



Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget

Board of Commissioners' Fiscal Year 2014/15 Goals

- In partnership with the private sector, support a coordinated effort to create jobs and property tax base by investing in infrastructure, the development of the County's quality of place and educational opportunities. Specific strategies include:
 - Facilitate spec building space in order to enhance the Economic Development Corporation's (EDC's) recruitment efforts for jobs and increased tax base.
 - Continuously monitor County regulations to ensure they support orderly growth and business development.
 - Partner with the private sector and municipalities to focus on a framework to increase small and/or entrepreneurial businesses.
 - Partner with the private and public sectors to implement Innovate Catawba.
- Increase citizens' awareness of County programs and services and promote healthy activities throughout the County by strengthening communications and outreach to citizens.
- To ensure transportation connectivity of Catawba County to the rest of the region, continue to advocate for completion of the widening of Highway 16.
- Support the three school systems and Catawba Valley Community College as they work to increase the educational attainment level in Catawba County.

Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget Highlights

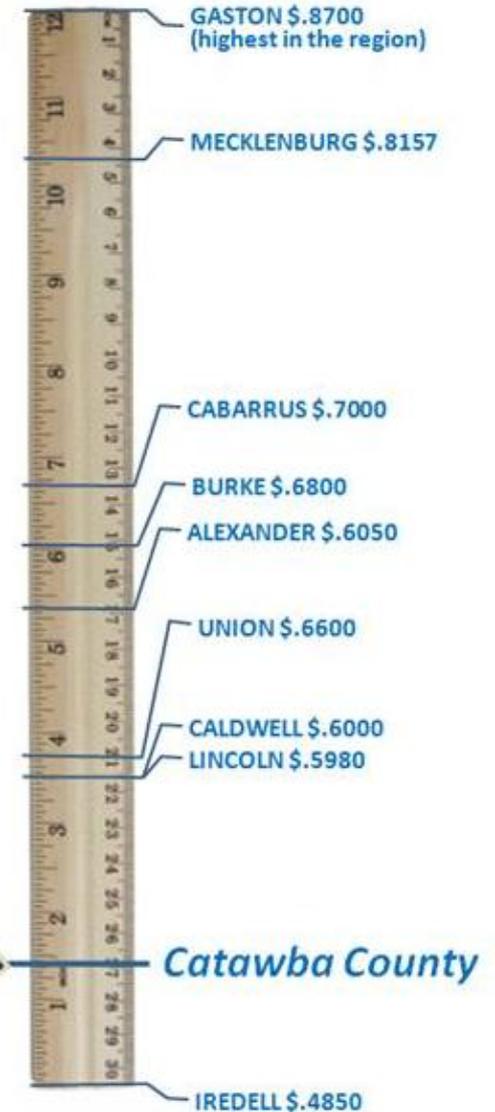
- Total Budget: \$214,699,319 = 5.11% decrease
- General Fund: \$177,595,263 = county operations increased 2.15%
- Property Tax Rate Maintained – 53 cents
- 3 percent sales tax growth projected

Property Tax

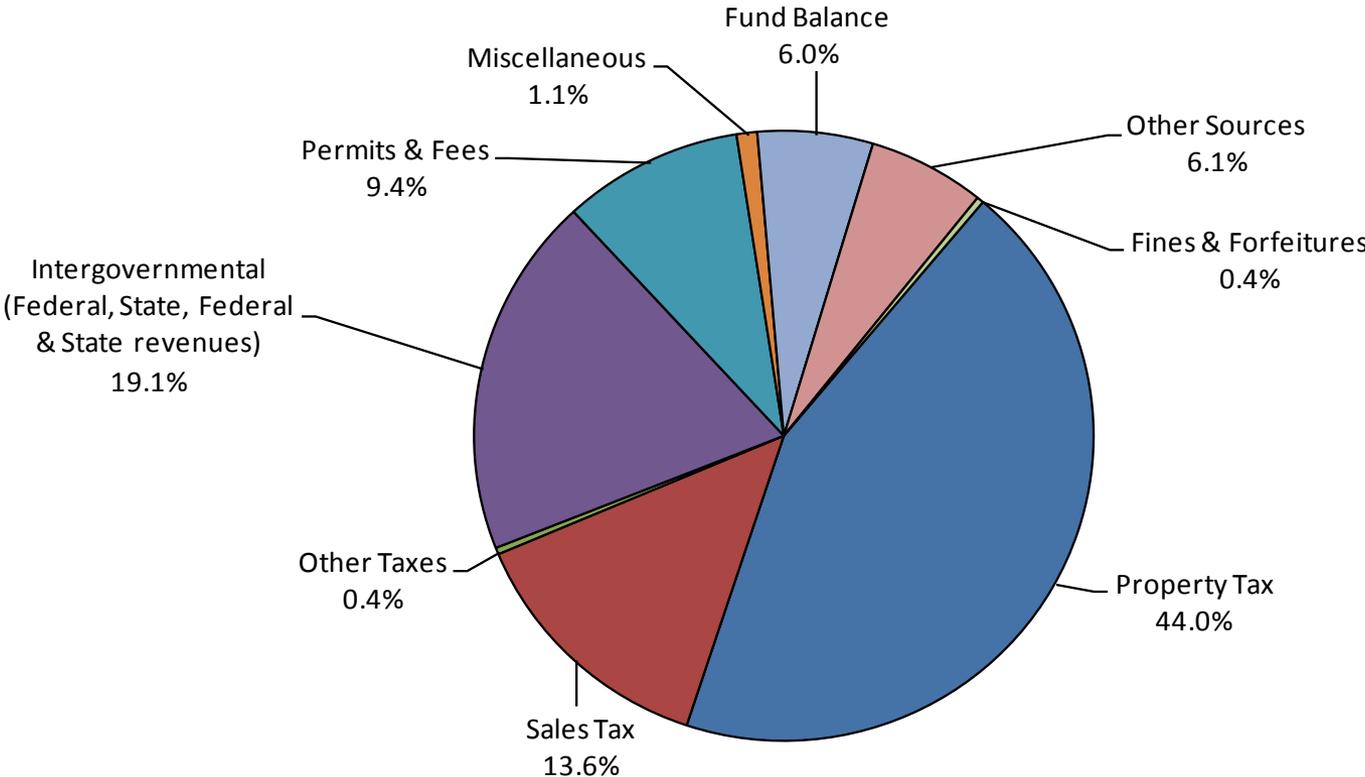
Seventh consecutive
year with
NO tax
Increase

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In 2013, Catawba County citizens paid 16 percent less property tax per capita than citizens in other urban counties and 13 percent less than the statewide average.



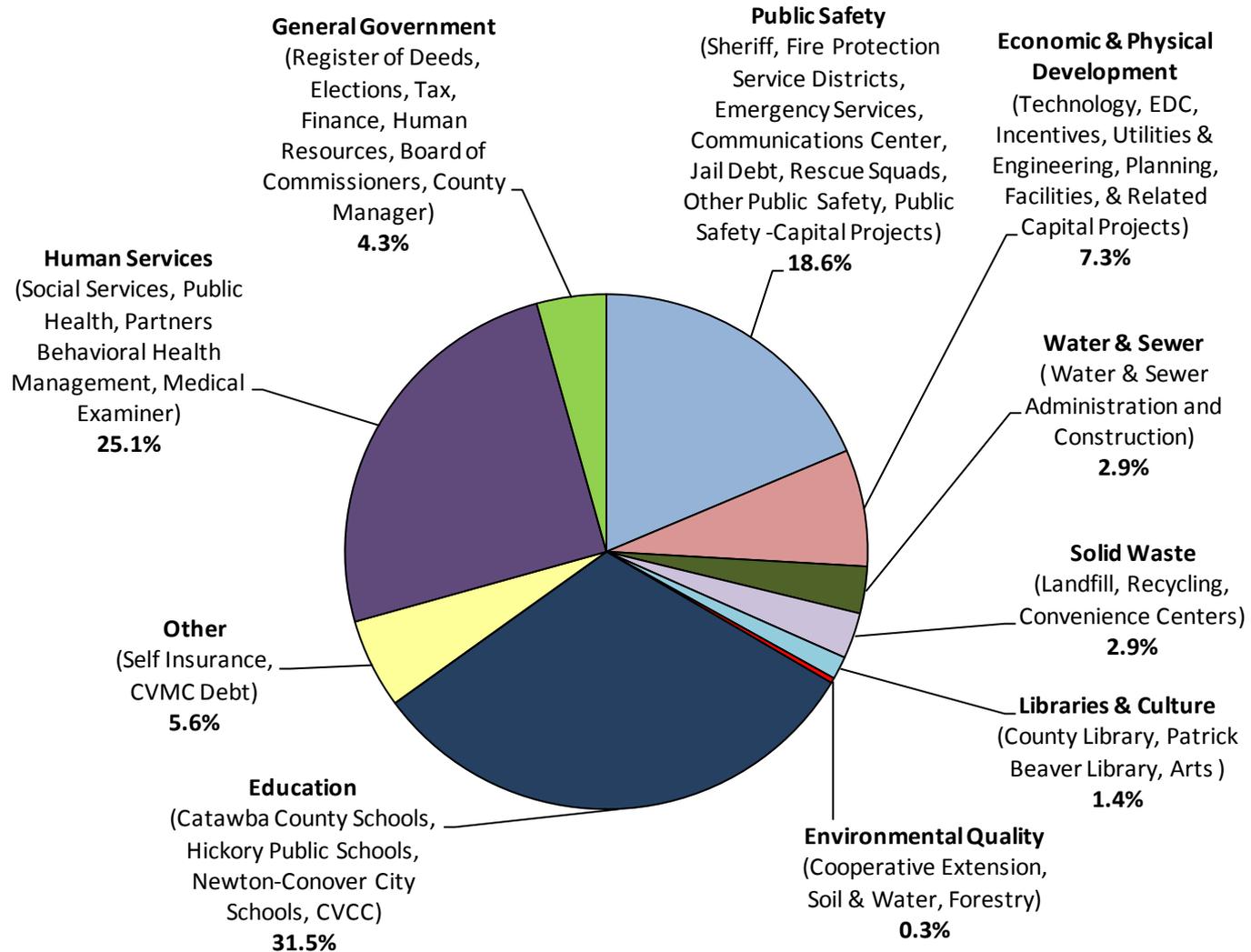
Fiscal Year 2014/15 Revenues Excluding Interfund Transfers



Fiscal Year 2014/15 Changes from County Manager's Recommended Budget

- Board of Elections - \$51,000 for 2nd Primary
- County Manager – Amended Legal Outcome
 - To maximize the collection of delinquent accounts, back taxes, and other monies owed to the County, Legal will:
 - a. Collect or enter into payment arrangement for at least 50 percent of all eligible cases submitted
 - *(b. Collect at least 50 percent of payments due per contractual payment arrangements) – Added*
- Innovate Catawba - \$10,000
- Schools Joint Programs funded separately at \$52 per pupil

Fiscal Year 2014/15 Expenditures Excluding Interfund Transfers



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Local Funds

