

# GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

## Budget Highlights

### EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

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Fund 410

	2017/18 Requested	2017/18 Adopted	Percent Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Federal Bed Rental	\$233,662	\$234,000	0.1%
Local Bed Rental	48,995	\$65,000	32.7%
Donations	125,000	\$125,000	0.0%
Municipalities for Oblique Photography	12,928	\$12,928	0.0%
Proceeds from Installment Purchase	14,635,810	\$13,335,809	-8.9%
Building Permit Revenue - From General Fund	0	\$100,000	0%
Sale of Slanting Bridg Property - from General Fund	100,000	\$100,000	0.0%
From General Fund	3,400,000	2,997,770	-11.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,556,395</b>	<b>\$16,970,507</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Ongoing/Periodic Projects</b>			
Economic Development - Investment in Growth	36,000	152,007	0.0%
Facilities - General Renovations	100,000	100,000	0.0%
Technology - Server & Desktop Applications	308,000	308,000	0.0%
Technology - Permit & Inspections Software	0	100,000	0.0%
Technology - Oblique Photography	53,643	53,643	0.0%
Technology - Infrastructure Upgrades	300,000	300,000	0.0%
<b>Debt Financed/Future Projects</b>			
Parks - Mountain Creek Park	125,000	125,000	0.0%
Sheriff - Jail Expansion	16,535,467	14,431,166	-12.7%
Sheriff - Close Jail Holding Area Project	(100,000)	(100,000)	0.0%
<b>Pay as You Go Projects</b>			
Facilities - Government Center Complex Improvements	1,000,000	1,000,000	0.0%
Facilities - St. Stephens Library HVAC	250,000	250,000	0.0%
Library - Technology & Facility Upgrades	145,000	100,000	-31.0%
Library - Future Projects	(275,000)	(275,000)	0.0%
Parks - Park Improvements	75,000	220,000	193.3%
Parks - Riverbend Park	100,000	100,000	0.0%
Public Safety Project	0	105,691	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,653,110</b>	<b>\$16,970,507</b>	<b>-9.0%</b>

#### Ongoing/Periodic Projects

- *Future Economic Development (\$152,007)*: The budget reserves \$152,007 of projected increased property tax from growth in property tax base toward future economic development needs.
- *Facilities General Renovations (\$100,000)*: The budget increases annual funding for general renovations from \$60,000 to \$100,000 to address needs of aging facilities.

- *Technology Server and Desktop Applications (\$308,000)*: Annually the County funds server and desktop applications to continue a licensing agreement with Microsoft for the software on the County's servers. This provides employees with critical office productivity programs in the Microsoft Office Suite such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Technology continues to upgrade and re-standardize the County's computers to operate on Office 2013. This is the second year of a three-year plan to update the Microsoft Office Suite county-wide from Office 2007, which is nearing end of life, to 2013 as computers are replaced.
- *Technology - Permit and Inspections Software (\$100,000)*: The budget begins to set aside funds for the future replacement or upgrade of the County's permitting and inspection system, which has been in use for six years. Based on the current use of the system and service level, upgrade or replacement is expected to be needed in the next four to five years and cost at least \$800,000.
- *Technology Oblique Photography (\$53,643)*: Oblique photography maps are high resolution low-angle maps useful for code enforcement, real estate appraisal, economic development, and public safety/emergency services purposes. Currently, 75 percent of the County (the more populated areas) is mapped at the highest resolution/lowest angle available. The remaining 25 percent is photographed at a high resolution but from a higher angle. The total amount of the project is \$176,000; payment is spread out over a three-year period:

Fiscal Year 2016/17: \$68,303  
 Fiscal Year 2017/18: \$53,643  
 Fiscal Year 2018/19: \$53,643

Municipalities, which also benefit greatly from this service, have pledged to support the initiative through the GIS Consortium as reflected below:

Municipality	Fiscal Year 2016/17	Fiscal Year 2017/18	Fiscal Year 2018/19
<b>Conover</b>	\$ 2,391	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,878
<b>Hickory</b>	\$ 7,582	\$ 5,954	\$ 5,954
<b>Long View</b>	\$ 342	\$ 268	\$ 268
<b>Newton</b>	\$ 3,279	\$ 2,575	\$ 2,575
<b>Maiden</b>	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,341	\$ 1,341
<b>Claremont</b>	\$ 1,161	\$ 912	\$ 912
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,461</b>	<b>\$ 12,928</b>	<b>\$ 12,928</b>

- *Technology Infrastructure Upgrades (\$300,000)*: Annually the County sets aside funds for ongoing infrastructure upgrades, based on a comprehensive multi-year hardware and software replacement schedule for elements of the core network. For this coming year, the following projects are scheduled:
  - > Switches route telephone and data throughout the County. In Fiscal Year 2016/17, Technology began replacing switches, many of which are over 10 years old.

Technology anticipates needing roughly \$7,000 to complete the replacements in the coming year.

- > Technology plans to upgrade the County's call management software, phones, and related equipment at an estimated cost of \$275,000.
- > 24 terabytes of storage: An additional \$8,000 worth of storage is needed to store all document images county-wide and includes Laserfiche, ISSI (DSS Case Management), GIS, Register of Deeds, as well as other county department document images. Technology continues to work with departments to review and purge unnecessary files to mitigate storage needs.

### Debt Financed/Future Projects

- *Parks Mountain Creek Park (\$125,000)*: The budget reserves the final \$125,000 of a \$500,000 commitment by the developer of the Villages at Sherrills Ford toward future development of Mountain Creek Park. Planning for the development of Mountain Creek Park, a 588-acre site purchased in 2007 and located in the Southeastern portion of the County, is underway. The proposed conceptual plan for Mountain Creek Park shows amenities such as hiking trails, mountain biking trails and a pump track, canoe portage, camping, picnic shelters, and a multi-use building when the multi-phased development is complete. Developing the park is currently projected to cost roughly \$6 million, with approximately \$655,000 set aside in previous years.
- *Sheriff Jail Expansion Project (\$14.4 million)*: The Catawba County Detention Center in Newton is running at or above capacity most days. Design is underway to construct a 320 bed expansion to the existing facility preliminarily estimated to cost \$23.1 million. Since the last jail expansion was completed in 2007, the County has been reserving Federal and local bed rental revenue earned from renting excess capacity toward future jail expansion. In Fiscal Year 2015/16, the Board of Commissioners designated 1.5 cents on the property tax rate for future debt and operating costs of the jail. Through Fiscal Year 2016/17, \$8.7 million has been reserved toward the project. The Fiscal Year 2017/18 budget appropriates the remaining \$14.4 million to the project, funded by:
  - > \$13.33 million in new debt issuance,
  - > \$299,000 in previously earned Federal and local bed rental revenue yet to be added to the project,
  - > \$796,357 from the 1.5 cents property tax dedication that won't be needed for debt in the coming year. An additional \$750,000 is budgeted in General Fund debt service to make the first ½ year's debt service payment.

### Pay as You Go Projects

- *Facilities Government Center Complex Improvements (\$1 million)*: The budget reserves \$1 million from property tax funds dedicated to future jail operating needs for improvements to the Government Center Complex. With the completion of the Justice Public Safety Center (JPSC) expansion, it is anticipated that additional funds will be needed to make site improvements to areas disrupted by the construction, to renovate existing space vacated in the Government and original Justice Centers for other uses, and to assist with traffic flow on the campus.

- *Facilities St. Stephens Library Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) (\$250,000)*: The HVAC system at the St. Stephens Library is 25+ years old, almost 10 years past the normal life of an HVAC system. It is having mechanical issues, is not circulating air properly, and is very energy inefficient. Replacement of the unit is expected to decrease electricity expenses at the branch by roughly 25 percent. This project is funded by using funds set aside in previous years for future projects.
- *Library Technology & Facility Upgrades (\$100,000)*: The budget includes \$100,000 with \$550,000 planned over the next 5 years to implement technology and facility upgrades adopted in the Library Strategic Plan. These upgrades are aimed at meeting community technology needs and making the libraries more inviting and user-friendly.
- *Park Improvements (\$220,000)*: A Parks priority as identified in the Parks Master Plan is to improve each park's amenities. The budget includes \$120,000 toward these improvements with focus in the coming year on replacing restroom fixtures and paving at Riverbend Park. Additionally, funds to purchase a 1-ton dump truck (\$50,000) and a Bobcat S770 Skid Steer/Grader (\$50,000) are included to assist in constructing trails on the expanded Riverbend property and in the future Mountain Creek Park, although these items won't be purchased prior to approval of planned trails, etc.
- *Parks Riverbend Park Expansion (\$100,000)*: Riverbend Park is a 450-acre park located east of Oxford Dam along the Catawba River. The park offers several recreational activities such as fishing, canoeing/kayaking, and hiking for its visitors. Currently, Riverbend receives the most visitors, over 50,000 every year. The County was presented with an opportunity purchase the Bean property adjacent to the existing park at a total cost of \$400,000. An initial payment of \$100,000 was made in December 2016 with an additional \$100,000 due in Fiscal Year 2017/18. Staff applied for a PARTF grant in the current year to reimburse the General Fund for the total property acquisition expense. If awarded, the budget will be amended to reflect these funds.