

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Adopted December 1, 2014

1. In partnership with the private sector and assistance from state government, support the creation of jobs and property tax base and the development of the County's workforce. Specific strategies include:
 - a. Support the enhancement of workforce development programs and efforts, working with educators and the private sector to train the workforce for jobs from existing and new employers that will be available through the efforts of the EDC.
 - b. Partner with the private sector to aggressively implement Innovate Catawba strategies.
 - c. Review incentive guidelines to ensure they are competitive but reasonable in terms of return on investment.
 - d. Develop, with the EDC and Hickory, parameters of investment for Park 1764.
 - e. Continuously monitor County regulations to ensure they support orderly growth and business development.
2. Review the County's emergency management program for improvements designed to provide efficient and effective pre-hospital emergency services, improve public safety, minimize property damage, and protect areas from disasters.
3. Continue advocacy for improvements to Highway 16 and Highway 150 as major corridors, in order to increase economic development and citizen and tourism access.

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Organization: 110050

	2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Current	2015/16 Requested	2015/16 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues					
General Fund	\$123,463	\$146,930	\$162,610	\$170,504	16.0%
Total	\$123,463	\$146,930	\$162,610	\$170,504	16.0%
Expenses					
Personal Services	\$11,180	\$11,180	\$84,760	\$92,654	728.7%
Supplies & Operations	112,283	135,750	77,850	77,850	-42.7%
Total	\$123,463	\$146,930	\$162,610	\$170,504	16.0%

Budget Highlights

The budget for the Board of Commissioners increased by \$18,800 or 12.8 percent. This increase comes from updating the County code to reflect recent amendments through the online Municode system, which occurs every 1.5 to 2 years, and an increase in the health insurance rates. The budget moves the cost of Board of Commissioner per diems and travel allowances from operating to personal services based on auditor guidance.