



## Moore County Board of Commissioners

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June 4, 2026 | 10:00 AM  
Historic Courthouse  
1 Courthouse Square  
Carthage, NC 28327

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Nick Picerno, Vice Chairman Jim Von Canon, John Ritter, and Tom Adams

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kurt Cook

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Picerno called the meeting to order.

#### **INVOCATION**

County Manager Wayne Vest offered the invocation.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ritter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

- A. Administration - Adopt the FY 2026-2027 Moore County Budget Ordinance  
County Manager Vest presented a request that the Moore County Board of Commissioners make a motion to adopt the FY 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance for the County of Moore, including the Fire Protection Service Districts and all Fee Schedules effective July 1, 2026.

**Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 County of Moore Budget Ordinance, including the Fire Protection Service Districts and all fee schedules, effective July 1, 2026.**  
*The budget ordinance is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix A.*

- B. Administration - Position Classification and Pay Plan for Moore County  
Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director Dawn Gilbert presented a request for the Moore County Board of Commissioners to adopt the Position Classification and Pay Plan for Moore County effective July 1, 2026.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Position Classification and Pay Plan for Moore County effective July 1, 2026.

C. Administration - NC Office of State Human Resources Salary Plan Reporting Form

Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director Dawn Gilbert presented a request for the Moore County Board of Commissioners to approve the Salary Plan Reporting Form from the NC Office of State Human Resources.

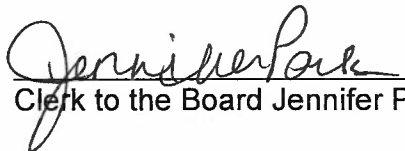
Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the NC Office of State Human Resources Salary Reporting Form for FY 2026/2027.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the June 4, 2026, Special Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 10:05am.

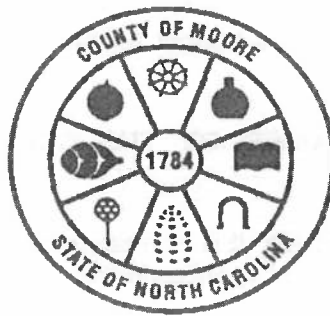


Chairman Nick Picerno



Clerk to the Board Jennifer Parks





**COUNTY OF MOORE**  
**BUDGET ORDINANCE**  
**FY 2026/2027**

***Final***

## BUDGET ORDINANCE

### AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE COUNTY OF MOORE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

WHEREAS Article 3 of Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) requires local governments in North Carolina to adopt ordinances establishing an annual budget, in accordance with procedures established in said Article 3, and

WHEREAS the Moore County Board of Commissioners, following a public hearing as required by law, has considered the proposed annual budget for Moore County for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY OF MOORE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:**

**SECTION 1: GENERAL FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027:

#### GENERAL FUND 100 REVENUE

##### Revenues:

|                                                       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes                                        | \$68,563,708 |
| Rental Vehicle Tax                                    | \$116,000    |
| Sales Tax (Art 39, 40 and 42)                         | \$32,677,062 |
| Sales Tax (Article 46)                                | \$5,903,888  |
| Medicaid Hold Harmless                                | \$5,502,547  |
| Other Taxes                                           | \$11,000     |
| ABC Revenues/Video Franchise Tax                      | \$426,000    |
| Interest income                                       | \$5,500,000  |
| Transfer in from Fund 251 CR for Debt Service MCS     | \$2,000,000  |
| Transfer In from Fund 254 SCC Debt Service            | \$271,497    |
| Transfer in from Fund 253 SCC 6% Debt Service         | \$490,513    |
| Transfer In from Court Fund 432 for Debt Service      | \$967,232    |
| Transfer in from SCC Bond Fund 482                    | \$1,382,278  |
| Transfer In from Multi-Yr Grants Fund 240-Health      | \$72,884     |
| Appropriated Restricted Fund Balance Permitting       | \$454,677    |
| Departmental Revenues and Fees                        | \$18,462,444 |
| Child Support Enforcement                             | \$851,323    |
| Social Services                                       | \$7,096,287  |
| Public Health                                         | \$844,706    |
| Other Grants                                          | \$1,356,053  |
| Aging/Senior Center                                   | \$957,676    |
| Appropriated Fund Balance                             | \$8,403,809  |
| Appropriated Fund Balance-ROD Automation              | \$209,400    |
| Appropriated Restricted Fund Balance -Tax Revaluation | \$175,265    |

#### TOTAL REVENUES

**\$162,696,249**

**SECTION 2: GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amounts are appropriated to the General Fund 100 for the operation of the County of Moore government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for the County of Moore:

**GENERAL FUND 100 APPROPRIATIONS**

**Expenditures**

**General Government**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Governing Body                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$253,676          |
| Commissioner salary for the fiscal year is \$17,203 per Commissioner. Travel Reimbursements will be paid pursuant to the IRS reimbursement rates as set forth in the Board of Commissioners Travel Expense or Reimbursement Policy and Procedure. |                    |
| Administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$1,359,374        |
| Veteran's Treatment Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$230,839          |
| Human Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$792,150          |
| Finance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$1,229,787        |
| County Attorney                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,260,392        |
| Tax                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$3,473,246        |
| Board of Elections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$961,246          |
| The Board of Elections Chair will receive \$60/meeting. The other Election Board Members will receive \$50/meeting.                                                                                                                               |                    |
| Register of Deeds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$2,898,823        |
| Information Technology/GIS                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$3,564,892        |
| Property Management                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>\$7,982,143</u> |
| TOTAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$24,006,568       |

**Public Safety**

|                                         |                    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sheriff                                 | \$14,248,696       |
| Sheriff-Detention Center                | \$9,015,236        |
| Sheriff-Animal Center                   | \$1,378,141        |
| Sheriff- School Resource Officers       | \$2,247,638        |
| Day Reporting Center                    | \$126,568          |
| JCPC                                    | \$13,813           |
| Emergency Management/E-911/Fire Marshal | <u>\$2,743,089</u> |
| TOTAL                                   | \$29,773,181       |

**Environmental and Community Development**

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Solid Waste                         | \$8,694,694      |
| Planning and Community Development  | \$829,596        |
| Planning Code Enforcement           | \$1,661,677      |
| Cooperative Extension Service       | \$390,628        |
| Soil and Water Conservation Service | <u>\$259,510</u> |
| TOTAL                               | \$11,836,105     |

**Human Services**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Child Support Enforcement | \$1,065,489  |
| Veterans Services         | \$580,474    |
| Aging/Senior Center       | \$2,207,235  |
| Social Services           | \$12,682,113 |

|                                                            |                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Public Health                                              | <u>\$5,596,918</u>          |
| TOTAL                                                      | \$22,132,229                |
| <b>Cultural Development</b>                                |                             |
| Library                                                    | \$1,076,197                 |
| Parks and Recreation                                       | <u>\$1,134,603</u>          |
| TOTAL                                                      | \$2,210,800                 |
| <b>Education</b>                                           |                             |
| Public School Current Expense                              | \$39,500,018                |
| Public School Capital                                      | \$800,000                   |
| Public Schools Debt Service-Principal                      | \$10,927,860                |
| Public School Debt Service-Interest                        | \$3,492,745                 |
| Community College Current Expense                          | \$6,068,446                 |
| Community College Debt Service-Principal                   | \$1,983,141                 |
| Community College Debt Service-Interest                    | <u>\$489,810</u>            |
| TOTAL                                                      | \$63,262,020                |
| <b>Non-Departmental</b>                                    | <u>\$4,306,674</u>          |
| TOTAL                                                      | \$4,306,674                 |
| <b>Transfers</b>                                           |                             |
| Transfer to CR Fire Service Fund 258                       | \$0.00                      |
| Transfer to CR for Solid Waste Fund 257                    | <u>\$0.00</u>               |
| TOTAL                                                      | \$0.00                      |
| <b>Debt Service – County P&amp;I (excluding Education)</b> | <u>\$5,168,672</u>          |
| TOTAL                                                      | \$5,168,672                 |
| <b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u></b>                           | <b><u>\$162,696,249</u></b> |

### **SECTION 3: AD VALOREM TAX LEVY**

A. There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, an ad valorem tax on all property having a situs in Moore County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2026, at a rate of twenty-nine (\$.290) cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value of such property, pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act, Chapter 105 of the NC General Statutes, and other applicable laws.

B. There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, a unified fire tax rate on all property having a situs in the Moore County Fire Protection Service District at a rate of eight and three-fourths (\$.0875) cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value of such property in Moore County which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

C. There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, an Emergency Medical Service Advanced Life Support Tax on all property within such emergency service district, as listed for property taxes as of January 1, 2026, at a rate of four and one-fourth (\$.0425) cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value of such property, pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act found in Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws. Such tax can be used solely for the purpose of providing Emergency Medical Services.

D. Tax revaluation was last calculated during the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, which reflected the results of the 2023 County-wide revaluation. As required by North Carolina General Statutes, the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate has been calculated and determined to be \$0.3512 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation for County General Fund 100, \$0.0290 for EMS Advanced Life Support Fund 200 and \$0.0871 for the Rural Fire Protection Fund 215. The next tax revaluation and revenue neutral rates will be held with fiscal year 2027-2028 and reported with that year's budget ordinance.

#### **SECTION 4: LEVY OF OTHER TAXES**

There is hereby levied, all County Rental Vehicle Taxes as authorized by the NCGS, and other such taxes, as provided in the ordinances and resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

#### **SECTION 5: AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS, CONTRACTING LIMITATION, AND OTHER MATTERS**

##### **A. AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

The Budget is adopted at the Fund level and the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between all County Funds under the conditions listed below:

1. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee may transfer amounts by budget transfer between departments within a fund without limitation, but they shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners by the Finance Office.
2. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee may transfer amounts by budget amendment between funds, and these budget amendments must be reported and approved by the Board of Commissioners in an itemized report.
3. The Finance Director or the Assistant Finance Director can approve budget transfers up to and including \$10,000 within the same fund.
4. The Board of Commissioners will make the original year end assignments to the General Fund balances. The Board of Commissioners can delegate and authorize the County Manager/Budget Officer to make changes to the General Fund balance assignments before the year end audit is finalized.

**B. CONTRACTING LIMITATION**

1. Any appropriations for land and new buildings included in this ordinance may be obligated only after approval of the Board of Commissioners.
2. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders or other such documents, funds included in this budget ordinance up to and including \$100,000 for the following purposes:
  - a. Initiate grant agreements to public and non-profit agencies,
  - b. Leases of routine business equipment,
  - c. Financing Agreements for purchases not including land or buildings:
  - d. Consultant, professional, and/or maintenance service agreements,
  - e. Purchase of apparatus, supplies, construction, repair work, and materials including where formal bids are not required by state law or county policies as long as the Board of Commissioners makes the bid award as required by law;
  - f. Agreements for the acceptance of State and Federal grant funds.
3. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate funds through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders or other such documents, included in this budget ordinance at any amount so long as the Board of Commissioners approves/authorizes by majority vote the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee signing said document.
4. The Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, or his/her designee is authorized to accept and obligate funds through grant agreements included in this budget ordinance at any amount so long as the Board of Commissioners approves/authorizes by majority vote the Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, or his/her designee signing said document.
5. During a State of Emergency situation, the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate funds through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders, listed in item 2a-2f above, or other such documents, included in this budget ordinance at any amount as designated in the State of Emergency Declaration.
6. The Sheriff or Chief Deputy is hereby authorized to execute necessary agreements within the Sheriff's Office Operational Fund including Detention and Animal Services up to and including \$100,000 with the exception of the ABC Law Enforcement Revenue Contract which may be approved for any amount in accordance with State law and County policies. Any amount above \$100,000 must have the approval of the Board of Commissioners unless the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Sheriff or Chief Deputy to approve the necessary agreements.
7. The Health Director is hereby authorized to execute necessary agreements within the Health Operational Fund up to and including \$50,000 in accordance with State law and County policies. The Health Director is to notify the County Manager and

Assistant County Manager(s) or his/her designee and provide a copy of any such agreements authorized in this paragraph no later than the next workday. The County Manager can sign up to and including \$100,000 for Health. Any amount above \$100,000 must have the approval of the Board of Commissioners unless the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Health Director to approve the necessary agreements.

8. Department Directors are hereby authorized to execute contracts up to and including \$30,000 for their respective departments only.
9. For federal procurement, if the County is a low-risk auditee, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv) and the applicable provisions of North Carolina law, the County of Moore hereby self-certifies the following micro-purchase thresholds, each of which is a "higher threshold consistent with State law" under 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv)(C):
  - a. \$30,000, for the purchase of "apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment"; and
  - b. \$30,000, for the purchase of "construction or repair work"; and
  - c. \$50,000, for the purchase of services not subject to competitive bidding under North Carolina law; and
  - d. \$50,000, for the purchase of services subject to the qualifications-based selection process in the Mini-Brooks Act; provided that such threshold shall apply to a contract only if the Unit has exercised an exemption to the Mini-Brooks Act, in writing, for a particular project pursuant to G.S. 143-64.32. If the exemption is not authorized, the micro-purchase threshold shall be \$10,000.00.

#### C. OTHER MATTERS

1. All fees, commissions, and sums paid to or collected by any County official, officer, or agent for any service performed by said official, officer or agent in his/her official capacity shall insure to the benefit of the County and are considered County funds.
2. Pre-Audit Requirements – Pursuant to Chapter 159 of the NC General Statutes the Finance Director (Caroline Xiong) is hereby designated as a Deputy Finance Director for the purposes of pre-audit functions. Other individuals designated for Pre-Audit Requirements as Deputy Finance Director(s) for the purposes of pre-audit functions include two additional individuals: Chris Morgan, Assistant Finance Director and Terra Vuncannon, Purchasing Manager.
3. In accordance with Article V of the North Carolina Constitution, the County Manager and Assistant County Manager(s) shall require the following prior to releasing public funds to other governmental agencies or private groups:
  - a. The activity to be funded is for a public purpose.

- b. The activity to be funded is one the County is authorized to undertake or for which the County has specific statutory authorization to fund.
  - c. Through appropriate means, the County maintains some degree of control over the funds provided through this ordinance to a governmental agency or private group.
4. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to disburse the Moore County Fire Protection Service District tax revenues up to and including the amount approved in this ordinance by the Board of Commissioners. The balance in this fund, if any, will be held by the County as an apparatus and building reserve for future purchases for the Rural Fire Protection Service Districts upon approval of the Board of Commissioners.

**SECTION 6: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Water Pollution Control Plant (Fund 600) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027:

|                                                          |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Charges for Service                                      | \$7,700,000        |
| Appropriated Retained Earnings                           | <u>270,166</u>     |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Water Pollution Control Plant | <u>\$7,970,166</u> |

**SECTION 7: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT APPROPRIATION** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Water Pollution Control Plant (Fund 600) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                     |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Operations                                          | \$4,383,610        |
| Capital Outlay                                      | 2,450,000          |
| Debt Service                                        | <u>1,136,556</u>   |
| Total Appropriation – Water Pollution Control Plant | <u>\$7,970,166</u> |

**SECTION 8: PUBLIC UTILITIES REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Moore County Public Utilities (Fund 610) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027:

|                                                          |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Charges for Service                                      | \$16,810,858        |
| Engineering User Fees                                    | 120,000             |
| Transfers from East Moore Water District                 | 140,000             |
| Payments from East Moore Water District                  | 310,000             |
| Interest                                                 | 338,351             |
| Miscellaneous                                            | 16,000              |
| Appropriated Retained Earnings                           | <u>1,831,774</u>    |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Moore County Public Utilities | <u>\$19,566,983</u> |

**SECTION 9: PUBLIC UTILITIES APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Moore County Public Utilities (Fund 610) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Operations     | \$13,492,842     |
| Capital Outlay | 4,470,000        |
| Debt Service   | <u>1,604,141</u> |

Total Appropriation – Moore County Public Utilities \$19,566,983

*Note: The East Moore Water District Fund 620 will be accounted for in a separate Budget Ordinance approved by the East Moore Water District Board.*

**SECTION 10: INTERNAL SERVICE FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Internal Service Funds (Fund 810) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                  |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Insurance Reimbursements                         | \$900,300           |
| Non-employer Contributions                       | 1,323,191           |
| Assessments to Other Funds                       | 9,503,011           |
| Appropriated Retained Earnings                   | <u>1,154,310</u>    |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Internal Service Fund | <u>\$12,880,812</u> |

**SECTION 11: INTERNAL SERVICE FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Internal Service Funds (Fund 810) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                             |                     |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration                              | \$12,440,113        |
| Wellness Program                            | <u>440,699</u>      |
| Total Appropriation – Internal Service Fund | <u>\$12,880,812</u> |

**SECTION 12: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund - Emergency Medical Services/ALS (Fund 200) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                       |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ad Valorem Taxes                                      | \$9,971,234         |
| Charges for Services                                  | 6,574,211           |
| Medicaid Reimbursement                                | <u>307,850</u>      |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Emergency Medical Services | <u>\$16,853,295</u> |

**SECTION 13: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund -Emergency Medical Services/ALS (Fund 200) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                  |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| EMS Operations                                   | \$15,237,350        |
| Capital Outlay                                   | 63,500              |
| Transfers                                        | 1,405,828           |
| Debt Service                                     | <u>146,617</u>      |
| Total Appropriation – Emergency Medical Services | <u>\$16,853,295</u> |

**SECTION 14: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund - Emergency Telephone (Fund 210) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| E911 Telephone Fees                            | <u>\$299,236</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Emergency Telephone | <u>\$299,236</u> |

**SECTION 15: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund -Emergency Telephone (Fund 210) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations                                | \$222,835        |
| Capital Outlay                            | <u>76,401</u>    |
| Total Appropriation – Emergency Telephone | <u>\$299,236</u> |

**SECTION 16: TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund – Transportation Fund (Fund 230) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| User Fees                                      | \$879,259          |
| Federal and State Grants                       | 677,185            |
| Other Revenue                                  | <u>65,000</u>      |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Transportation Fund | <u>\$1,621,444</u> |

**SECTION 17: TRANSPORTATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund -Transportation Fund (Fund 230) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Operations                                | \$1,501,629        |
| Capital                                   | <u>119,815</u>     |
| Total Appropriation – Transportation Fund | <u>\$1,621,444</u> |

**SECTION 18: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund – Soil & Water Conservation Fund (Fund 220) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| District Fees                           | \$17,135        |
| State Grants                            | 3,600           |
| Other Revenues                          | 5,000           |
| Appropriated Fund Balance               | <u>40,500</u>   |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Soil & Water | <u>\$66,235</u> |

**SECTION 19: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund – Soil & Water Conservation Fund (Fund 220) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Operations                         | \$21,235        |
| Capital Outlay                     | <u>45,000</u>   |
| Total Appropriation – Soil & Water | <u>\$66,235</u> |

**SECTION 20: FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund – Fire Protection Service District Fund (Fund 215) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Ad Valorem Taxes          | \$7,080,973    |
| Transfer from EMS         | 1,405,828      |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | <u>165,637</u> |

Total Estimated Revenues – Fire Protection Service District \$8,652,438

**SECTION 21: FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund – Fire Protection Service District Fund (Fund 215) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                        |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Public Safety                                          | \$6,880,381        |
| Transfer to Capital Reserve                            | 789,486            |
| Transfer to Fire Debt Service Fund                     | <u>982,571</u>     |
| Total Appropriation – Fire Protection Service District | <u>\$8,652,438</u> |

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT FUND** - The County accounts for the collection and distribution of property taxes on the assessed valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2026, for special districts as listed attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance. The tax rate and appropriations shown on the Fire Protection Service District have been determined by the Fire Commission in conjunction with the various fire department representatives, and the County as necessary for the operation of their fire departments for FY 2027.

**SECTION 22: FIRE DEBT SERVICE FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund – Fire Debt Service (Fund 216) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                              |                  |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Transfer from Fire District Service Fund     | <u>\$982,571</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Fire Debt Service | <u>\$982,571</u> |

**SECTION 23: FIRE DEBT SERVICE FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund – Fire Debt Service (Fund 216) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                         |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Public Safety                           | <u>\$982,571</u> |
| Total Appropriation – Fire Debt Service | <u>\$982,571</u> |

**SECTION 24: SOCIAL SERVICES CHARITABLE FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund – Social Services Charitable Fund (Fund 280) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                            |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Donations                                                  | <u>\$15,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues – Social Services Charitable Fund | <u>\$15,000</u> |

**SECTION 25: SOCIAL SERVICES CHARITABLE FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund – Social Services Charitable Fund (Fund 280) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                       |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Human Services                                        | <u>\$15,000</u> |
| Total Appropriation – Social Services Charitable Fund | <u>\$15,000</u> |

**SECTION 26: SOCIAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund – Social Services Representative Payee Fund (Fund 281) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                    |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues              | <u>\$420,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues–Social Services Rep Payee | <u>\$420,000</u> |

**SECTION 27: SOCIAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FUND APPROPRIATIONS** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund – Social Services Representative Payee Fund (Fund 281) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                            |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Human Services                                             | <u>\$420,000</u> |
| Total Appropriation – Social Services Representative Payee | <u>\$420,000</u> |

**SECTION 28: OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND REVENUE** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund – Opioid Settlement Fund (Fund 290) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                 |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriated Fund Balance                       | <u>\$825,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Revenues–Opioid Settlement Fund | <u>\$825,000</u> |

**SECTION 29: OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND APPROPRIATION** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund – Opioid Settlement Fund (Fund 290) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                              |                  |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Human Services                               | <u>\$825,000</u> |
| Total Appropriation – Opioid Settlement Fund | <u>\$825,000</u> |

### **SECTION 30: COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS**

The County maintains funds for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Moore County Airport Authority, as component units, and shall incorporate the budgets as adopted by the respective boards into the County Accounting records.

|                                               |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fund 260 Convention and Visitors Bureau       | \$5,401,000 |
| Fund 261 Convention and Visitors Bureau       | \$2,700,000 |
| Fund 640 Airport Authority                    | \$7,417,300 |
| The Airport also has Capital Project Fund 461 |             |

### **SECTION 31: TRUST and CUSTODIAL FUNDS**

The County maintains various trust funds. Trust and Custodial Funds are identified as:

A. Sheriff Department Trust Funds-This department must maintain certain funds for daily operation. The following funds are authorized:

1. Sheriff's Department-Civil Fund-accounts for funds used in the legal aspects of docketing and collection of judgments. (Fund 730)
2. Sheriff's Department Inmate Trust Fund-accounts for commissary and inmate services. (Fund 730)

3. Special Tax District Municipal Funds-account for the collection and disbursement for special taxing districts and municipalities. (Fund 700, 710)

NCGS requires individuals who sign checks in Trust and Custodial Funds to be designated Special Deputy Finance Officer for this purpose only. On a monthly basis, each Special Deputy Finance Officer listed below will provide the County Finance Officer with a copy of the reconciled bank statement and a statement of receipts and disbursements. The following individuals are hereby authorized:

Ronnie Fields – Sheriff  
 Andy Conway – Chief Deputy  
 Eric Galloway - Major  
 Adam Goins – Captain  
 William Flint - Major  
 Lindsey Bufmeyer – PS Admin Services Officer II

**SECTION 32: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS – MULTI YEAR** These are not part of the annual budget.

**A. MULTI-YEAR SPECIAL REVENUE GRANTS FUND**

Fund 240 Multi –Year Grant Fund

**B. MULTI-YEAR CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

Fund 241 Multi-Year Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

**SECTION 33: CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS**

The County uses Capital Project Fund budgets and has incorporated these budgets into the financial and accounting systems. Capital Project Funds are used to account for capital projects that span fiscal years and/or may take more than one fiscal year to complete. The following categories of projects are accounted for in such manner:

Fund 411 - Vass Phase II Sewer System Improvements Capital Project  
 Fund 412 - MCPU ARP Capital Project (Linden Rd Wells/Water and Sewer Lines)  
 Fund 413 - Seven Lakes Sewer Capital Project  
 Fund 414 - PFAS Settlement Funds  
 Fund 415 - Crystal Lake  
 Fund 432 - New Courthouse Building Capital Project  
 Fund 433 - Parks and Recreation Capital Project  
 Fund 435 - Solid Waste Improvement Capital Project  
 Fund 437 - Pandemic Recovery Capital Projects  
 Fund 438 - Sheriff Forensic Facility Capital Project  
 Fund 439 - Historic Courthouse Renovation Capital Project  
 Fund 450 - Airport County Capital Projects  
 Fund 451 - Pinehurst EMS Renovations Capital Project  
 Fund 452 - Station X Capital Project  
 Fund 470, 480, 481, 482, 483 and 490 - School and College Capital Projects  
 Fund 602 - WPCP Capital Project

**SECTION 34: CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

The County will maintain nine (9) Capital Reserve Funds as multi-year Capital Project Funds for the purpose of paying for future non-enterprise fund governmental projects, future non-enterprise fund debt service, future enterprise fund capital projects, future school and college projects as listed below:

- Fund 250 - Capital Reserve for Governmental Projects
- Fund 251 - Capital Reserve for Debt – Consolidated with General Fund
- Fund 252 - Capital Reserve for Enterprise – Consists of 3 separate capital reserve enterprise fund transfers from Water Pollution Control Plant, Public Utilities and East Moore Water Districts funds into this Capital Reserve for Enterprise Projects.
- Fund 253 - Capital Reserve for Capital Projects for Sandhills Community College
- Fund 254 - Capital Reserve for Debt Service for Sandhills Community College
- Fund 255 - Capital Reserve for Capital Construction Projects for Moore County Schools
- Fund 256 - Capital Reserve for Debt Service for Moore County Schools
- Fund 257 - Capital Reserve for Solid Waste
- Fund 258 - Capital Reserve for Fire Protection Services

**SECTION 35: TEN YEAR CAPITAL PROJECT PLAN**

The County Manager has prepared a ten-year capital forecast. It is included as a part of the budget document for planning purposes only. The ten-year capital plan does not authorize the expenditure of funds.

**SECTION 36: MOORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Moore County School Board may not adjust the County appropriation in any manner without prior approval of the Board of Commissioners in accordance with NCGS 159-13.

**SECTION 37: SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The County has provided funding to the Community College for Current Expense expenditures in accordance with NCGS 115D-55. The Community College may not adjust County appropriations in any manner without the prior approval of the Board of Commissioners.

**SECTION 38: DUAL SIGNATURES ON CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURES**

The County will use dual signatures on checks and drafts made on County funds in accordance with NCGS 159-25(b). The signatures of the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s) and the Finance Director or the Deputy or Assistant Finance Director, following proof of warrant, are the authorized signatures of Moore County.

Pursuant to NCGS 159-28.1, the County authorizes the use of electronic signatures, facsimile signature machines, signature stamps, or similar devices in signing checks and

drafts and in signing the pre-audit certificate on contracts or purchase orders. The Finance Officer or his/her designee will be responsible for the custody of their electronic signature, facsimile machines, stamps, plates, and other devices.

Pursuant to NCGS 66-58.4, the County is authorized to use and accept electronic signatures in the execution of contracts. Any individual authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the County is authorized to do so using an electronic signature. All electronic signatures must be in compliance with NCGS 66-58.5.

#### **SECTION 39: FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director or designee, will submit a monthly financial report for the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s) and the Board of Commissioners and, from time to time, other reports as required by the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s) and/or the Board of Commissioners.

#### **SECTION 40: RESERVES FOR ENCUMBRANCES**

The reserves for encumbrances on June 30, 2026; and carryover appropriations representing prior commitments as of that date shall be re-appropriated pursuant to NCGS 159-13 to the departments within the various funds unless excluded by the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s). Expenditures against these encumbrances may be made during fiscal year 2026-2027 as the previous commitments are satisfied.

#### **SECTION 41: FEE SCHEDULE**

The Annual Fee Schedule, which is attached to this ordinance, sets all fees authorized to be charged by the County for County goods, services or other functions provided by County personnel, equipment, including consultation and other such activities; and is hereby approved.

#### **SECTION 42: INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE**

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

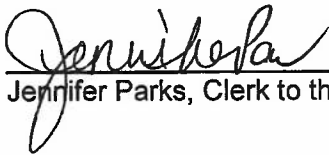
**SECTION 43: EFFECTIVE DATE**

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2026.

Adopted the 4th day of June 2026.



Nick Picerno, Chairman  
Moore County Board of Commissioners



Jennifer Parks, Clerk to the Board

