

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
BUDGET ORDINANCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2014 – 2015**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Buncombe County, North Carolina this the 8th day of July, 2014:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available in the General Fund for the operation of the County government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

**APPROPRIATION**

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| General Government              | \$25,957,493                |
| Public Safety                   | 59,549,630                  |
| Human Services                  | 87,845,775                  |
| Economic & Physical Development | 8,079,123                   |
| Culture & Recreation            | 9,320,790                   |
| Education                       | 77,674,242                  |
| Debt Service                    | 21,154,452                  |
| Transfers to Other Funds        | 2,413,159                   |
| <b>Total Appropriation</b>      | <b><u>\$291,994,664</u></b> |

**REVENUE**

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ad Valorem Taxes           | \$162,326,417               |
| NC DMV Tax                 | 11,252,021                  |
| Sales Tax                  | 33,960,310                  |
| Other Taxes and Licenses   | 5,087,184                   |
| Intergovernmental          | 45,183,445                  |
| Permits and Fees           | 2,727,185                   |
| Sales and Services         | 13,736,829                  |
| Other                      | 1,139,905                   |
| Transfers from Other Funds | 8,996,731                   |
| Appropriated Fund Balance  | 7,584,637                   |
| <b>Total Appropriation</b> | <b><u>\$291,994,664</u></b> |

Section 2: The following is hereby appropriated and revenues estimated to be available for the indicated funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

| <b>FUND</b>                                       | <b>APPROPRIATION</b> | <b>REVENUE</b>      |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b><i>Occupancy Tax Special Revenue Fund:</i></b> |                      |                     |
| Transfers to Other Funds                          | <u>\$10,408,699</u>  |                     |
| Other Taxes & Licenses                            |                      | <u>\$10,408,699</u> |

| <b>FUND</b>  | <b>APPROPRIATION</b> | <b>REVENUE</b>             |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b><i>911 Special Revenue Fund:</i></b>                          |                      |                            |
| Public Safety  | <u>\$2,742,400</u>   |                            |
| Intergovernmental  |                      | \$853,821                  |
| Other  |                      | 10,000                     |
| Appropriated Fund Balance  |                      | <u>1,878,579</u>           |
|  |                      | <u><b>\$2,742,400</b></u>  |
| <b><i>ROD Automation Special Revenue Fund:</i></b>               |                      |                            |
| General Government   | <u>\$270,848</u>     |                            |
| Permits & Fees   |                      | \$151,695                  |
| Other  |                      | 3,305                      |
| Appropriated Fund Balance  |                      | <u>115,848</u>             |
|  |                      | <u><b>\$270,848</b></u>    |
| <b><i>Fire &amp; Service Districts Special Revenue Fund:</i></b> |                      |                            |
| Public Safety  | <u>\$23,389,536</u>  |                            |
| Ad Valorem   |                      | \$18,291,424               |
| Sales Tax  |                      | <u>5,098,112</u>           |
|  |                      | <u><b>\$23,389,536</b></u> |
| <b><i>Mountain Mobility Special Revenue Fund:</i></b>            |                      |                            |
| Human Services   | <u>\$4,179,865</u>   |                            |
| Intergovernmental  |                      | \$2,496,417                |
| Other  |                      | 57,000                     |
| Transfers from Other Funds                                       |                      | <u>1,626,448</u>           |
|  |                      | <u><b>\$4,179,865</b></u>  |
| <b><i>Solid Waste Enterprise Fund:</i></b>                       |                      |                            |
| Enterprises – Landfill   | <u>\$6,949,287</u>   |                            |
| Other Taxes & Licenses   |                      | \$257,487                  |
| Sales & Services   |                      | 6,651,800                  |
| Other  |                      | <u>40,000</u>              |
|  |                      | <u><b>\$6,949,287</b></u>  |
| <b><i>Inmate Commissary and Welfare Fund:</i></b>                |                      |                            |
| Enterprises – Public Safety                                      | <u>\$401,846</u>     |                            |
| Sales & Services   |                      | \$341,000                  |
| Appropriated Fund Balance  |                      | <u>60,846</u>              |
|  |                      | <u><b>\$401,846</b></u>    |

| FUND   | APPROPRIATION       | REVENUE                 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><i>BCAT Federal Forfeitures:</i></b>            |                     |                         |
| Enterprises – Public Safety                        | <u>\$226,055</u>    |                         |
| Intergovernmental                                  |                     | \$200,000               |
| Other  |                     | 1,055                   |
| Appropriated Fund Balance                          |                     | <u>25,000</u>           |
|  |                     | <u><u>\$226,055</u></u> |
| <br><b><i>Sheriff Federal Forfeitures:</i></b>     |                     |                         |
| Enterprises – Public Safety                        | <u>\$39,073</u>     |                         |
| Intergovernmental                                  |                     | \$25,000                |
| Other  |                     | 450                     |
| Appropriated Fund Balance                          |                     | <u>13,623</u>           |
|  |                     | <u><u>\$39,073</u></u>  |
| <br><b><i>BCAT State Forfeitures:</i></b>          |                     |                         |
| Enterprises – Public Safety                        | <u>\$196,100</u>    |                         |
| Intergovernmental                                  |                     | \$45,000                |
| Other  |                     | 1,100                   |
| Appropriated Fund Balance                          |                     | <u>150,000</u>          |
|  |                     | <u><u>\$196,100</u></u> |
| <br><b><i>Sheriff State Forfeitures:</i></b>       |                     |                         |
| Enterprises – Public Safety                        | <u>\$25,175</u>     |                         |
| Intergovernmental                                  |                     | \$25,000                |
| Other  |                     | <u>175</u>              |
|  |                     | <u><u>\$25,175</u></u>  |
| <br><b><i>Insurance Internal Service Fund:</i></b> |                     |                         |
| Enterprises – Insurance                            | <u>\$27,638,707</u> |                         |
| Sales & Services                                   |                     | <u>\$27,638,707</u>     |

Section 3: ***Tax Levy***

A tax rate of 60.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation is hereby levied for fiscal year 2014-2015, all of which is levied in the General Fund. This rate is based on an estimated total assessed, taxable property value of \$29.25 billion, and an estimated collection rate of 98.25 percent.

The tax rate of 15.0 cents per \$100 of assessed, taxable valuation is hereby levied for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Asheville Local Tax School District.

The following tax rate is levied, for fiscal year 2014-2015, for Fire Districts per \$100 of assessed, taxable valuation:

| <b>CODE</b> | <b>DISTRICT</b>       | <b>TAX RATE (in cents)</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| DAS         | Asheville Suburban    | 8.5                        |
| FBA         | Barnardsville         | 15.0                       |
| DBA         | Barnardsville N. E.   | 15.0                       |
| FBE         | Beaverdam             | 13.0                       |
| DBE         | Beaverdam N. C.       | 13.0                       |
| FBR         | Broad River           | 14.0                       |
| FEB         | East Buncombe         | 9.9                        |
| FEC         | Enka-Candler          | 9.0                        |
| FFA         | Fairview              | 10.5                       |
| FFL         | Fletcher              | 9.1                        |
| FFB         | French Broad          | 14.0                       |
| FGC         | Garren Creek          | 14.0                       |
| DHA         | Haw Creek-Asheville   | 9.7                        |
| DHC         | Haw Creek-Reems Creek | 13.0                       |
| DHI         | Haw Creek-Riceville   | 9.0                        |
| FJU         | Jupiter               | 12.0                       |
| FLE         | Leicester             | 11.0                       |
| DLE         | Leicester N. W.       | 11.0                       |
| FNB         | N. Buncombe           | 11.2                       |
| DNN         | N. Buncombe N. E.     | 11.2                       |
| FRC         | Reems Creek           | 13.0                       |
| DRC         | Reems Creek N. C.     | 13.0                       |
| DNR         | Reems Creek N. E.     | 13.0                       |
| FRE         | Reynolds              | 11.3                       |
| FRI         | Riceville             | 11.0                       |
| FSK         | Skyland               | 9.1                        |
| DSK         | Skyland S. B.         | 9.1                        |
| FSW         | Swannanoa             | 12.9                       |
| FUH         | Upper Hominy          | 12.5                       |
| DUH         | Upper Hominy S. D.    | 12.5                       |
| FWO         | Woodfin               | 10.0                       |
| DWO         | Woodfin N. C.         | 10.0                       |
| FWB         | W. Buncombe           | 10.0                       |
| DWB         | W. Buncombe N. W.     | 10.0                       |
| DNB         | N. Buncombe N. C.     | 11.2                       |

Section 4: Compensation for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Commissioners will be \$35,584 - \$36,118, \$31,254 - \$31,723, and \$26,475 - \$27,329 respectively. Travel for official activities will be reimbursed under the same plan used for county employees.

- Section 5: Subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the Finance Director, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by County Legal Services, the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to sign all contracts where money has been appropriated in this fiscal budget, to execute contracts as well as the necessary documents and agreements and any amendments thereto which are not required to be bid, and those contracts needed to properly document budgeted appropriations, on behalf of Buncombe County within funds included in the Budget Ordinance. The County Manager shall further be authorized to reject any and/or all bids received if it is in the best interest of the County. The County Manager is authorized to transfer appropriations between functional areas within a fund up to \$75,000 per expenditure; however, any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Governing Board.
- Section 6: The County Manager may transfer salary and wage appropriations to fund balance or contingency for each position vacated during fiscal year 2015. The intent is to reduce the fund balance appropriation and save all available funds as the savings opportunity arises.
- Section 7: The County Manager is hereby authorized to submit to the State of North Carolina a list of County requirements of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment and to make purchases for the County in any amount by participating in State Contracts under the rules established by the Department of Administration through its Division of Purchase and Contract from items bid by the State of North Carolina in accordance with the laws of this State, subject to budget limits approved by the Board of County Commissioners with no further bidding by County staff or award by the Commissioners, to the extent authorized by law.
- Section 8: The County Manager is authorized to use contracts established by the State of North Carolina, in accordance with statutes, policies, and rules of the Office of Information Technology Services, to make purchases of information technology equipment for the County in any amount at the same prices, terms, and conditions as the State contracts, without further compliance by the County with otherwise applicable competitive bidding requirements as authorized by the N.C.G.S. 147-33.82(b), subject to budget limits approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Section 9: The position classification and pay plan and the positions listed in Exhibit A are hereby approved effective July 1, 2014. Further, Positions 3965 and 3966 are hereby converted to regular, benefitted positions with health and dental benefits effective July 1, 2014.
- Section 10: The Planning and Development fee schedule detailed in Exhibit B is hereby approved effective July 1, 2014.
- Section 11: Pursuant to the authority provided in N.C.G.S. 153A-13, and subject to budget limits approved by the Board of Commissioners, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and County Manager, or either of them, are authorized to execute on behalf of Buncombe County, continuing contracts, some portion or all of which are to be performed in ensuing fiscal years, provided sufficient funds are appropriated to meet any amount to be paid under the contract in the current fiscal year and further provided, in each future year, sufficient


funds are to be included in the appropriations to meet the amounts to be paid under continuing contracts previously entered into.

- Section 12: The Retirement Incentive Options as outlined in Article VII, Section 4 H of the Personnel Ordinance are hereby eliminated for all employees hired after June 30, 2014.
- Section 13: The 2014 Buncombe County Employee Retirement Incentive Plan listed in Exhibit C is hereby approved effective July 1, 2014.
- Section 14: An adjustment to tipping fee revenues to reflect a volume discount of \$4 per ton for each ton delivered over 23,000 tons per calendar year beginning January 1, 2014 is hereby approved pursuant to Exhibit D.
- Section 15: Small Claims Committee. The small claims committee, consisting of the County Legal Services, County Manager, and Finance Director, is hereby given authority to settle matters up to \$20,000.
- Section 16: Pursuant to NCGS § 143-64.32, the County Manager, or her authorized designee, is hereby authorized to make written exemption of the provisions of Article 3D, Chapter 143 regarding the announcement of all requirements for architectural, engineering, surveying and construction management at risk services on any and all projects related to or associated with a previously awarded or authorized acquisition or construction project, subject to budget limits approved by the Board of Commissioners. A report shall be made to the Board of Commissioners of all such exemptions.
- Section 17: It is hereby approved that employees be compensated, through a one-time payment, for the loss of the April 2011 Consumer Price Index adjustment that was reinstated by Board action on February 18, 2014.
- Section 18: The Buncombe County Personnel Ordinance Article VI Section 34. Annual Leave-Cash Conversion is hereby eliminated and amended to read: Upon approval of the Departmental Director, regular employees who leave a balance of at least one week may convert any remaining balance of annual leave, in increments of at least 8 hours, to cash or may be paid in one lump sum.
- Section 19: Add 13 hours of annual leave time to those full-time benefited employees who were employed on February 12-13, 2014.
- Section 20: Restrict county departments from applying for regional grants that involve more than Buncombe County, municipalities inside the county, and county based partner agencies.
- Section 21: Copies of this Budget Ordinance will be furnished to the County Manager, Assistant County Managers, Finance Director, Budget Director, Human Resources Director, and Tax Director for direction in fulfilling the responsibilities of their offices.

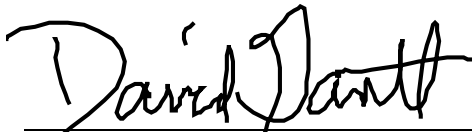
Section 22: All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Ordinance, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Ordinance as well as the Buncombe County Interim Budget Ordinance adopted by this Board on June 19, 2014 shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Adopted this the 8th day of July, 2014.

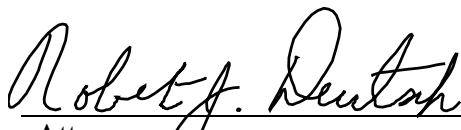
Attest:

  
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Clerk to the Board

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners:

  
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David Gantt, Chairman

Approval as to form:

  
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Attorney