

Budget Message

FY 2025 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget

stabilization of sales tax revenues that has impacted all municipalities and counties throughout the state. This budget incorporates a variety of strategies to address those challenges.

The first set of strategies I am recommending seek to reduce the burden of expenses on recurring County general funds, which include recovering \$926,971 in targeted reductions for various general operating expenses across departments, such as maintenance and repairs, new and replacement equipment and supplies, and professional education and training; extending the current fiscal year's hiring freeze by an additional three months; and using \$11,805,020 in unassigned fund balance for the purchase of new and replacement vehicles, one-time operational and employee retention enhancements, and general County capital needs, including EMS, Fire, 911, and IT. This includes \$2,205,020 in non-recurring funds for UCPS that I will highlight in the Education section.

Second, staff previously shared the status of our trust fund for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) as well as information on proposed increases in various rates and fees. As you may recall, the trust fund is exceptionally well-funded due to multiple years of contributions above and beyond the annual required benefit payments for current retirees. My recommendation includes funding the annual required benefit payments for current retirees at \$3,400,000.

Historically, the County's rates and fees, particularly for Building Code Enforcement, Environmental Health, and Solid Waste, have remained constant despite escalating personnel and operational costs to accommodate the increasing demand for services. My recommended budget includes increases in various rates and fees for County services to address rising costs and provide sustainability for the future of these operations (complete fee schedule is included in the budget document).

Finally, the viability of our county hinges on our capacity to consistently deliver high-quality services to our residents while using our existing resources in a responsible and efficient manner. To this end, I am recommending a strategic investment to build a Strategy & Innovation team that will allow us to be more intentionally focused on our people, our processes, and our performance. This initiative will enable us to expand our capabilities without increasing personnel. Our goals are to cultivate the talents of our employees, enhance efficiencies within and across county departments, ensure our organization is achieving exceptional performance, and provide the best customer service to our residents. The team will collaborate with all county departments to accomplish these goals by collecting and analyzing data, testing and implementing new and creative solutions, and measuring our results so that we can plan for the future.

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Large Garbage Bag (14 to 55 gallons) Eligible for Free Disposal (5 are eligible for free disposal)	1.25 per bag		2.00 after 5 Free disposed	per bag	2.00 after 5 Free disposed	per bag	0.00	0%
Extra Large Garbage Bag (34 to a maximum of 55 gallons)	5.00 per bag		DELETE FEE		-		0.00	0%
Tipping Fees								
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0-1,500 tons per month (secured load)	44.00 per ton		47.00 per ton		54.00 per ton		7.00	15%
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Construction & Demolition (C&D) Materials Tipping Fee (2)								
0-200 tons per month (secured load)	40.00 per ton		41.00 per ton		52.00 per ton		11.00	27%
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201-400 tons per month (secured load)	38.00 per ton		39.00 per ton		45.00 per ton		6.00	15%
201-400 tons per month (unsecured load)	72.00 per ton		73.00 per ton		90.00 per ton		17.00	23%
401 or greater tons per month (secured load)	34.00 per ton		35.00 per ton		40.00 per ton		5.00	14%
401 or greater tons per month (unsecured load)	64.00 per ton		65.00 per ton		80.00 per ton		15.00	23%
Yard Waste								
0> tons per month (secured load)	35.00 per ton		35.00 per ton		45.00 per ton		10.00	29%
0> tons per month (unsecured load)	70.00 per ton		70.00 per ton		90.00 per ton		20.00	29%
Wood Pallet Tipping Fee	35.00 per ton		35.00 per ton		50.00 per ton		15.00	43%
(1) Minimum Fee for Municipal Solid Waste (Effective July 1, 2013)	5.00 per vehicle		5.00 per vehicle		5.00 per vehicle		0.00	0%
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Single Axle Flat Bed Truck or Single Axle Trailer (2 ft. Sides or less - secured load)	10.00	per load	10.00	per load	20.00	per load	10.00	100%
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Pick-up Truck, Car, SUV, or Van (secured load)	10.00	per load	10.00	per load	20.00	per load	10.00	100%
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Dual Axle Trailer (secured load)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0%
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Other Fees and Services								
Solid Waste Management Facility Commercial Truck Permit	250.00	annual per customer	250.00	annual per customer	250.00	annual per customer	0.00	0%
Returned Check Fee	25.00	per check	25.00	per check	25.00	per check	0.00	0%
Late Fee Union County will assess late fees on credit accounts not paid by the statement due date. Late fees will be compounded if account balance and late fees are not paid in full by following billing statement date. (Effective July 1, 2013)	Minimum 5.00 or 1.5% of Late Balance (whichever is greater)		Minimum 5.00 or 1.5% of Late Balance (whichever is greater)		Minimum 5.00 or 1.5% of Late Balance (whichever is greater)		0.00	0%
Recyclables and Hazardous Household Waste Information								
<i>Union County no longer offers credits for recyclables.</i>								
Disposal of Recyclables and Hazardous Household Waste (County Residents Only)	Free		Free		Free		0.00	0%
Electronics	10.00	per TV/CRT	10.00	per TV/CRT	10.00	per TV/CRT	0.00	0%
Scrap Tires - Not Eligible for Free Disposal (Five or fewer tires are eligible for free disposal)	82.00	per ton	82.00	per ton	130.00	per ton	48.00	59%
Disposal of On-Road Tires (Certified Businesses Only)	Free		Free		Free		0.00	0%
Household Hazardous Waste - Advertised Events Only (County Residents Only)	Free		Free		Free		0.00	0%

Solid Waste Proposed Changes:

The proposed fee changes are necessary to keep pace with inflationary impact on solid waste programs, secure a more resilient revenue structure, fund CIP and a target operating reserve of 180 day of operating expenditures. Poultry waste fee is proposed for elimination from the fee schedule as a special waste type.

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Proposed County Budget Maintains Services Without Property Tax Rate Increase

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Union County residents will not see a change in the tax rate or interruptions to essential countywide services despite shifting sales tax revenues under the **proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget**. The full budget proposal is available on the [Budget webpage](#), and for the first time, the public can provide input through an online survey.

On Monday, June 3, County Manager Brian Matthews will present his recommended budget to the Board of County Commissioners. The proposal includes a \$413,788,123 general fund budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. The budget is balanced, maintaining a flat total tax rate of 58.80, as sales tax revenues return to pre-pandemic levels more quickly than expected.

"The theme for this year's recommended budget is sustaining our current level of services with targeted funding for specific areas of organizational and community importance," Matthews said. "This budget proposal focuses on sustaining County operations amid stabilizing sales tax revenues, enhancing public health and safety, investing in County employees, and continuing our steadfast support for education while keeping the tax rate steady."

Key investments in the proposed budget include:

- Adding five school resource officers to accomplish having a school resource officer at all public schools.
- Additional operating funding for Union County Public Schools and South Piedmont Community College.
- Additional operating and capital funding for Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services
- Salary adjustments for County employees based on a comprehensive compensation study.

The operating budget supports tax-funded services, such as education, county department programs and services, the Union County Sheriff's Office, supporting community partners, and other crucial services residents rely on. However, the operating budget for Union County Water is funded solely by rates and fees collected from ratepayers of the utility and not by taxpayer dollars.

The County uses a bifurcated tax structure with the following rates for each fund:

- General fund: 16.32
- Debt fund: 1.75
- Education operating fund: 37.42
- Education debt fund: 2.92
- Economic development: 0.39

While the property tax rate remains the same, the proposed budget recommends a 7.25% rate increase for customers of Union County Water to help fund a future expansion at the Catawba Regional Water Treatment Plant and other master plan projects, as well as a 6% rate increase for sewer customers to help fund sewer plan projects. **The budget also recommends increases in various rates and fees for County services to address rising costs and provide sustainability for the future of these operations, particularly for Building Code Enforcement, Environmental Health, and Solid Waste.**



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Box Truck or Covered Trailer > 16 ft long	40.00	per load	40.00	per load	80.00	per load	40.00	100%

Proposed 5/29/24

Tax Rate and Fee Schedule

Attachment B

FY 2025 Adopted Operating & Capital Budget

Solid Waste Fee Schedule	Adopted FY 2023		Adopted FY 2024		Proposed FY 2025		Increase /	I/(D)
	Rate	Basis	Rate	Basis	Rate	Basis	(Decrease)	Percent
Yard Waste								
Single Axle Trailer (secured load)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0%
Single Axle Trailer (unsecured load)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0%
Pick-up Truck, Car, SUV, or Van (secured load)	10.00	per load	10.00	per load	20.00	per load	10.00	100%
Pick-up Truck, Car, SUV, or Van (unsecured load)	20.00	per load	20.00	per load	40.00	per load	20.00	100%
Single Axle Flat Bed Truck or Single Axle Trailer (2 ft. Sides or less - secured load)	10.00	per load	10.00	per load	20.00	per load	10.00	100%
Single Axle Flat Bed Truck or Single Axle Trailer (2 ft. Sides or less - unsecured load)	20.00	per load	20.00	per load	40.00	per load	20.00	100%
Single Axle Flat Bed Truck or Single Axle Trailer (2 ft. Sides or greater - secured load)	20.00	per load	20.00	per load	40.00	per load	20.00	100%
Single Axle Flat Bed Truck or Single Axle Trailer (2 ft. Sides or greater - unsecured load)	40.00	per load	40.00	per load	80.00	per load	40.00	100%
Dual Axle Trailer (secured load)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0%
Dual Axle Trailer (unsecured load)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0%
Dual Axle Flat Bed Truck or Dual Axle Trailer (2 ft sides or less - secured load)	30.00	per load	30.00	per load	80.00	per load	50.00	167%
Dual Axle Flat Bed Truck or Dual Axle Trailer (2 ft sides or less - unsecured load)	60.00	per load	60.00	per load	160.00	per load	100.00	167%
Dual Axle Flat Bed Truck or Dual Axle Trailer (2 ft sides or greater - secured load)	40.00	per load	40.00	per load	80.00	per load	40.00	100%
Dual Axle Flat Bed Truck or Dual Axle Trailer (2 ft sides or greater - unsecured load)	80.00	per load	80.00	per load	160.00	per load	80.00	100%
Box Truck or Covered Trailer < 16 ft long	30.00	per load	30.00	per load	80.00	per load	50.00	167%
Box Truck or Covered Trailer > 16 ft long	40.00	per load	40.00	per load	80.00	per load	40.00	100%
Other Fees and Services								
Solid Waste Management Facility Commercial Truck Permit	250.00	annual per customer	250.00	annual per customer	250.00	annual per customer	0.00	0%
Returned Check Fee	25.00	per check	25.00	per check	25.00	per check	0.00	0%
Late Fee Union County will assess late fees on credit accounts not paid by the statement due date. Late fees will be compounded if account balance and late fees are not paid in full by following billing statement date. (Effective July 1, 2013)	Minimum 5.00 or 1.5% of Late Balance (whichever is greater)		Minimum 5.00 or 1.5% of Late Balance (whichever is greater)		Minimum 5.00 or 1.5% of Late Balance (whichever is greater)		0.00	0%
Recyclables and Hazardous Household Waste Information								
<i>Union County no longer offers credits for recyclables.</i>								
Disposal of Recyclables and Hazardous Household Waste (County Residents Only)	Free		Free		Free		0.00	0%
Electronics	10.00	per TV/CRT	10.00	per TV/CRT	10.00	per TV/CRT	0.00	0%
Scrap Tires - Not Eligible for Free Disposal (Five or fewer tires are eligible for free disposal)	82.00	per ton	82.00	per ton	130.00	per ton	48.00	59%
Disposal of On-Road Tires (Certified Businesses Only)	Free		Free		Free		0.00	0%
Household Hazardous Waste - Advertised Events Only (County Residents Only)	Free		Free		Free		0.00	0%

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Board of County Commissioners Approves Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

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MONROE, N.C. (June 20, 2024) – The Union County Board of Commissioners approved the operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2025 at its regular meeting on June 17, 2024.

The total operating budget is \$578,159,579 for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The budget focuses on sustaining current levels of core services for residents while keeping the current tax rate of 58.80. The budget targets additional funding to specific areas of organizational and community importance while maintaining a balanced budget as post-pandemic sales tax revenues stabilize.

"We are pleased to deliver a budget that reflects the County's efforts to ensure residents receive the quality services they rely on without experiencing a tax increase," said J.R. Rowell, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

County Manager Brian Matthews previously presented budget recommendations that included sustaining County operations, enhancing public health and safety, investing in County employees, and supporting education.

"We prioritize the needs of our residents when we develop the budget because we are aware of how it impacts everyone in the County," Matthews said. "We pride ourselves on practicing fiscal responsibility and making strategic investments that benefit our community."

The FY 2025 operating budget is the result of collaboration and input received at budget work sessions, meetings with County departments, input from outside agencies and residents, and information from school officials. The total operating budget for FY 2025 of \$578,159,579 is allocated as follows:

- General Government Fund: \$203,199,163
- General Government Debt Budgetary Fund: \$7,318,174
- Education Budgetary Fund: \$154,368,081
- Education Debt Fund: \$47,280,735
- Economic Development Budgetary Fund: \$1,621,970
- Water & Wastewater Operating Fund: \$85,214,115
- Solid Waste Operating Fund: \$13,929,495

Key investments in the budget include:

- Adding five school resource officers to accomplish having a school resource officer at all public schools.
- Additional operating funding for Union County Public Schools and South Piedmont Community College.
- Additional operating and capital funding for Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services.
- Salary adjustments for County employees based on a comprehensive compensation study.