

**MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 26, 2015**

PUBLIC HEARING - 2015-2016 PROPOSED WILKES COUNTY BUDGET – Chairman Eddie Settle declared the Public Hearing open concerning the 2015-2016 proposed Wilkes County Budget at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 with the following members present: Chairman Eddie Settle, Vice Chairman David Gambill, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and Commissioner Greg Minton.

Also present were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

The following individual addressed the Board with the following comments:

RICK HARVIN – LIBRARY – Mr. Harvin thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak at the public hearing and he stated he is a North Wilkesboro resident the Chairman of the Wilkes County Library Board. He thanked the Commissioners for covering the cost of repairs to the cooling system at the Library earlier this spring and for the 4.6% increase in funding given to the Library over the past two years. Mr. Harvin said the E-Rate Program which is the connectivity for the public computers at the Library will receive a decrease in the Federal Grant for funding in this fiscal year and a larger decrease in the next fiscal year. He gave a brief summary of the computer and Wi-Fi usage at the Library over the last year. Mr. Harvin concluded by asking for an additional \$1,000 for the Library in the new budget to cover the decrease in the E-Rate Program.

Chairman Eddie Settle thanked Mr. Harvin who spoke during the Public Hearing. He stated the Board appreciates the comments and will certainly take everything into consideration. Chairman Settle asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no further comments regarding the 2015-2016 proposed Wilkes County Budget, Chairman Settle declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:42 P. M. Chairman Settle called a recess until 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC CONCERNS - None

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Chairman Eddie Settle, Vice Chairman David Gambill, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, and Commissioner Greg Minton.

Also present for the meeting were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Eddie Settle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION – Vice Chairman David Gambill led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Eddie Settle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Commissioner Greg Minton and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on May 5, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BUDGET WORK SESSION – Motion was made by Vice Chairman David Gambill, seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Budget Work Session meeting held on May 12, 2015.

WILKES CENTRAL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM – STATE 2A WOMENS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 2015 – PROCLAMATION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES AS THE FIRST WILKES TEAM TO WIN THIS TITLE IN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – Chairman Eddie Settle recognized and welcomed Coach Scott Waugh and the Wilkes Central Girls State 2A Basketball Champions and presented to them a Proclamation of congratulations for their 2015 season. He thanked them for their hard work and for the great job in representing Wilkes County.

PROCLAMATION

TO CONGRATULATE THE 2015 WILKES CENTRAL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES ON AN AMAZING SEASON

WHEREAS, Coach Scott Waugh and Assistant Coaches Steve Workman, Brittany Mixon, Misty Waugh, and Joe Faw, Statistician and the players of the 2015 Wilkes Central Women's Basketball Team broke new ground by defeating Kinston High to become the County's first women's high school basketball team to win the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are extended to the Wilkes Central Women's Basketball Team on their outstanding achievement of winning the 2A State Championship in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on Saturday, March 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 2A State Women's Basketball Champions are Brooke Bentley, Laken Blackburn (Kay Yow Most Valuable Player Award winner), Jade Duncan, Katie Ferguson, Kamre Gibbs, Amber Godfrey, Taylor Mastin, Kailey McNeil (Most Outstanding Player), Meagan McUmbler, Heaven Walker, Breanna Adams, Karson Anderson, Jordan Ellis, Madelyn Morrison, Lacey Triplett and Gracie Turbyfill; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season and during championship play, the Eagles exhibited the tenacity and determination of a championship caliber basketball team. Working together, these young women illustrated that drive, skills, and good sportsmanship, both on and off the field, can certainly pay off and they serve as a shining example to all County athletes; and

WHEREAS, this championship brings statewide recognition and distinction to all of Wilkes County and further continues the tradition of excellence in the Wilkes Central Basketball Program; and

WHEREAS, special commendation is due to all team members, Coach Scott Waugh and his staff, Wilkes Central High School and the surrounding community of friends and family who have given generously of their moral support; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners pause to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of these fine athletes and their coaches and to congratulate them on their momentous success.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners officially acknowledge the talents, skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and success of the 2015 Wilkes Central Women's Basketball Team, the 2015 2A State Champions, and on behalf of our citizens, we do hereby extend this expression of our pride in this prestigious milestone and wish them well in their future endeavors.

DULY ADOPTED, this the 26th day of May, 2015.

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Eddie Settle, Chairman

Attest:

Sarah D. Call, County Clerk

Coach Scott Waugh thanked the Commissioners for inviting him and his team to the meeting and recognizing them in this special way and said he will make sure the framed Proclamation is hung in the school or team room so the ladies can fully understand what they have accomplished.

HIGH COUNTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM AGREEMENTS – RESOLUTION – Chairman Eddie Settle recognized Adrian Tait, Director of Workforce Development from High Country Council of Governments. Mr. Tait said he would like to present a brief update on some of the activities in the last year and a business matter to continue the work they do. He added they work in a seven county region known as the high country, from Alleghany County through Yancey County. Mr. Tait provided a short presentation of the number of employers they worked with and stated they are focusing on the demand side and making sure they are providing the right assistance to employers as they try to find talent and hire new people. He added they also provided a lot of assistance for job seekers, some of which include tips on interviewing and résumé help. They also provide the NCWorks Online where employers can post jobs and recruit workers, he noted.

Mr. Tait stated 17 years ago when the Workforce Investment Act began this group of seven counties came together with an agreement known as a Consortium Agreement. It is an agreement in which the seven counties work together to receive funding from the federal government from the N.C. Department of Commerce and put in place a Workforce Development

Board to conduct the affairs and oversee the Career Centers, he said. In July 2015 a new law takes effect known as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act which replaces the Workforce Investment Act, he added. Mr. Tait said this is the documentation needed to put this new act in place and will refresh the Consortium Agreement. He noted there are two documents needed, the Agreement of Counties to Create the High County Workforce Development Consortium and a Resolution in order to enter into the Agreement.

Chairman Settle asked if Alleghany County had passed the agreement. Mr. Tait replied they have taken the approach of doing this with two separate meetings and they had the first meeting to discuss it and it was positive and they will take a vote at their next meeting. He added Ashe County, Avery County, Mitchell County, and Watauga County have all passed the Resolution to sign the Agreement.

Vice Chairman Gambill stated each County will appoint one Commissioner to be on the Consortium and then that individual will appoint two from the private sector to be on the Board. Mr. Tait said it can be handled a variety of ways depending on the county. He stated the Consortium Agreement puts in place a framework that each County will nominate a representative to serve on the Consortium, -which for Wilkes County is currently Commissioner Elmore. Those seven Commissioners form an oversight board to oversee the work of the Workforce Development Board, he added. The individual members are capable of appointing members but typically it is done with County Commissioners, he stated.

Mr. Tait noted the way it normally works is for member nominations to come from business owners from the Chamber of Commerce as an example, or from the EDC, as these folks have a good handle on the active members that would have a good handle on workforce issues they face, and these nominations are considered by the Commissioners or the Consortium representative to be appointed to the Board for a two-year term, with off-set rotations. He added each county also appoints two private sector members to represent the business community and target industries critical to that county or to the region. He said there are nine additional Board members from the public sector by law. Mr. Tait stated for example Dan Little from EDC serves because economic development has to be represented, someone from higher education, etc. He said these represent their industry and not a particular county.

Commissioner Elmore added the last representative Wilkes added was Bob Hege from the private sector. He stated anyone that is recommended for appointment in Wilkes County, the Board of Commissioners approves. Vice Chairman Gambill said the agreement does not state that. County Attorney Tony Triplett said the Consortium technically can appoint the public sector member and the private sector members can continue to come from the Board of Commissioners as they have been. Mr. Tait added this would be a perfect way to handle it. Mr. Triplett stated the Board will need to know they will not be appointing public sector members since the Consortium will do that, but they will be appointing two private sector members.

Commissioner Gary Blevins stated there is concern about Article IV which is financing and the liability involved. Mr. Tait said this is a similar structure to what they operate under now and have for the last 17 years with one exception. He said some language has been built in with

Counsel being involved from all counties and the Council of Government's lawyer Mr. Jeff Hedrick that is specifically designed to prevent the possibility of the issues that many of the counties struggled with in the behavioral health or with New River Mental Health. There are several levels of protection built in for the County, the first one being that they have contractors, they do not deliver services themselves nor does the Council of Governments, they let contractors provide the services at the Career Centers, he said. There is language about misspent funds included and they also monitor and oversee the activities of the Consortium, he added. Mr. Tait stated the Council of Governments is also responsible and is monitored by two sets of state monitors and also has a federal monitor each year as well for extra protection.

Commissioner Greg Minton asked what the trends within the seven counties were, is it progressing or slow growth. Mr. Tait replied slow growth across the state with the urban areas recovering faster, and Workforce Development has to be very creative with entrepreneurship, small business development, and partnering with local organizations. He added he had a great conversation before the meeting started with the Wilkes Librarian after the speaker was referring to all the services they offer to job seekers to help folks as much as possible, but it is a challenge.

Commissioner Blevins asked if the Board is being completely re-set or will the current members serving terms now roll to the new Board. Mr. Tait said some requirements changed with the new law so some members will have to change, but they hope to keep many of the members especially the new ones that were just appointed. It takes a lot of their time and there will be some new appointments, he added. Commissioner Blevins asked if the private sector members appointed by the Board can be changed. Mr. Tait replied yes and they will provide documentation to help with the process.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the Agreement of Counties to Create the High Country Workforce Development Consortium and Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Minton and unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, Wilkes County is presently within the High Country local area established under the Workforce Investment Act and certain citizens of Wilkes County are receiving job training and other program assistance funded under the program which is administered by the High Country Workforce Development Board and the High Country Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, Wilkes County presently has an appointed representative serving on the High Country Workforce Development Consortium and also has appointed members serving on the High Country Workforce Development Board; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act has been enacted by Congress in replacement of the Workforce Investment Act, and allowing local governments to form a Consortium to create a Local Workforce Investment Area; and

WHEREAS, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act:

- 1. Each County in the Consortium must designate a "chief elected official" to represent the County as a member of the Consortium Board, which Board is empowered to enter into contractual and other agreements necessary to*

carry out the purposes of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; and

2. *The Consortium must designate an administrative/fiscal agent to administer the program on behalf of the Consortium; and*

WHEREAS, Wilkes County desires to continue receiving the federal assistance available for workforce programs and training and as otherwise available under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and further desires to enter into a consortium with the other counties that presently constitute the High Country Local Area as set forth in the Agreement of Counties to Create the High Country Workforce Development Consortium which has been presented as a draft to this Board and is to be maintained as part of the minutes of this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Wilkes County shall enter into an agreement to create a consortium substantially same as the draft presented, to consist of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties to create a Local Area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Wilkes County authorizes and directs Commissioner Eddie Settle, who has been designated by his or her Board of Commissioners, to serve as the County's "chief elected official" until his or her successor is installed, with signatory authority to execute agreements as necessary for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act purposes; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners authorizes the designation of the High County Council of Governments to be the administrative/fiscal agent to administer the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act on behalf of the Consortium and in conjunction with the Workforce Development Board.

Adopted this the 26th day of May, 2015.

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

I hereby certify that during the regular meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners on May 26, 2015, the above resolution was adopted.

Clerk to County Board

AGING SERVICES IN WILKES COUNTY – BROCC – HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FY 2014-2015 – Chairman Eddie Settle recognized Jamie Wyatt, BROCC Elderly Nutrition Program Director. Mr. Wyatt stated they received a small additional allocation to the Home and Community Care Block Grant of \$381 to Wilkes County and it has been divided proportionately with the current allotment of Home and Community Care

Block Grant funds. Mr. Wyatt said after they reviewed their data they realized Congregate Nutrition was not performing as anticipated due to bad weather in February so funds were moved out of this program to Home Delivered Meals and also to Housing and Home Improvement.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the BROCC Home and Community Care Block Grant Funds addition and reallocation of Congregate Nutrition Funds for FY 2014-2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Minton and unanimously approved.

TAX DEPARTMENT – TAX RELEASES – County Manager John Yates said Tax Administrator Alex Hamilton could not be at the meeting tonight and he would like to ask the Board to approve tax releases in the amount of \$3,242.56. He stated all of the releases are due to Bankruptcy or the taxpayer being deceased, they are cleaning up the books.

Commissioner Greg Minton made a motion to approve tax releases in the amount of \$3,242.56 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator’s office.

2015-2016 BUDGET ADOPTION – Chairman Eddie Settle stated the budget is in front of the Board for consideration and asked if there were any comments, concerns, or discussion from anyone.

BUDGET – 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR

Motion was made by Vice Chairman David Gambill, seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved to adopt the 2015/2016 Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$84,511,944 with the tax rate at sixty-nine (69) cents per \$100.00 valuation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NORTH CAROLINA, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED – MAY 26, 2015.

SECTION I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of Wilkes County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, according to the following summary and schedules:

SUMMARY	2015/2016 ADOPTED BUDGET	TRANSFER TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
General Fund	\$74,836,398	\$ [110,849]	\$74,725,549
E 911 Telephone System	948,275		948,275
Law Enforcement Restricted	17,000		17,000
Fire Dist. Funds	3,300,983		3,300,983

Airport Enterprise	2,950,557	110,849	3,061,406
Landfill Enterprise	2,456,731	[5,000]	2,451,731
Landfill Capital Reserve	2,000	5,000	7,000
TOTAL	\$84,511,944		\$84,511,944

SECTION II. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund the following:

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
Governing Body	\$ 261,450
Administration	351,699
Finance	351,296
Tax Administration	1,218,656
Legal	228,500
Court Facilities	397,263
Elections	373,840
Register of Deeds	373,643
Data Processing	326,908
Central Garage	660,910
Public Buildings	2,058,720
Purchasing	103,937
Central Operations	2,227,272
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$ 8,937,094</u>
Sheriff	\$ 4,927,749
Jail	3,264,752
Emergency Communications	1,138,792
Emergency Management	77,797
Fire	200,557
Building Inspections	563,143
Medical Examiner/Coroner	90,000
Emergency Medical Services	4,374,815
Animal Control	683,565
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSE	<u>\$ 15,321,170</u>
Forestry	\$ 119,191
Other Environmental	160,000
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL	<u>\$ 279,191</u>
Planning	\$ 246,487
Economic Development	542,000

Other Community Development	160,974
Cooperative Extension	254,151
Extension Local	66,688
Soil & Water Conservation	316,290

TOTAL ECONOMIC PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT **\$ 1,586,590**

General Health	\$ 2,120,307
Health Programs	1,907,128
Health – Environmental	7,900
Health - Food & Lodging	-0-
Health - Tuberculosis	3,348
HIV & STD Federal	1,705
Health - Communicable Disease	2,293
Comprehensive - B & C Cancer Control	20,911
Health – Komen Cancer Service	35,000
Adult Health	111,300
Health Care Connection	51,504
Health Promotion	3,700
Health – Diabetes Grant	20,000
Health Women-Infant-Children	15,000
Health – WIC/BPCP	703
Maternal Clinic	1,700
Pregnancy Care Management	3,000
Child Health	52,100
Health - MESH Unit/Schools	32,800
Health – School Nurse Funding	150,000
Health - Family Planning	76,050
Care Coordination for Children	10,200
Case Management/Community Care	7,950
Wilkes Dental Clinic	1,800,000
Health – Preparedness	5,000
Health – Smart Start	5,050

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICE - HEALTH **\$ 6,444,649**

Smokey Mountain Center/Mental Health	\$ 254,200
Daymark Recovery Services - 5¢ Bottle Tax	14,000
Child Abuse Prevention Team	21,008
Adult Developmental Activity Program	32,400
Vocational Workshop	51,120
Wilkes Developmental Day School	133,160
SAFE Program	11,866

TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH **\$ 517,754**

Administration	\$ 6,184,242
DSS Occupancy Expense	168,280
Work First Employment	190,000
Income Maintenance/Food Stamps	728,010
IM/Medicaid Assistance XIX	2,643,500
Legal	270,000
Foster Care	3,497,459
Links	49,046
Other Assistance	32,704
Other Contractuals	65,647
Day Care	2,175,977

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES **\$ 16,004,865**

VETERANS SERVICE **\$ 170,444**

JCPC/Youth Services	\$ 216,729
Community in Schools/Friends of Youth	16,524
Secure Detention/Juvenile Subsidy	40,000

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES – YOUTH **\$ 273,253**

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION **\$ 20,695**

Aging Program Exp/To Agencies	650,000
Volunteer Coalition of Wilkes	8,528
Appalachian Senior Programs	3,240
Ruby Pardue Blackburn Adult Day Care Center	5,600
American Red Cross	12,960
Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission	56,565
Wilkes Senior Resources	220,040
National Guard Armory	2,160
Barium Springs/Children's Hope Alliance	32,082
Lincoln Heights Recreation COR	2,000
Volunteers for Wilkes Literacy	14,040
Crime Stoppers	2,000
Mountain View Ruritan Club/Fly-In	4,800

TOTAL OTHER HUMAN SERVICES **\$ 1,014,015**

Public Schools	\$ 12,086,728
Wilkes Community College	3,753,373

TOTAL EDUCATION	<u>\$ 15,840,101</u>
Library	\$ 561,888
Parks & Recreation	822,016
MerleFest/Park at Rivers Edge	31,410
Cultural & Museums	34,588
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	<u>\$ 1,449,902</u>
CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
TOTAL COUNTY DEBT	<u>\$ 5,171,901</u>
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	<u>\$ 110,849</u>
TOTAL GF EXPENSES & OTHER USES	<u>\$ 74,836,398</u>

SECTION III. It is estimated the following General Fund Revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, to meet the foregoing General Fund Appropriations:

Taxes - Ad Valorem	\$ 36,113,015
Sales Taxes	13,346,625
Other Tax and Licenses	435,000
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	432,000
Restricted Intergovernmental	15,822
Health - Restricted State & Federal	4,227,738
DSS – Restricted State & Federal	8,749,789
Daycare – Restricted State & Federal	2,163,265
Other Restricted – State & Federal	2,477,127
Restricted Local - General Fund Other	72,700
Restricted Local - Health	82,052
Restricted Local - DSS	38,046
Permits and Fees	615,600
Health Permits and Fees	118,000
Health Sales & Services	241,868
DSS Sales & Services	33,975
Sales & Services - General Fund Other	3,312,200
Investment Earnings/General Fund	50,200
Miscellaneous/General Fund	331,376
Fund Balance Appropriated	1,980,000
TOTAL ALL TAXES & GENERAL FUND REVENUE	<u>\$ 74,836,398</u>

SECTION V. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the E-911 Telephone System Fund the following:

Emergency Telephone System Expense	\$	948,275
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SECTION VI. It is estimated the following E-911 Telephone System Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:

Emergency Telephone System Revenues	\$	948,245
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SECTION VII. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Restricted Fund the following:

Law Enforcement Restricted Fund	\$	17,000
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TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTRICTED FUND EXPENSE	\$	17,000
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SECTION VIII. It is estimated the following Law Enforcement Restricted Fund revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 to meet the foregoing Law Enforcement Restricted Fund Appropriations:

Law Enforcement Restricted Fund Revenues	\$	17,000
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TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTRICTED FUND REVENUE	\$	17,000
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SECTION IX. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Fire District Fund the following:

DEPARTMENT	TAX RATE	APPROPRIATED
No. 1 - Broadway	.05	\$ 149,700
No. 2 - Mountain View	.05	\$ 149,426
No. 3 - Moravian Falls	.05	\$ 183,174
No. 4 - Mulberry-Fairplains	.075	\$ 269,204
No. 5 - Pleasant Hill	.10	\$ 135,213
No. 6 - Traphill	.09	\$ 150,807
No. 7 - Boomer	.10	\$ 125,737
No. 8 - Champion	.08	\$ 266,239
No. 9 - Austin	.07	\$ 90,610
No. 10 - Goshen	.10	\$ 137,315
No. 11 - Millers Creek	.07	\$ 374,881

No. 12 - Arlington (Ronda)	.10	\$ 6,647
No. 13 - State Road	.075	\$ 89,080
No. 14 - Ronda	.10	\$ 132,036
No. 15 - Knottville	.12	\$ 96,860
No. 16 - Shepherds Crossroads	.07	\$ 56,435
No. 17 - Roaring River	.06	\$ 152,204
No. 18 - Ferguson	.10	\$ 167,951
No. 19 - Cricket	.10	\$ 166,304
No. 20 - McGrady	.10	\$ 85,213
No. 21 - Brushy Mountain	.08	\$ 55,879
No. 22 - Buck Shoals	.05	\$ 36,126
No. 23 - Little Brushy Mountain	.12	\$ 55,218
No. 24 - Wilkes-Iredell	.12	\$ 55,371
No. 25 - Wilbar	.12	\$ 113,353

TOTAL FIRE DISTRICTS **\$ 3,300,983**

SECTION X. It is estimated that the following Fire District Fund Revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 to meet the foregoing Fire District Fund Appropriations:

TOTAL FIRE DISTRICT REVENUE **\$ 3,300,983**

SECTION XI. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Airport Fund the following:

Airport/Capital Projects	1,930,725
Airport/Operating Expenses	1,130,681

TOTAL AIRPORT EXPENSES **\$ 3,061,406**

SECTION XII. It is estimated the following Airport Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 to meet the foregoing Airport Fund Revenue and Appropriations:

Airport – Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ -0-
Airport – Grants/State & Federal	1,917,652
Airport – Sales & Service	922,405
Airport – Rents	110,000
Airport – Miscellaneous/Airport	500
Airport – Transfers from Other Funds/Airport	110,489

TOTAL AIRPORT REVENUE **\$ 3,061,406**

SECTION XIII. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Landfill Fund the following:

Landfill	\$ 2,451,731
Transfer to Other Funds/Landfill	5,000
TOTAL LANDFILL EXPENSES	\$ 2,456,731

SECTION XIV. It is estimated that following Landfill Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 to meet the foregoing Landfill Fund Revenue and Appropriations:

Landfill – Restricted State & Federal	\$ 187,620
Landfill – Sales & Service	2,011,000
Landfill – Investment Earnings	850
Miscellaneous/Landfill	33,000
Fund Balance Appropriation/Landfill	224,261
TOTAL LANDFILL REVENUE	\$ 2,456,731

SECTION XV. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund the following:

TOTAL LANDFILL CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENSE	\$ 7,000
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SECTION XVI. It is estimated the following Landfill Capital Reserve Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 to meet the foregoing Landfill Capital Reserve Fund Revenue Appropriations:

Interest on Investments	\$ 2,000
Transfer from Landfill Enterprise Fund	5,000
TOTAL LANDFILL CAPITAL RESERVE REVENUE	\$ 7,000

There is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 a tax rate of sixty-nine (\$0.69) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of taxable property as listed as of January 1, 2015, for the purpose of raising the revenue from current year's property tax as set forth in the foregoing estimate of revenue, and in order to finance foregoing appropriations.

The tax rate of sixty-nine (69) cents per hundred dollars valuation is based on an estimated total appraised value of property for the purpose of taxation of \$5,313,345,607, with estimated collection of 95.44% on real and personal property and 95.55% on vehicles.

BUDGET 2015/2016 - ADOPTED – MAY 26, 2015

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Keith Elmore asked about the progress on the River access at the Landfill. County Manager John Yates replied across the road from the Landfill on the River side which is past where the Flying Club is located, the County has provided access to the River. He added the County is working with N.C. Wildlife and has signed an agreement to let them Manager this. The County hopes to work with them to improve this access over the next few years, he added. Commissioner Elmore asked could a canoe be launched from this access now. Mr. Yates replied yes, they can drive down to the River and launch or fish. Commissioner Elmore asked if the gates are locked. Mr. Yates replied the gates are open during the hours of operation for the Landfill and locked when the Landfill closes at 6:00 P.M., but if someone would let them know they would be late they would be happy to accommodate them.

Chairman Settle stated the Yadkin Valley Trails are hoping to have a trail to connect to this access at some point and hopefully also to the Greenway as well. Commissioner Elmore said this is great for recreation and fishing access.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins said a former Commission passed away recently, Max Bauguss. Chairman Settle said a Resolution is in process for Mr. Bauguss when the family is available to attend a meeting.

Commissioner Keith Elmore recognized Victor Varela, Mayor of Ronda who is at the meeting tonight to request a tap or T's for the waterline being installed in Ronda at this time. Mr. Varela stated the Hwy. 268 Water Project is something they have been working on for many years in Ronda, well before he became Mayor, due to issues with wells and water quality for residents on Calvary Road. He added they had hoped to get enough funds in the grant to pay for the T's needed but they did not and it will cost much more to add these later. Mr. Varela said the engineers have estimated less than \$2,500 would be needed, they do not have the funds in contingency due to all the rock they have hit in the project. He said he is hoping the County will help with the funds needed to cover this additional cost.

Chairman Settle asked what roads are involved and need the T's. Mr. Verela replied Calvary Road and Cardinal Lane. He added he has not received the final cost from the contractor but it will be less than \$2,500.

Commissioner Keith Elmore asked how much money the County has in its contingency fund. Finance Director, Jerry Shepherd replied \$18,000.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 to be taken from the County's excess contingency fund for FY 2014-2015, for the Hwy. 268 Water Project for the T's to be added as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

Chairman Settle added this is a 12 inch water line which is very important to the Eastern end of the County and the Board hopes it will help to bring in additional industry to this area.

Commissioner Greg Minton stated he would like to mention the \$1,000 additional funds needed for the E-Rate Program at the Library, because the contract will need to be in place July 1, 2015. Vice Chairman Gambill asked how much additional funds the Library receive in the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Yates replied 1%, the same as education, which is \$6,158.

Commissioner Greg Minton made a motion to add \$1,000 to the Library's FY 2015-2016 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore. After discussion by the Board it was decided not to change the adopted FY 2015-2016 Budget and to make this a budget amendment at a later date, if the funds are still needed. Commissioner Greg Minton rescinded his motion. Commissioner Keith Elmore rescinded his second.

ADJOURN - Motion was made by Vice Chairman David Gambill, seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 7:45 P.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Eddie Settle, Chairman

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Approved: