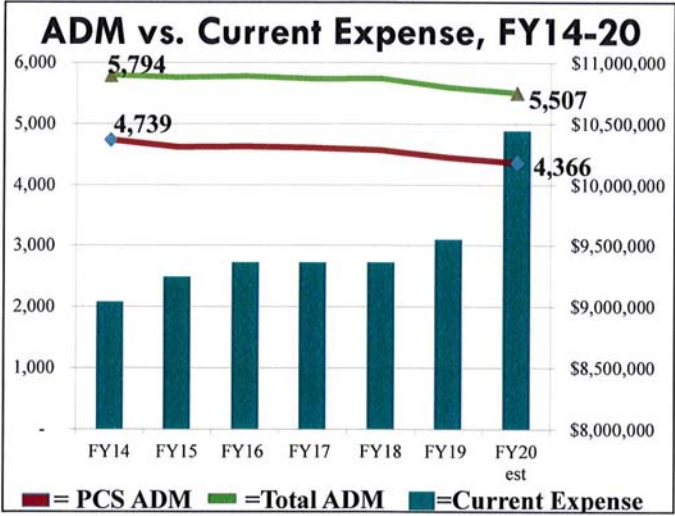
Person County Schools

- **Current Expense**
 - Requested: \$11.1M, 16% increase
 - Recommended: \$10.4M, 9.4% increase
- **Capital funded: \$352K**
- **Technology fully funded: \$204K**

Current Expense	Capital	Tech Capital	CIP	Debt Service	Total
\$10,442,896	\$351,950	\$203,750	\$678,481	\$792,313	\$12,469,390

Public School and Charter ADM FY14-20

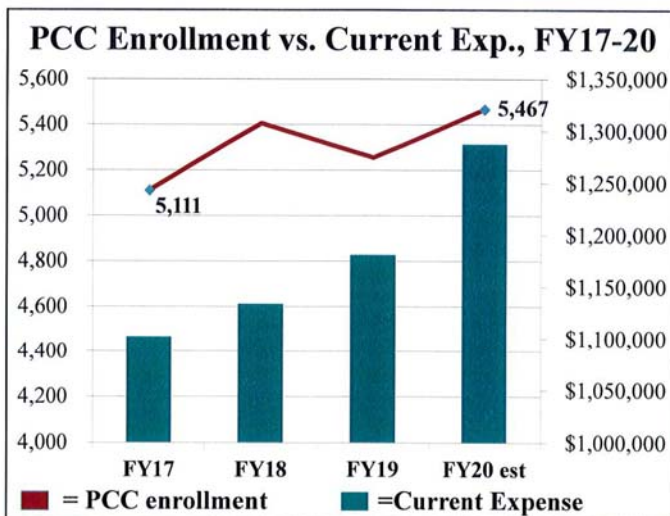




Piedmont Community College

- **Current Expense**
 - Requested: \$1.6M, 33% increase
 - Recommended: \$1.3M, 9% increase
- **Capital funded: \$25K**

Current Expense	Capital	CIP	Debt Service	Total
\$1,287,181	\$24,500	\$420,592	\$66,120	\$1,789,393



Other Requests?

- Fireworks \$4,750
- Personality \$2,500
- Beaver Mngmt. Program \$4K
- Water & Sewer Fund allocation \$?
- National Guard Museum \$1K
- YMCA Feasibility Study \$24K
adopted in strategic plan

Next Steps in Budget Process

Budget Public Hearing
June 3rd, 7:00pm
Auditorium

Work sessions
June 4th 10:00 am
June 5th 2:00 pm
June 10th 6:00 pm

Commissioner Puryear requested the June 5th work session be changed from 2:00pm to 6:00pm which was affirmed by the Board. It was noted that each work session would be confirmed along with date and time at the previous meeting.

For More Information

**Recommended Budget Document,
Manager's Message & Presentation can
be found at www.personcounty.net**

**Copies for viewing are located in the
Clerk to the Board's Office and at the
Library.**

County Manager's Office: 597-1720

Ms. York asked the Board to let her know what topics they would like covered at the budget work sessions so that she would have the appropriate staff and information on-hand. Vice Chairman Jeffers requested the value of one-cent for the Fire Tax.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Newell had no report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Manager, Heidi York had no report.

COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:

There were no reports/comments offered by the commissioners.

CLOSED SESSION #1

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 5-0** to enter Closed Session at 9:31am per General Statute 143-318.11(a) (5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract with the following individuals permitted to attend: County Manager, Heidi York, Clerk to the Board, Brenda Reaves, County Attorney, Ron Aycock, Assistant County Manager, Sybil Tate, Chris Gustin, Upper Piedmont Operations Manager, Wade Bailey, Republic General Manager, Matt Einsmann, Republic Environmental Manager, Shane Walker, Republic Area President, Steve Weber, attorney for Republic and IT staff, Kelly Horne.

Chairman Newell called the Closed Session to order at 9:35am.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and **carried 5-0** to return to open session at 11:12am.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the meeting at 11:13am.

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

David B. Newell, Sr.
Chairman