

CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
June 27, 2007
Adopted Budget

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present the Adopted Fiscal Year 2007/08 annual budget for Catawba County, as approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 26, 2007. This document was prepared in compliance with the changes made to the County Manager's budget proposal by the Board of Commissioners at the May 31, 2007, wrap-up session.

On May 23, 2007, I presented my recommended budget. Budget hearings were held on May 30 with the wrap up session and public hearing the following night. During deliberations, the Board set a tax rate of 53.5 cents by eliminating 1 cent from schools' construction, .25 cent from schools' current expense, and postponing 1 cent for water and sewer projects until Fiscal Year 2008/09.

As a result of the changes, the final budget is \$251,295,544 and establishes a new tax rate of 53.5 cents. The budget document reflects the budget appropriations and outcomes as adopted by the Board on June 26, 2007. The County Manager's message, however, is included as it was originally presented.

I recognize that this was a difficult budget year for all involved and extend my appreciation to the Board and staff for all of the hard work on this budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Thomas Lundy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

J. Thomas Lundy
County Manager