

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Continue economic development efforts for sustainable businesses and industry, which will provide employment for Catawba County citizens. Partner with the Economic Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, FORESIGHT, the business community, and municipalities to carry out this goal.
  - a. Support the concept of a multi-jurisdictional park involving interested municipalities and be receptive to needed rezoning requests;
  - b. Continue to develop public-private partnerships and funding for the Eco-Complex;
  - c. Support the Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to support small business.
2. Partner with the three school systems, Champions of Education, Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC), and the Hickory Metro Higher Education Center (HMHEC) to increase the educational attainment level in Catawba County.
  - a. Continue implementation of the FORESIGHT educational strategies;
  - b. Support the work of the Champions of Education;
  - c. Support legislation that will increase educational performance, such as encouraging students to remain in school and the ½ cent sales tax for school construction and operating needs;
  - d. Review the progress of students as the result of additional funds given for teacher supplements and other current expense—for example, graduation rates, dropouts, programs to increase student performance;
  - e. Support CVCC as it works regionally to align programs with area community colleges;
  - f. Support expansion of the offerings at the HMHEC and the development of the UNC Engineering Center;
  - g. Work to ensure that the efforts of all of the higher education institutions are coordinated.
3. Continue efforts to inform and engage citizens and ensure good customer service, using technology where appropriate.
  - a. Continue implementation of the public information strategy endorsed by the Board during its retreat held May 12 and 13, 2006, and research and implement additional appropriate strategies to engage the citizenry and provide public information in a variety of formats;
  - b. Hold board or community meetings in different parts of the County at least three (3) times in the upcoming year.
4. Position the County to respond to anticipated growth.
  - a. Develop a long-range plan for service delivery, and at what level, so budgets can be modified to deal with the growth;
  - b. Develop a comprehensive, 8-year Capital Improvement Plan for County services.

# Board of Commissioners

Organization: 110050

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2007/08	Percent
	Actual	Current	Requested	Approved	Change
<b>Revenue</b>					
General Fund	\$284,541	\$279,865	\$202,203	\$202,203	-28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$284,541</b>	<b>\$279,865</b>	<b>\$202,203</b>	<b>\$202,203</b>	<b>-28%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personal Services	\$4,774	\$4,825	\$4,803	\$4,803	0%
Supplies & Operations	279,767	275,040	197,400	197,400	-28%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$284,541</b>	<b>\$279,865</b>	<b>\$202,203</b>	<b>\$202,203</b>	<b>-28%</b>

## Budget Highlights

The Board of Commissioners budget decreased by 28% as a result of bringing certain legal functions previously contracted with outside law firms in-house and eliminating a contract with a Federal lobbyist.