

General Capital Projects

Fund 410

	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues			
Federal Bed Rental	\$325,000	\$450,000	38.5%
Local Bed Rental	325,000	325,000	0.0%
Sale of Slanting Bridg Property - from General Fund	0	50,000	0%
Donations	125,000	125,000	0.0%
Municipalities for Oblique Photography	42,416	16,461	-61.2%
E-911 Grant Backup 911 Center	0	275,300	0%
E-911 Grant VHF Simulcast Radio System Upgrade		653,650	0%
From General Fund	4,710,084	3,291,342	-30.1%
Total	\$5,527,500	\$5,186,753	-6.2%
Expenses			
Ongoing/Periodic Projects			
Facilities - General Renovations	0	60,000	100.0%
Technology - Oblique Photography	176,000	68,303	-61.2%
Technology - Server & Desktop Applications (formerly Microsoft Licensing)	308,000	308,000	0.0%
Technology - Infrastructure Upgrade	300,000	300,000	0.0%
Debt Financed/Future Projects			
Sheriff - Jail Expansion	3,050,000	3,625,000	18.9%
Sheriff - Close Federal Bed Expansion (consolidate into Jail Exp Proj)	0	(550,000)	0%
Pay as You Go Projects			
E-911 - Back-up Center	0	275,300	100.0%
E-911 - VHF Simulcast Radio System Upgrade	0	653,650	100.0%
EMS - CVMC Neonatal Ambulance Replacement	380,000	380,000	0.0%
EMS - Close Bandys Station II Expansion to fund Neonatal Ambulance	0	(321,520)	0%
EMS - Reduce Future Projects to fund Neonatal Ambulance	0	(58,480)	0%
Facilities - Family Services Center Roof	110,000	110,000	0.0%
Library - Technology & Facility Upgrades	230,000	124,245	-46.0%
Library - Close Sherrills Ford project to fund Technology & Facility Upgrades	0	(124,245)	0%
Parks - Mountain Creek Park	125,000	125,000	0.0%
Parks - Park Improvements	68,500	61,500	-10.2%
Parks - Riverbend Park	0	50,000	0%
Sheriff - Jail Holding Area	80,000	100,000	25.0%
Social Services Expansion	700,000	0	0%
Total	\$5,527,500	\$5,186,753	-6.2%

Budget Highlights

Ongoing/Periodic Projects

Facilities General Renovations and Energy Projects – Annually, the County funds general renovations and energy retrofits. The budget moves these dollars from the General Fund to the General Capital Projects Fund, so that unspent balances at year-end remain tied to these purposes, which will allow flexibility in addressing needs over multiple years.

Technology - Oblique Photography – Oblique photography maps are high resolution low-angle maps useful for geospatial mapping services, planning, code enforcement, real estate appraisal, economic development, and public safety/emergency services purposes. Funds are included for the first year of a three year agreement to update oblique photography. This project is partially funded by Conover, Hickory, Long View, Newton, Maiden, and Claremont.

Technology - Server and Desktop Applications – Funds are included to continue a licensing agreement with Microsoft for Microsoft Office software such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. An additional \$33,000 per year is included for the next three years to allow Technology to upgrade and re-standardize the County's computers to operate on Office 2013 as computers are replaced.

Technology - Infrastructure Upgrades (\$300,000) – Annually the County sets aside funds for ongoing infrastructure upgrades to hardware and software necessary to maintain its core network, such as switches, back-up storage, and servers.

Debt Financed/Future Projects

Jail Expansion (\$3,625,000) – The budget continues to set aside 1.5 cents of property tax, as well as revenue earned by renting beds, towards the \$17 million Jail Expansion project planned for Fiscal Year 2017/18. This funding will increase the dollars set aside to \$8.8 million by June 30, 2017, reducing the amount of debt that will need to be issued to finance the expansion, saving money in the long-run.

Pay as You Go Projects

E-911 Backup Center – Funds are included in the budget to meet the State's mandate of establishing a back-up 911 Center. The total project is roughly \$1 million and is split between the E-911 Fund (equipment directly related to the call-taking process and fundable by traditional 911 funds) and General Capital Projects Fund (equipment directly related to dispatching emergency response units which is not eligible for traditional 911 funds). The County plans to request a State 911 grant to fund the project.

E-911 VHF Simulcast Radio System Upgrade – Funds are included to upgrade a critical radio system used to communicate with fire and rescue volunteers via pagers that has reached end of life. The County plans to apply for a State 911 grant to fund the project but will have to complete with local funds if the grant is unsuccessful.

EMS - CVMC Neonatal Ambulance/EMS Bandys Station II Expansion /EMS Future Projects (\$380,000) – Funds from existing EMS projects will be used to fund replacement of a neonatal ambulance. The County has a contract with Catawba Valley Medical Center (CVMC) to transport infants whose medical needs exceed CVMC's capabilities to Forsyth and Mecklenburg Counties. CVMC will reimburse the County over eight years for the ambulance plus pay the County to provide a driver.

Facilities - Family Services Center (FSC) Roofs (\$110,000) – Funds are included to replace the 20 year old roofs on both buildings.

Library - Technology & Facility Upgrades (\$124,245) – Funds are included to replace public computers, update switches and fiber connections, add new technology such as smart tables, and paint interior and exterior areas at the Newton, Maiden, and St. Stephens branches.

Parks - Mountain Creek Park – The budget appropriates \$125,000 of the \$500,000 committed by Villages at Sherrills Ford developers towards development of the County's 588-acre Mountain Creek property. The proposed park will consist of over 20 miles of trails, canoe/kayak access, picnic facilities, fishing piers, an office/educational building, and bathroom facilities. During Fiscal Year 2016/17, planning and design will be completed, security fencing will be added, and the property will be cleaned up in preparation for phase one development expected to begin in Fiscal Year 2017/18.

Parks - Park Improvements – The budget includes funds to improve existing parks by refurbishing structures and renovating park amenities.

Parks - Riverbend Park – The County is considering the acquisition of 200-acres adjacent to the Park through a lease-purchase arrangement over time, with the timeframe driven by the availability of PARTF grant funds.

Sheriff - Jail Holding Area – The budget includes \$100,000 of bed rental revenue to convert an underused room in the jail into an expanded holding area for inmates scheduled to appear in court.