

**Gates County Board of Commissioners**  
**Budget Public Hearing Minutes**  
**June 20, 2008**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners reconvened in a special Public Hearing for the 2008-2009 budget on Friday, June 20, 2008 at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners' Room, 202 Court Street, Gatesville, NC. Commissioners Pierce, Askew, Jernigan and Nickens were present.

Chairman Pierce opened the meeting.

Sandy Pittman, Finance Officer, stated due to a miscalculation on the Department of Social Services' spread sheet and the increase in the collection of delinquent taxes, the tax rate for the 2008-2009 fiscal year will remain the same. The Water Department will have a rate increase.

The following comment was received from the public:

Linwood Sills made a suggestion for the Water Department to read the water meters every other month and estimate the readings on the alternate months to save on fuel expenses.

Tim Hedgepeth, Water Department Supervisor, stated he gets 10 to 11 calls per day to read individual meters to check for leaks. It would be great to read the meters every other month. It would be a great time saver for the Water Department. It would be more work for the one person in the billing office.

Mrs. Pittman stated with the new software, billing and estimation would be feasible.

Mr. Hedgepeth stated it would free up the water department employees for one week every other month and they would be able to spend more time on repairs and maintenance.

Mr. Sills also questioned the Child Day Care Program.

Mrs. Pittman explained it was a Department of Social Services program and it is basically state funded.

Mr. Hedgepeth addressed a statement to Cal Bryant, reporter for the local newspapers; could he possibly check with department heads before printing a story in the newspaper.

Mr. Bryant replied that anything stated in a public meeting could be quoted but he certainly could check with department heads to verify facts.

Esther Lassiter, Gates Partners for Health, wanted to thank the Board for their financial support. An application has been submitted for Round II funding of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust that will provide \$10,000 per year for three years. One requirement in receiving this funding is a \$5,000 local match from the county government per year. These monies will be used to sustain a part-time director and to support projects.

Commissioner Askew made a motion to go into closed session, Commissioner Nickens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Askew made a motion to come out of closed session, Commissioner Nickens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to accept the following Budget Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Askew, motion carried without opposition.

**GATES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
2008-2009 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF GATES, NORTH CAROLINA:**

**SECTION 1. REVENUES** It is estimated that the revenues and Fund Balances of the funds hereafter listed will be available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending with June 30, 2009, to finance the appropriations set forth in SECTION 2 and in accordance with the chart of accounts established for Gates County:

**General Fund**

Ad Valorem Taxes-Current Year	\$ 5,158,605.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$ 345,000.00
Penalties & Interest	\$ 83,091.00
Tax Refunds	\$ (30,000.00)
County 1 Cent Sales Tax	\$ 365,000.00
County 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Art 40	\$ 474,402.00
Article 40 - Restricted	\$ 203,315.00
County 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Art 42	\$ 270,597.00
Article 42 - Restricted	\$ 405,895.00
County 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Art 44	\$ 178,920.00
Fees & Licenses	\$ 297,817.00
ADM Public School Funds	\$ 229,400.00
Lottery Proceeds	\$ 126,162.00
SRO Funding - Schools	\$ 39,883.00
Grants & Reimbursements	\$ 2,017,805.00
Medicaid Hold Harmless	\$ 239,000.00
ABC Store Profits	\$ 2,000.00
ABC 5 Cents Per Bottle Tax	\$ 1,700.00
Sales & Gas Tax Refunds	
Property Tax Collection Fees	\$ 1,150.00
Insurance Proceeds	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ 10,416,742.00

**Fund Balance Appropriated**

General Fund	\$ 81,489.00
Extension Fund	\$ -
	\$ 10,498,231.00

**Register of Deeds Automation**

Automation Fees	\$ 9,000.00
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**Emergency 911 System**

Wireless Surcharge	\$ 93,000.00
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**Fire Protection Fund**

Fire Protection Fees	\$ 222,000.00
Interest Earned	\$ 1,200.00
	\$ 223,200.00

**Capital Reserve Fund**

Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
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**Tax Revaluation Reserve**

Interest Earned	\$	-
Transfer from General Fund	\$	38,000.00
	\$	<u>38,000.00</u>

**Water Fund**

Sale of Water	\$	834,000.00
New Connections	\$	50,000.00
Reinstallations	\$	5,300.00
Golden Leaf Foundation	\$	-
Interest Earned	\$	30,000.00
Other Revenues	\$	-
	\$	<u>919,300.00</u>

**Solid Waste Fund**

Solid Waste User Fees	\$	720,011.00
Scrap Tire Disposal Fees	\$	12,000.00
White Goods Disposal Fees	\$	5,000.00
Interest of Investments	\$	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	1,400.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$	-
	\$	<u>739,411.00</u>

There is hereby levied a tax, at the rate of \$.975 (ninety-seven point five cents) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as of January 1, 2008 for the purpose of providing the revenue listed as "ad valorem taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operations of Gates County government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, and for the following functions as described by the County's chart of accounts:

**General Fund**

Governing Body	\$	204,823
Administration	\$	322,000
Tax Department	\$	315,707
Legal	\$	18,000
Court Facilities	\$	31,050
Elections	\$	100,482
Register of Deeds	\$	123,394
Buildings & Grounds	\$	338,398
Sheriff	\$	811,523
Jail	\$	350,000
Communications	\$	225,694
Emergency Management	\$	20,050
Inspections	\$	184,580
Medical Examiner	\$	2,000
Ambulance/Rescue	\$	12,000
Animal Control	\$	93,987
Transportation GITS	\$	494,246
Forestry	\$	53,000
Zoning & Planning	\$	103,723
Cooperative Extension	\$	146,588
Soil Conservation	\$	90,175
Health	\$	100,000

Mental Health	\$	37,734
Social Services Administration	\$	1,001,396
In Home Services	\$	8,488
Food Stamp Program	\$	5,500
Job Search	\$	19,500
DSS Payments	\$	925
Aid to Families	\$	7,655
DSS - TANF	\$	15,240
DSS - Special Assistance	\$	117,881
DSS - Medicaid	\$	388,616
DSS - Other	\$	14,824
Crisis Intervention	\$	16,716
Juvenile Services	\$	16,716
HCCBG Home Repairs	\$	989
Albemarle Hosp Foundation	\$	1,000
Veterans Service	\$	4,000
Youth Services	\$	4,000
Services for the Blind	\$	3,290
Child Day Care	\$	418,357
Schools - Current Expense	\$	2,531,270
Schools - Capital Outlay	\$	100,000
Community Colleges	\$	17,500
Library	\$	90,000
Recreation	\$	228,152
Special Appropriations	\$	16,219
Debt Service	\$	1,232,843
Transfers to Special Funds	\$	58,000
	\$	<u>10,498,231</u>

**Register of Deeds Automation**

Equipment Maintenance	\$	<u>9,000</u>
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**Emergency 911 System**

Wireless Surcharge	\$	68,000
Wire Surcharge	\$	5,200
Transfer to General Fund	\$	-
Capital Reserve	\$	19,800
	\$	<u>93,000</u>

**Fire Protection Fund**

Volunteer Fire Depts	\$	<u>223,200</u>
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**Capital Reserve Fund**

Capital Reserve	\$	<u>20,000</u>
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**Tax Revaluation Reserve**

Revaluation Expenses	\$	3,000
Revaluation Reserve	\$	35,000
	\$	<u>38,000</u>

**Water Fund**

Water Operations	\$	919,050
Transfer to General Fund	\$	250
	\$	<u>919,300</u>

**Solid Waste Fund**

Solid Waste Expenses	\$	739,411
Transfer to General Fund	\$	-
	\$	<u>739,411</u>

**SECTION 3. SOLID WASTE FEES** The Board hereby establishes a fee to be charged to each household in Gates County for the purpose of supporting the total costs of the Solid Waste Fund. The household fee to be charged will be as follows:

	Annual Fee
Households in unincorporated areas where no solid waste collections are provided	\$180
Households in unincorporated areas where solid waste collections are provided	90
Households in incorporated areas where solid waste collections are provided	90
Households that have been determined eligible under the Elderly and Disabled Homestead Exemption Act.	90

Gates County shall provide for the billing and collections of the solid waste household fees as follows:

Type of HouseholdMethod of Billing and Collection

Households in unincorporated areas where no solid waste collections are provided	Households served by the Gates County Water Department will be billed monthly in the amount of \$15 as part of their monthly water statement. Such fees will be reflected as "Solid Waste Fee" and shall be collected at the time when the payment is received for the expense of water.  For those households that are not served by the Gates County Water Department, a statement will be sent quarterly in the amount of \$45 for the household solid waste fee.
Households in unincorporated areas where solid waste collections are provided	Households must provide proof of private solid waste collection service. Upon submission of proof of service, households will be billed quarterly in the amount of \$22.50 for services.
Households in incorporated areas where solid waste collections are provided	The incorporated town will be billed quarterly in the amount of \$22.50 times the total number of households that reside in the designated area.
Households that have been determined eligible under the Elderly and Disabled Homestead Exemption Act	Households will be billed in accordance with the categories stated above depending upon location of residence and utilization of private service.

**SECTION 4. WATER FEES** The Board hereby establishes fees for water for the purpose of providing the revenue needed to support the distribution of water to Gates County residents. The fees charged for water are as follows:

0-1,000 Gallons	\$10.00
2,000 gallons and up	\$ 2.00 per 1,000 gallons

**SECTION 5. FIRE PROTECTION FEES** The Board hereby establishes a fire protection fee to be charged to each household in Gates County for the purpose of supporting the total costs of the Fire Protection Fund. The household fee to be charged will be as follows:

	Annual Fee
Home valued at below \$50,000	\$ 40
Home valued at above \$50,000	50
Multi-structure unit	60
Commercial structure	75

Gates County shall provide for the billing and collections of the fire protection fees. Such fees shall be incorporated into the annual property tax statement transmitted to each property owner subject to this fee and shall be collected as part of the payment of Gates County property taxes by the Tax Assessor/Collector.

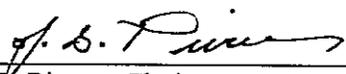
Fees collected shall be transmitted quarterly to each fire department in accordance with the approved allocation plan.

**SECTION 6.** The Manager and Finance Director are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within the General Fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. Budget amendments may be made between departments, objects of expenditures and revenues within a department, in the amount not to exceed \$1,000. A report shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners at its next regularly scheduled meeting on all budget amendments approved.
- b. No funds may be transferred between funds or from a contingency appropriation within any fund without Board approval.
- c. The Manager may enter and execute change orders or amendments to construction contracts when the appropriate annual budget or capital project ordinance contains sufficient appropriated funds.
- d. The Manager may award and execute contracts which are not required to be bid or which G.S. 143-131 allows to be let on informal bids so long as the appropriate annual budget or capital project ordinance contains sufficient appropriated funds for such purposes.

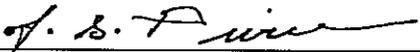
Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Director and Tax Assessor for the direction in carrying out their duties, and are available for public inspection.

Adopted the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.

  
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 J.S. Pierce, Chairman  
 Gates County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Nickens made a motion to accept the proposed 2008-2009 Budget, Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

With no other matters to be discussed Commissioner Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

  
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J. S. Pierce  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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