



May 21, 2026
Bill Cameron, Chairman
Commissioners of Cleveland County Water
Shelby, North Carolina

Dear Chairman Cameron and Board of Commissioners:

As the designated budget officer for Cleveland County Water pursuant to NCGS 159-9 it is the responsibility of the General Manager to give the governing board (Cleveland County Water Board of Commissioners) a fiscally sound and responsible budget.

Pursuant to NCGS 159-11, attached is the recommended FY 2026-2027 Budget for your review and consideration. This requirement meets the deadline of June 1 prescribed by the statute that your budget officer provides you with a balanced budget along with a budget message. The Board voted to hold a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday May 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM in your Board Room so that we can hold a workshop type session and go over the items included within this upcoming year's proposed budget.

Each year, your Finance Director, Ginger Fern, begins a month's long journey of working with Department Heads to review expenditures and begin the budget process. The North Carolina General Statutes prescribe that Department Heads shall submit their requested budget needs to the Manager by April 30. Each year I strive to mention the department heads and what they do day in and day out, and this time of year becomes especially stressful for them. They review and analyze what needs to happen next year and future years down the road. Our staff and I are never just looking at the current year, but multiple years down the road to see what the cause and effect are for the things we undertake, and then things we put in future years. I want to note the efforts of not only Ginger Fern, but also Michelle Alexander, Alan Willis, who is in his first year as Superintendent, Chris Hayes and Garrett Gilbert for their tremendous work in putting together the budget. They have a great handle on what is needed for their respective areas and work tirelessly each day to get the job done within the fiscal parameters you set. None of them have lapsed on their normal duties but instead have stepped up tremendously to make the system operate better and for the benefit of all Cleveland County Water and our customers. I remind Commissioners each year that the budget process is

the single most important item you are responsible for adopting as an elected official and the governing body of Cleveland County Water.

“In October of 1977 some thirty community leaders gave their consent to the district proposal recommended by the Upper Cleveland Chamber of Commerce’s Water Study Committee. The Upper Cleveland County Chamber supported efforts for a countywide water system which carried a price tag of \$23 million”. This quote is taken directly from your history that was prepared some 49 years ago. For half a century Cleveland County Water has developed, grown and provided public drinking water to the citizens of Cleveland County. With the consideration and the adoption of this budget, you, the 7 elected Board members of Cleveland County Water, are the community leaders who are preparing us for the next 50 years. That original \$23 million is equivalent to \$126 million in today’s dollars. The decisions we make today affect items years down the road from a fiscal responsibility standpoint. You are on the cusp of something visionary, and it begins with the adoption of this budget. Up until now, we have been talking, planning and preparing for the last 10 years to build a new Water Treatment Plant, obtain a new raw water source and to set this system up for the next 50 years. We have done very well to step up to the increased costs we have seen, and challenges associated with operating one of the largest water systems in the State of North Carolina.

The 2024 Retreat set the vision for the future Broad River Water Plant project. As we discussed at the Retreat in February 2024, we have been well underway with many of the projects on the adopted 10-year CIP. At your 2026 Retreat in February, we dedicated this Retreat to updating the CIP to include the assumptions of the Broad River Water Plant. With numerous items completed on the 2020 CIP, we updated a few items and nearly all the 5-year and 10-year year items on that CIP have been completed which is phenomenal. Inflation, materials costs, and handling supply chain issues are still playing a huge role in this year’s budget. The overall cumulative increase in material prices we have seen over the past five years is staggering (roughly 50% in materials and chemicals). At the present time, the System Development Fee Study and the updated Rate Study and CIP have all been included in the assumptions for this year’s budget to complete the visions that will continue and allow Cleveland County Water to grow and serve the customers for the next 50 years.

The budget that is presented to you is balanced and meets all the applicable requirements of the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The public hearing will be scheduled as required by NCGS 159-12 for your regular meeting on June 9th, 2026, in the Cleveland County Water Board Room. The Board of Commissioners may act if you so choose on the proposed budget following the closing of the public hearing. A balanced budget must be adopted by the Board of Commissioners prior to June 30, 2026.

We have paid our sixth debt service payment on the Lattimore Tank (7th of 20 in this year's budget at \$204,549). The bulk chemical tank project will be secured with a \$2,750,000 (State Revolving Fund 20-year loan at 1.07%). The Centrally Located Operations Center project was completed two years ago with the assistance of USDA in the amount of a 40-year loan of \$4,997,000 at 1.75% interest (Annual payment is \$174,793). This budget will include the 4th debt service payment of 40 due to the timing of the closing. The Raw Water Weir project, which is also financed by USDA in the amount of \$12,000,000, will soon be completed. This year's budget includes the 1st of 40 debt service payments in the amount of \$422,000. The Clearwell and High Service Pump project debt service payment is \$500,399 and will be the 4th of 20 at an interest rate of 1.13%. We have assumed ownership of the Fallston system and the associated USDA loan in the amount of \$1,656,000. The debt service payment of \$65,350 now belongs to us and will be the 8th payment of 40 years at an interest rate of 1.75%. The final debt payment is for some capital equipment financed last year and will include the 2nd of 5 payments at \$147,252.

A major focus for the past 3 years has been the \$19,000,000 grant appropriation by the General Assembly from the American Rescue Plan that has allowed us to focus on the Marion Street Pump Station project, Casar Lawndale/Sandhills/Will Dixon Road transmission main project, the new Polkville Tank and Booster Pump Station project, the Waco Booster Pump Station project and the new Hendrick Lake Tank line to help feed water further into the system to maintain system pressures and reduce high peak demand treatment rates.

We began preparations in 2017 by establishing a Capital Reserve Account for some of our large projects. For instance, we used approximately \$1,200,000 in 2022 from the reserve for the Operations Center, to buy down the loan amount. We are now beginning to focus on the water plant needs at the current and future water plants. Today, this fund is serving its purpose as we embark upon the new water plant project. As of today, we have \$4,976,423 set aside. At your June 9th regular meeting we plan to provide a budget ordinance that will utilize \$4,500,000 of this amount to complete the preliminary design and final design of the Broad River Water Treatment Plant and associated improvements. That will allow us to proceed with completing the design, permitting and bidding phases of the future Broad River Water plant project while still seeking USDA grants and loans, as well as a large USEDA grant, to complete the construction of this project. This will benefit an overwhelming majority of Cleveland County for decades to come.

Based on past Commissioner directions and discussions from the past Retreat, this year's budget will include a rate increase on the standard residential and commercial rates. Please note that this year's proposed rate increases are not at the level of what was recommended by the consultant in the Rate Study and CIP. We have been very moderate and conservative with the System Development Fees

by recommending a much-reduced amount over the maximum that can be charged. The removal of the next to last 250 gallons from the minimum will take place and equate to an approximate 3.62% rate increase on the average customer, assuming average monthly usage of 5,000 gallons per month. Consistent with Commissioner discussion on the irrigation and bulk rates vary however and follows the Rate Analysis. The Residential Complex rate is proposed at a 10% increase. The irrigation rate increase is proposed at a 25% increase. The out-of-district irrigation rate is proposed at a 45% increase. We will include a 35% adjustment on the lower blocks of all the declining block rates for both the residential and commercial rates. The increase on the lower blocks is imperative so that we don't continue to subsidize a small number of existing customers (approximately 300 residential over the 20,000-gallon range and approximately 80 commercial metered accounts). Please note that while some of these percentages sound high, they provide very little in new revenue. These assumptions yield additional revenue of approximately \$452,742 based on historical usage and provide an overall system number of 5.31% more revenue (and is only 4.32% when considering the residential and commercial accounts).

We are proposing no rate increases in tap fees or our other standards fees and charges. Instead, the recommendation is to implement the System Development Fee due to the growth numbers we are seeing, and how it will be imperative for that growth to pay their proportionate share of the new plant and capital improvements. In addition, this is the only way you avoid major rate increases that the USDA and the Local Government Commission will consider when reviewing our debt potential. The maximum fee allowed on a ¾" tap connection is \$3,020. We are recommending a smaller and much more conservative approach with an initial System Development Fee of \$500 and increasing by \$500 per year for the next two years. By the time we reach this, which is only half the cost of what could be charged, we will know the final debt numbers and have a great opportunity to reevaluate the system development fee in 3 years instead of the required five-year revaluation. Based on anticipated tap numbers, this will yield an additional \$187,500 in revenue. This will be placed in the capital reserve account since System Development Fees must be used for capital improvements or debt service payments. It is anticipated that the major portion of the transfer to the capital reserve fund will be eliminated upon issuance of the debt for the new Water Treatment Plant.

It is recommended that the property tax rate you currently levy at the rate of 0.02 cents per \$100 of valuation remain the same. For the coming year (FY 2027) the estimated property tax valuation is \$6,796,628,895 compared to the estimated \$5,821,665,065 (FY 2026) for a difference and increase of \$974,963,830 in tax base, however, after last year's tax revaluation, appeals process and growth, the number as of March 2026 was \$6,709,821,744 which provides a more realistic tax base increase amount of \$868,071,151. This is approximately 1.29% and represents a normal increase due to growth. This does not include any revaluation, which won't

happen again for several more years. Also Fallston was an addition in last year's number since it is now within the district boundaries. Cleveland County Water currently relies on this property tax levy for operational purposes by reinvesting every penny of it into the system each year in capital improvements, and we utilize this as our second major funding source behind your customer water revenues. Please keep in mind that this revenue will be critical to analyze as it relates to your ability to construct the future water plant and fund other long-term capital improvements that benefit the system. In the rate study we assumed a 1% annual growth rate for our district tax base during non-revaluation years. We do not levy the 2-cent tax in Lawndale, Kings Mountain, Shelby, Grover, Boiling Springs and south of the Broad River, as these areas are not included in the Sanitary District.

Over the past decade, the 1% local option sales tax for Cleveland County has increased. This amount has steadily increased since the major recession in 2008-2009. Please keep in mind that the local options sales tax comes to us in arrears of about three months. At this time, it appears that we will collect approximately \$472,500 in local option sales tax for this fiscal year, and this is still more than the \$375,000 we assumed for FY 25-26. This year has seen major inflation on the costs of goods and services and several economic forecasts project potential recession. We recommend utilizing the amount of \$400,000 for the FY 2027 budget. Inflation on goods is a direct reflection of this collection rate. These are designated for the Parks and Greenway budget and is an area we can directly control spending. This is the 3rd major source of revenue that CCW relies on for operational purposes. The local option sales tax was designed for local governments to have revenues such as these that can be reinvested in the local community for projects that benefit and continue to spur economic growth in the community. I applaud you for doing so with this revenue and the work you have done on both the Stagecoach Greenway and the completion of Lawndale Park. Any of these funds not utilized can be transferred to a capital project budget for Greenway projects, or to other Cleveland County Water needs if you desire.

The trend is still stable but declined slightly for the values for the estimated vehicle tax. Please keep in mind that these are estimates provided by the Cleveland County tax office based on vehicles purchased. The FY 2026 values were projected at \$767,786,609 and the FY 2027 values are projected at \$767,500,000 which yields a projected decrease of \$286,609 in value. This is a decrease of 0.01%. This shows that the sales have decreased or leveled out compared to the past three years. This source yields a projected revenue of only \$150,430. Please keep in mind that these revenues are collected by the State of NC, handed down to the applicable County of vehicle registration, and then dispersed by the County to each applicable jurisdiction. These numbers contain the same tax assumptions that the 2-cent analysis included with the property tax analysis.

Beginning nine years ago, we created and set aside funds for the Capital Reserve Fund. This fund is an investment fund managed by the NC Capital Management Trust. This is also where our bad debt collections from the NC Debt Setoff program are deposited. The current balance of the NC Capital Management Trust Fund for CCW currently sits at \$4.9 million as of the preparation of this budget message. This year, we are proposing to set aside \$687,500 for the Capital Reserve. As discussed, we have previously transferred over \$1,200,000 from this fund for the Operations Center and intend to use the balance to design, permit and bid the Broad River Water Plant project. This year's proposed transfer includes the historical \$500,000 from previous years as well as the revenues collected from System Development Fees. It is highly anticipated that this transfer will cease once the debt service payment of the new water plant is realized. **If we assume we finance \$75,000,000 at 4.875% interest (USDA reported rate in October 2025), then the annual debt service payment on this project alone is \$4,296,000.**

There will be no new installment financing for the proposed fiscal year and no large vehicle or equipment purchases. What we do have in the budget will be paid for with cash.

The budget format provided groups expenditures into major areas: personnel, operations, capital outlay (which will be reflected in Non-Departmental), and debt service (which will also be reflected in Non-Departmental). In addition, you will notice the following eight major budgets in the following categories: Administration; Maintenance; Water Production; Meter Services; IT/GIS; Parks and Greenway; Governing Body and Non-Departmental.

Balanced Budget for FY 26-27

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures
Administration	\$3,094,678	\$3,094,678
Maintenance	\$3,307,056	\$3,307,056
Production	\$1,811,262	\$1,811,262
Meter Services	\$ 397,905	\$ 397,905
IT/GIS	\$ 388,155	\$ 388,155
Parks and Greenway	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Governing Body	\$ 44,659	\$ 44,659
Non-Departmental	\$3,418,453	\$3,418,453
Total Budget	\$12,862,168	\$12,862,168

Total Budget net increase for all funds is \$916,409 over the current fiscal year 2025-2026 budget which is a 7.67% budget increase.

Notable FY 2026-2027 changes, increases and decreases.

Revenues

- 1) It is recommended that all residential and commercial water rates be updated to remove 250 gallons from the minimum monthly threshold (Rate Codes 100-201, 100-205, 100-112, 100-202, 100-206, 100-207, 212-101, 212-105, 212-212, 212-104, 212-109, 212-117, 212-102, 212-106, 212-107, 212-108, 212-110, 212-118). This would take the minimum from 500 gallons per month down to 250 gallons per month and equates to a 3.62% increase. In addition, the lower declining blocks are recommended to increase by 25% and will affect a very small percentage of customers since the average customer uses 3,200 gallons per month or less. The recommendation for bulk/irrigation rate codes (Rate codes 100-212, 120-312, 212-201, 100-216, 212-116) is to increase by 25% on the volume charge for in-district and 45% on the volume charge for out-of-district. It is proposed to increase the Governmental Rate (102-401), the Large Industry Rate (212-111) and the Residential Complex Rate (100-213) by 10%. Please keep in mind that we have only had nine overall rate increases since 1994 (22 years). The increase in these rates is expected to provide an overall increase in revenue of \$452,742 which is 5.31% additional revenue.
- 2) The property tax rate remains the same at 2 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate has been maintained since 1996. An increase of \$191,000 is expected this year due to discoveries, final appeals after revaluation and normal growth. We do not levy this tax in Grover, Kings Mountain, Shelby, Boiling Springs, Lawndale or south of the Broad River.
- 3) Local Option Sales Tax is projected to increase to \$400,000. This number is conservative based on what we have collected but is recommended based on several economic forecasts. These revenues will be dedicated solely to the Greenway Budget, but can be transferred, saved or used otherwise at the discretion of the Commissioners
- 4) An increase in estimated revenue of \$21,430 from the vehicle tax is expected. This trues up last year's number after the appeals process and shows flat revenue from March 2026 reporting.
- 5) Decrease in Tap Connection Fees of \$30,000 due to slight decrease in tap sales.
- 6) Decrease in Interest in the amount of \$28,700 on our bank accounts and investments.
- 7) Decrease of approximately \$61,000 due to late fees, cutoff charges disconnection revenue due to increased customer service and calling system efforts.

Expenditures

All Funds:

- 1) Between 2016-2018 we saw double digit increases in our group health premiums. FY 2019 was 0%, FY 2020 was 8.6%, FY 2021 was 0%, FY 2022 was 2%, FY 2023 was 4%, FY 2024 was 10% with an overall loss ratio of 150%. Last year's increase was 6.5% with a 180% pool loss ratio. For FY 2026 our increase was 0% and for FY 2027 the rate increase is projected to be 3%, which is phenomenal given this is our 2nd year with CPEC. An additional \$35,000 is included in this year's budget.
- 2) This budget includes an overall cost-of-living adjustment of 2.5% for all current full-time employees (non-probationary) effective for the payroll beginning July 5, 2026. We still seem to be in a decent position from a competitive standpoint after Commissioners adopted the pay

and class study we implemented in January 2024. We will adjust the pay scales this year by 4% since this has not been done since the pay and class study was implemented in order to not create compression with any new hires during the past two years. The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) was released in October 2025, which is used to provide the COLA adjustment for social security benefits beginning in December of each year. The CPI-W yielded an increase in COLA of 2.8%. The recurring costs have been mitigated by the elimination of salaries for 1 meter reader, 1 customer service representative and the assistant general manager position. A cushion of \$40,000 has been left in the salary line item to account for any needed part-time assistant that may develop during the year.

- 3) This budget includes a 2nd or mid-year cost of living adjustment for all current full-time (non-probationary) employees effective with payroll period beginning January 3, 2027. This 2nd adjustment is recommended because even though CIP-W recommended a 2.8% in October 2025, since the number was released there have been tremendous inflationary increases in the economy with the costs of goods and services and fuel. This hits all our employees. The 2nd increased proposal is to still tie this to performance as well. Employees who rated at Meets Expectations on their most recent annual evaluation will receive a 2.5% increase and those who rated at Exceeds Expectations on their most recent annual evaluation will receive a 3% increase. It is suspected that next year's CIP-W will be higher given the economic environment and this will allow us to maintain competitiveness, evaluate our revenues of what could be a tough summer from a water restriction standpoint, and help all our employees' mid-year at the same time. Again, the recurring costs have been mitigated by defunding of the three previously mentioned positions. For each 1% increase on payroll, this amounts to \$50,000 or an additional \$250,000 of recurring costs this year if fully funded for both items 2 and 3.
- 4) FICA, retirement, 401K expenses etc. budget increase of approximately \$32,500. This increase is due primarily to the Local Government Retirement System employer match. The State increased the rate to 10.15% for FY 21, 11.35% for FY 22, 12.1% for FY 23, 12.85% for FY 24, 13.6% for FY 2025, 14.35% for FY 2026 and 15.1% for FY 2027. Please keep in mind that we budget 5% for the 401K match whether employees contribute that amount or not. We have historically seen savings in the 401K line item since many employees do not contribute the full amount. This number has also been mitigated by defunding the above-mentioned positions as well as the retirement expense declining after two long-term employees retired this current fiscal year.
- 5) Worker's Compensation: Approximately \$3,750 decrease budgeted across all budgets for worker's compensation premiums, which have declined again due to a five-year history of no major claims, which is an excellent record. Worker's Compensation is based on two factors: total payroll and claims history. The decrease is due to reducing the funded positions, no claims and retirements.
- 6) Utilities: Addressed in individual departments.

Administration

- 1) Eliminates the funding for the Assistant General Manager position and 1 Customer Service Representative. Again, a cushion of \$40,000 has been left if it is determined that the CSR position needs to be reinstated mid-year or any part-time assistance is needed.

- 2) Reduction of \$60,000 in Professional Services. System Development Fee study has been completed but leaves \$5,000 for First Tryon Advisors to assist with exploration of the private bond market for interim USDA water plant financing.
- 3) Includes increase of \$2,100 in tuition reimbursement.
- 4) Increase of \$14,000 in Equipment Maintenance contracts. (Tyler customer service, billing and timekeeper systems).
- 5) Reduction of \$10,000 in Advertising.
- 6) Bank Charges: Increase from \$50,000 up to \$52,500 due to card usage and e-checks.

Maintenance

- 1) Increase of \$20,000 in Engineering due to cost increases and system evaluations and modeling.
- 2) Increase of \$16,200 for Utilities with new pump stations and utility cost increases.
- 3) Increase of \$2,250 in Backflow due to continued part and cost increases.
- 4) Increase of \$90,000 for materials. Costs continue to escalate.
- 5) Increase of \$29,500 for Contracted Services. Generator Maintenance, new tank and control valve maintenance.
- 6) Increase Fuel \$14,000 based on average numbers seen in March/April 2026 due to major fuel price increases. Large vehicle department.
- 7) Increase Auto Repairs \$5,000 based on several recent vehicle repairs.

Production

- 1) Travel, Meetings, School increase of \$4,500 for 1 employee to attend UNC School of Government County and Municipal Administration Course.
- 2) Increase of \$18,000 in Chemical costs.
- 3) Increase of \$2,600 in Non-Capital expenditure for UV and bacteria testing and additional sampling.
- 4) Increase of \$6,000 in Utilities Fuel line for large generators at WTP that are heavy fuel users.

Meter Services

- 1) Eliminates funding for 4th meter reader position that has never been filled.
- 2) Fuel left the same. Loss of 4th truck but fuel increases in a heavy fuel use department.

IT/GIS

- 1) Increase Communication-Telephone due to increased costs by \$3,000
- 2) Reduced Communication Data (Internet) by \$8,000
- 3) Reduced Non-Capital Equipment by \$8,700
- 4) Increased Computer Maintenance by \$4,400 for ADA Website compliance and other expenditures as arise.
- 5) Increased Dept. Supplies and Expenses by \$13,600 for toner/printer supplies and the established IT budget coordinates for all departments.

Parks and Greenway

- 1) Still completing service with Part-Time positions.
- 2) Inclusion of \$75,000 for Professional Services which can be reallocated for Capital Projects.
- 3) Land and Area Maintenance/Repairs: \$121,722 can be reallocated for Capital Projects. Need to remove bio-filter this coming year.
- 4) All expenditures on Greenway Budget is modeled after Local Option Sales Tax Revenues.
- 5) Unused funds in this budget would be recommended to be transferred to the larger Capital Projects for the Greenway if Commissioners desire.

Governing Body

- 1) Reduction of \$24,500 due to no election in Election Expenses.

Non-Departmental

- 1) Administration: Debt Service payment of \$204,549 for the Lattimore Tank Project. This is the 7th payment. (20 Years; 1.53% Interest Rate, declining payments, down \$2,578)
- 2) Administration: 2nd Debt Service payment of FY 25 Installment Finance in the amount of \$147,252. (59-month term at 3.84% interest)
- 3) Administration: Debt Service payment of \$65,350 USDA Fallston Waterline Project. (Payment 8/40, 1.75% interest rate)
- 4) Administration: Clearwell Debt Service Payment of \$500,339 for 4th Clearwell Project Payment. (20 Years; Interest Rate 2.16%, declining payments, down \$4,742)
- 5) Administration: Operations Center Debt Service Payment of \$174,793 for 4th Operations Center Payment. (40 Years; Interest Rate 1.75%)
- 6) Administration: Weir Project Debt Service Payment of \$422,000 for 1st payment. (40 Years; Interest Rate 1.75%).
- 7) Administration: Transfer of \$687,500 for Capital Reserve which includes all System Development Fee Revenue
- 8) Maintenance: \$14,265 Replacement Trailer used for Tractor
- 9) Maintenance: \$ 27,475 Pneumatic Compressor to work on larger pipe and road bores.
- 10) Maintenance: \$13,390 Road Bore Kit for Road Bores with Pneumatic Compressor
- 11) Maintenance: \$6,160 for New Utility Locator machine.
- 12) Maintenance: \$96,580 for replacement of 2 trucks.
- 13) Maintenance: \$37,500 East Ridge Drive replace 8" line (1,700 LF due to main breaks)
- 14) Maintenance: \$495,000 Rehab Casar Road to 8" due to recent main breaks. (Contractor)
- 15) Maintenance: \$34,000 Carroll Drive (1,342 LF of 6")
- 16) Maintenance: \$200,000 New In-District Water Lines includes designed phase on Elam Rd.
- 17) Production: \$20,000 Repair River/Reservoir Pump. (Only used if needed)
- 18) Production: \$210,000 Replace Filter Sweep Valves (Last ones in plant)
- 19) Production: \$8,000 Sodium Thiosulfate Building (Pad exists)
- 20) Production: \$34,300 Cleanout Wet Well at river
- 21) Production: \$30,000 Replace Auma Valves at Intake Wet Well Gates

The fiscal year 2026-2027 budget continues to provide excellent services for our customers. In planning and studying our recommended rate increases and fee increases, you should be applauded, and I appreciate the time you took at our Board Retreat and other Regular Meetings to work through the discussion on revenues. The System Development Fee and Rate Analysis we have been through provide you with the key planning document to complete what we have set out to do, and provides an amazing balance between fees, charges, taxes and water sales. You are the 7 visionary members who are left to carry on and complete what 30 started back in 1977 by making a legendary decision. Your largest investment is in your staff, and without them, it would be impossible to do what we do. During the preparation of this budget message, we are fully staffed, and this is especially good considering the labor market is struggling for governmental and service employees, and we have had two recent retirements. Numerous governmental entities across the State have job openings that they cannot fill due to lack of competitiveness and qualified personnel. I am under no assumption that this will be the final budget approved by Commissioners and would encourage you to consider the proper expenditure on the available revenues as you see fit. The budget process is the single most important decision you, as Commissioners will make each year. I can't begin to thank Mrs. Fern, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Willis, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Gilbert enough for what they do to keep the place running and the countless and thankless hours they put in to serve the customers of Cleveland County Water. A 7.67% budget increase is something to be very proud of given the current economy and inflation, and the major increases are truly in the materials and supplies we need to serve the citizens and keep repairs made on the water system. A public hearing on the proposed budget has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th, 2026. The budget covering all funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, is balanced, and presented to the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County Water at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad R. Cornwell
General Manager

**FY 2026-2027
Revenue
Annual Budget**

Account	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
40-44040	Water Sales	8,273,659	4,419,512	8,591,958	8,669,356	8,669,356
40-44050	Fire Hydrant Sales	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
40-44150	Bulk Water Sales	509,825	373,049	664,944	653,143	653,143
41-44070	Tap Connection Fees	480,000	230,086	448,000	450,000	450,000
41-44090	Meter Revenue	5,000	2,604	4,908	5,000	5,000
41-44100	Fee Revenue	354,775	146,615	303,243	293,739	293,739
41-44110	Sale of Materials	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
41-44115	System Development Fees	0	0	0	187,500	187,500
41-44120	Pressure Zone Revenue	45,000	19,435	40,000	40,000	40,000
41-44151	Boiling Springs Sewer Revenue	120,000	70,819	140,345	140,000	140,000
41-44153	Fallston Sewer Revenue	132,000	66,758	148,842	148,000	148,000
41-44155	Kingstown Sewer Revenue	116,000	65,361	129,519	130,000	130,000
41-44156	Polkville Sewer Revenue	14,000	6,476	13,000	13,000	13,000
41-44200	Administrative Charges	33,000	25,834	51,669	50,000	50,000
41-44300	Bad Debt Recovered	8,000	1,649	8,000	8,000	8,000
41-44360	Disconnection Revenue	96,000	49,787	99,574	100,000	100,000
41-44400	Grants Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
41-44450	NCDOT	0	0	0	0	0
41-44480	Lease Revenue	4,800	0	0	0	0
41-44485	Settlement Revenue	0	0	188,619	12,000	12,000
42-44010	Interest	67,200	61,329	92,250	38,500	38,500
42-44015	Dividends	0	85,811	171,622	0	0
42-44020	Miscellaneous Income	10,000	9,036	12,000	10,000	10,000
42-44021	Gain/Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	10,000	13,230	18,763	10,000	10,000
42-44080	Cleveland County Property Tax	1,141,000	867,632	1,397,772	1,332,000	1,332,000
42-44085	Cleveland County Vehicle Tax	129,000	76,416	147,060	150,430	150,430
42-44135	Cleveland County Local Option	375,000	240,617	472,500	400,000	400,000
42-44170	Insurance Proceeds	0	3,058	3,058	0	0
42-44350	Proceeds from Financing	0	0	0	0	0
42-44460	Fund Balance Appropriation	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Operating Expenses	11,945,759	6,840,166	13,069,152	12,862,168	12,862,168

FY 2027 Requested Revenue Total	12,862,168
FY 2026 Current Year Revenue Total	11,945,759
Difference	916,409

% INCREASE/(DECREASE) 7.67%

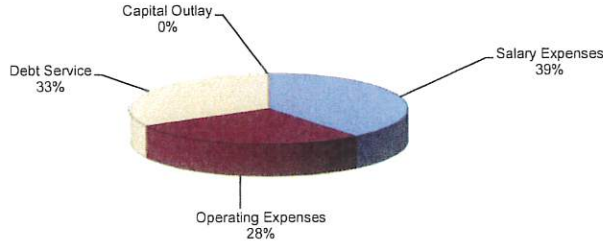
**FY 2026-2027
Water Administration
Annual Budget**

Staffing Level

FY 2022-2023 FY 2023-2024 FY 2024-2025 FY 2025-2026 FY 2026-2027
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Expenditure Summary Water Administration	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
Salary Expenses	1,706,295	866,437	1,683,963	1,812,258	1,812,258
Operating Expenses	1,274,830	614,386	1,269,155	1,282,420	1,282,420
Debt Service	1,521,556	210,016	1,099,556	1,514,283	1,514,283
Transfer to Capital Reserve	500,000	250,000	500,000	687,500	687,500
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Water Administration Total	5,002,681	1,940,839	4,552,674	5,296,461	5,296,461

Water Administration



NOTES:	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
General Manager	1	1	1	1	1
Finance Director	1	1	1	1	1
Customer Services Director	1	1	1	1	1
Accounting/Benefits Coordinator	1	1	1	1	1
Utility Billing Coordinator	1	1	1	1	1
Utility Billing Representative	1	1	1	1	1
Accounting Technician	1	1	1	1	1
Senior Customer Service Representative	1	1	1	1	1
Customer Service Representative	4	4	4	4	4
Assistant General Manager	0	0	1	1	1
Projects Manager	0	0	0.5	0	1
Human Resources Director	0	0	1	1	1
Custodian	0	0	0.5	0	0
	12	12	15	14	15

Water Administration Budget Requests

New Account	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
5-55010	Salaries & Wages	1,070,000	548,222	1,066,197	1,127,635	1,127,635
5-55015	Retirement Expense	156,000	80,672	155,766	170,000	170,000
5-55016	401K Match	54,000	25,530	49,263	55,000	55,000
5-55020	Overtime	0	32	32	0	0
5-55028	Compensatory Time	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
5-55030	Group Insurance	318,000	151,562	303,125	344,000	344,000
5-55033	Life Insurance	1,800	785	1,800	1,900	1,900
5-55040	Longevity Pay	11,000	14,759	14,759	16,500	16,500
5-55042	Other Payroll Deductions (YMCA)	600	295	600	600	600
5-55045	Workers' Compensation	1,895	1,895	1,895	1,623	1,623
5-55057	Tax Deductions	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
5-55070	Social Security	84,000	42,254	81,526	86,000	86,000
5-55075	Uniforms & Accessories	1,000	431	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Total Salary Expenses	1,706,295	866,437	1,683,963	1,812,258	1,812,258
5-55050	Professional Services	220,200	102,809	203,160	160,150	160,150
5-55090	Utilities	20,000	7,688	18,000	20,000	20,000
5-55100	Tuition Reimbursement	2,400	1,278	3,000	4,500	4,500
5-55110	Travel, Meetings and Schools	10,275	1,593	9,350	10,150	10,150
5-55120	Equipment Repairs	5,500	0	0	5,500	5,500
5-55130	Equipment Maintenance Contracts	116,625	26,168	128,605	130,650	130,650
5-55135	Small Tools	500	0	0	500	500
5-55140	Building Repairs	5,000	644	2,500	5,000	5,000
5-55150	Printing and Publishing	3,000	154	1,000	3,000	3,000
5-55155	Marketing	18,000	0	18,000	18,000	18,000
5-55170	Advertising	15,000	145	2,500	5,000	5,000
5-55180	Non Capital Equipment	0	2,187	2,187	0	0
5-55185	Communications - Cell phones	6,840	2,478	6,200	7,400	7,400
5-55190	Postage	5,000	2,025	5,000	5,000	5,000
5-55200	Bank Charges	50,000	25,073	51,000	52,500	52,500
5-55205	Contracted Services	211,525	102,958	207,060	218,475	218,475
5-55210	Auto Supplies	1,500	387	1,500	1,500	1,500
5-55215	Fuel Expense	2,500	101	750	2,500	2,500
5-55218	Land and Area Maintenance/Repairs	5,000	1,172	4,000	5,000	5,000
5-55220	Auto Repairs	2,500	0	1,000	2,500	2,500
5-55230	Laundry and Dry Cleaning	1,000	81	161	500	500
5-55235	Utilities - Fuel Generators	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
5-55250	Insurance/Bonds	128,000	122,507	122,625	130,000	130,000
5-55280	Dues, Subscriptions, Publications	12,955	3,077	8,334	13,515	13,515
5-55285	Janitorial Supplies	5,500	1,746	5,500	6,000	6,000
5-55310	Dept. Supplies & Expenses	37,000	9,072	30,000	37,000	37,000
5-55400	Boiling Springs Sewer Collection	117,600	65,832	137,538	137,200	137,200
5-55410	Kingstown Sewer Collection	113,680	58,802	126,929	127,400	127,400
5-55420	Polkville Sewer Collection	13,720	6,467	12,740	12,740	12,740
5-55425	Fallston Sewer Collection	129,360	64,493	145,865	145,040	145,040
5-55430	Interconnections/Water Supply Purchases	12,650	5,450	12,650	13,700	13,700
	Total Operating Expenses	1,274,830	614,386	1,269,155	1,282,420	1,282,420
9-99310	Capital Outlay - Administration	0	0	0	0	0
9-99450	Capital Outlay - Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Operating and Capital	2,981,125	1,430,823	2,953,118	3,094,678	3,094,678

New Account	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
9-99230	Capital Project Reserve	500,000	250,000	500,000	687,500	687,500
9-99110	Debt Service - Principal Lattimore Tank (7/20)	168,463	0	168,463	168,463	168,463
9-99120	Debt Service - Interest Lattimore Tank (7/20)	38,664	19,331	38,664	36,086	36,086
9-99170	Debt Service - Principal Install. Finance (2/5)	124,724	124,724	124,724	126,649	126,649
9-99180	Debt Service - Interest Install. Finance (2/5)	23,276	23,276	23,276	20,603	20,603
9-99110	Debt Service - Principal Weir (1/40)	211,000	0	0	211,000	211,000
9-99120	Debt Service - Interest Weir (1/40)	211,000	0	0	211,000	211,000
9-99110	Debt Service - Principal Fallston System	36,000	0	36,000	37,000	37,000
9-99120	Debt Service - Interest Fallston System	28,980	0	28,980	28,350	28,350
9-99110	Debt Service - Principal Clearwell (4/20)	419,711	0	419,711	419,711	419,711
9-99120	Debt Service - Interest Clearwell (4/20)	85,370	42,685	85,370	80,628	80,628
9-99110	Debt Service - Principal Ops Center (4/40)	90,000	0	90,000	92,000	92,000
9-99120	Debt Service - Interest Ops Center (4/40)	84,368	0	84,368	82,793	82,793
	Total Reserves and Debt Service	2,021,556	460,016	1,599,556	2,201,783	2,201,783
	Total Water Administration Budget	5,002,681	1,940,839	4,552,674	5,296,461	5,296,461

FY 2027 Requested Administration Total	5,296,461
FY 2026 Current Year Administration Total	5,002,681
Difference	293,780
% INCREASE/(DECREASE)	5.87%

Maintenance Budget Requests

Account Number	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
7-55010	Salaries & Wages	1,112,000	562,115	1,110,244	1,160,000	1,160,000
7-55015	Retirement Expense	166,000	83,541	164,196	178,000	178,000
7-55016	401K Match	57,000	23,420	50,000	60,000	60,000
7-55020	Overtime	40,000	9,108	25,000	35,000	35,000
7-55028	Compensatory Time	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
7-55030	Group Insurance	285,000	127,836	255,672	285,000	285,000
7-55033	Life Insurance	2,600	1,115	2,231	2,500	2,500
7-55040	Longevity Pay	15,000	10,943	10,943	11,000	11,000
7-55042	Other Payroll Deductions (YMCA)	1,200	406	900	1,200	1,200
7-55045	Workers' Compensation	12,060	12,048	12,048	10,765	10,765
7-55070	Social Security	89,000	43,789	85,434	92,000	92,000
7-55075	Uniforms & Accessories	12,425	4,229	13,225	13,820	13,820
Total Salary Expenses		1,797,285	878,551	1,734,892	1,854,285	1,854,285
7-55050	Professional Services	24,600	23,943	31,600	44,600	44,600
7-55090	Utilities	78,750	23,761	60,398	94,950	94,950
7-55095	Contracted Construction	20,000	0	10,000	20,000	20,000
7-55110	Travel, Meetings and Schools	12,000	1,478	12,000	12,600	12,600
7-55115	Meter Change Out Program	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
7-55120	Equipment Repairs	24,700	924	22,700	25,500	25,500
7-55125	Backflow/Cross Connection Supplies/Materials	9,000	5,130	10,125	11,250	11,250
7-55130	Equipment Maintenance Contracts	12,500	13,100	26,700	14,100	14,100
7-55135	Small Tools	3,250	2,459	3,250	4,000	4,000
7-55140	Building Repairs	1,000	180	500	1,000	1,000
7-55145	Pump Station Repairs	18,000	271	10,000	18,000	18,000
7-55150	Printing and Publishing	150	92	150	150	150
7-55165	Tractor Supplies	23,000	5,821	15,000	25,000	25,000
7-55170	Advertising	500	140	500	500	500
7-55175	Materials	582,500	482,786	607,500	672,500	672,500
7-55180	Non Capital Equipment	7,800	990	7,740	7,800	7,800
7-55185	Communications - Cell phones	9,000	3,233	6,533	9,000	9,000
7-55190	Postage	500	130	500	500	500
7-55195	Permits	500	0	500	500	500
7-55205	Contracted Services	215,000	130,764	215,000	244,546	244,546
7-55210	Auto Supplies	25,000	10,414	21,869	27,000	27,000
7-55215	Fuel Expense	66,000	25,412	53,366	90,000	80,000
7-55218	Land and Area Maintenance/Repairs	40,000	11,397	38,000	42,000	42,000
7-55220	Auto Repairs	20,000	8,443	20,000	25,000	25,000
7-55230	Laundry and Dry Cleaning	9,500	4,338	8,850	9,500	9,500
7-55235	Utilities - Fuel Generators	8,000	493	8,000	8,000	8,000
7-55255	Insurance Claim	5,000	2,533	5,000	5,000	5,000
7-55280	Dues, Subscriptions, Publications	8,415	4,341	8,415	8,475	8,475
7-55285	Janitorial Supplies	6,000	2,494	5,500	6,300	6,300
7-55300	Equipment Rentals	3,000	500	3,000	3,000	3,000
7-55305	Waste Disposal Fees	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
7-55310	Dept. Supplies & Expenses	11,000	3,224	9,000	11,000	11,000
Total Operating Expenses		1,265,665	778,790	1,242,697	1,462,771	1,452,771
9-99330	Capital Outlay - Distribution Department	129,200	36,513	116,113	61,290	61,290
9-99450	Capital Outlay - Vehicles	0	0	0	96,580	96,580
9-99340	Water Line Extensions	240,500	9,800	286,090	566,500	566,500
9-99340	Water Line Extensions	209,000	24,218	110,321	200,000	200,000
Total Capital		578,700	70,531	512,524	924,370	924,370
Total Maintenance		3,641,650	1,727,872	3,490,113	4,241,426	4,231,426

FY 2027 Requested Maintenance Total	4,241,426
FY 2026 Current Year Maintenance Total	3,641,650
Difference	599,776
% INCREASE/(DECREASE)	16.47%

Water Production Budget Requests

Account Number	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
6-55010	Salaries & Wages	533,000	282,753	563,955	570,000	570,000
6-55015	Retirement Expense	78,000	41,719	82,423	86,500	86,500
6-55016	401K Match	27,000	12,836	25,270	29,000	29,000
6-55020	Overtime	5,000	2,891	6,043	7,500	7,500
6-55028	Compensatory Time	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
6-55030	Group Insurance	94,000	48,415	96,830	101,000	101,000
6-55033	Life Insurance	1,100	426	852	1,100	1,100
6-55040	Longevity Pay	6,000	5,787	5,787	4,400	4,400
6-55042	Other Payroll Deductions (YMCA)	500	148	330	500	500
6-55045	Workers' Compensation	5,425	5,425	5,425	4,310	4,310
6-55070	Social Security	42,000	21,912	43,143	45,000	45,000
6-55075	Uniforms & Accessories	3,600	90	3,100	3,600	3,600
	Total Salary Expenses	805,625	422,401	843,153	862,910	862,910
6-55050	Professional Services	61,000	11,217	45,242	59,810	59,810
6-55090	Utilities	375,095	172,461	353,353	375,195	375,195
6-55110	Travel, Meetings and Schools	5,600	1,568	5,443	10,600	10,600
6-55120	Equipment Repairs	41,000	19,480	41,000	41,000	41,000
6-55130	Equipment Maintenance Contracts	23,940	12,181	23,683	20,640	20,640
6-55135	Small Tools	500	45	250	500	500
6-55140	Building Repairs	5,000	1,656	4,000	4,000	4,000
6-55150	Printing and Publishing	500	0	500	500	500
6-55160	Chemicals	281,500	109,444	227,861	299,500	299,500
6-55170	Advertising	250	0	250	250	250
6-55180	Non Capital Equipment	1,500	0	1,500	4,200	4,200
6-55185	Communications - Cell phones	2,000	970	1,939	2,000	2,000
6-55190	Postage	200	0	200	200	200
6-55195	Permits	7,010	5,976	7,307	7,307	7,307
6-55205	Contracted Services	10,900	3,386	11,419	11,700	11,700
6-55210	Auto Supplies	500	75	300	300	300
6-55215	Fuel Expense: (WTP Vehicles/ Equip.)	5,000	2,176	4,460	5,000	5,000
6-55218	Land and Area Maintenance/Repairs	500	973	1,500	1,500	1,500
6-55220	Auto Repairs	3,000	57	1,500	3,000	3,000
6-55230	Laundry & Dry Cleaning	4,000	1,810	3,655	4,000	4,000
6-55235	Utilities - Fuel Generators	36,000	14,635	36,000	42,000	42,000
6-55240	Drought Expenses	10,000	4,100	10,000	10,000	10,000
6-55280	Dues, Subscriptions, Publications	2,075	1,135	2,090	2,200	2,200
6-55285	Janitorial Supplies	2,500	1,623	2,500	3,000	3,000
6-55300	Equipment Rentals	750	0	750	750	750
6-55305	Waste Disposal Fee	0	0	0	0	0
6-55310	Dept. Supplies & Expenses	39,200	16,885	38,700	39,200	39,200
	Total Operating Expenses	919,520	381,856	825,403	948,352	948,352
9-99450	Capital Outlay - Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
9-99320	Capital Projects	315,000	235,963	310,603	344,100	292,300
9-99350	Water Plant Upgrade Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Capital	315,000	235,963	310,603	344,100	292,300
	Total Water Production	2,040,145	1,040,220	1,979,164	2,155,362	2,108,562

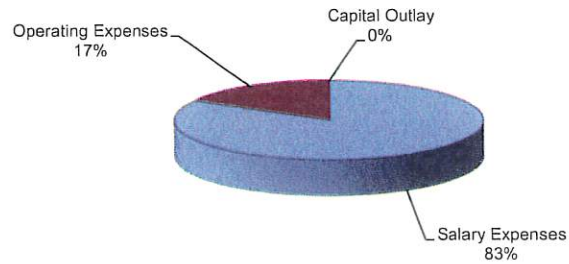
FY 2027 Requested Water Production Total	2,155,362
FY 2026 Current Year Water Production Total	2,040,145
Difference	115,217
% INCREASE/(DECREASE)	5.65%

**FY 2025-2026
Meter Services
Annual Budget**

Staffing Level	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
	6	6	5	5	5

Expenditure Summary	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
Meter Services					
Salary Expenses	383,515	150,672	295,678	331,055	331,055
Operating Expenses	67,050	27,793	54,597	60,850	66,850
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Meter Services Total	450,565	178,465	350,275	391,905	397,905

Meter Services



NOTES:	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
Meter Services Technician	2	2	1	1	1
Meter Reader	4	4	4	4	4
	6	6	5	5	5

Meter Services Budget Requests

Account Number	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
8-55010	Salaries & Wages	228,000	89,125	175,503	190,000	190,000
8-55015	Retirement Expense	35,000	13,473	26,293	30,000	30,000
8-55016	401K Match	12,000	4,695	9,161	10,000	10,000
8-55020	Overtime	14,000	4,058	9,000	10,000	10,000
8-55028	Compensatory Time	0	0	0	0	0
8-55030	Group Insurance	67,000	27,011	54,022	67,000	67,000
8-55033	Life Insurance	650	207	500	600	600
8-55040	Longevity Pay	750	707	707	1,100	1,100
8-55042	Other Payroll Deductions (YMCA)	150	0	0	150	150
8-55045	Workers' Compensation	3,015	3,015	3,015	2,155	2,155
8-55070	Social Security	19,000	6,891	13,426	16,000	16,000
8-55075	Uniforms & Accessories	3,950	1,489	4,050	4,050	4,050
	Total Salary Expenses	383,515	150,672	295,678	331,055	331,055
8-55050	Professional Services	450	240	450	450	450
8-55110	Travel, Meetings and Schools	300	0	300	300	300
8-55115	Meter Change Out Program	0	0	0	0	0
8-55120	Equipment Repairs	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
8-55130	Equipment Maintenance Contracts	6,000	5,775	5,775	6,000	6,000
8-55135	Small Tools	900	42	500	700	700
8-55140	Building Repairs	0	0	0	0	0
8-55180	Non Capital Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
8-55185	Communications - Cell phones	2,000	882	1,800	2,000	2,000
8-55210	Auto Supplies	6,500	1,887	5,000	6,500	6,500
8-55215	Fuel Expense	28,000	8,929	20,000	22,000	28,000
8-55220	Auto Repairs	5,000	3,920	5,000	5,000	5,000
8-55230	Laundry and Dry Cleaning	2,100	1,177	1,972	2,100	2,100
8-55285	Janitorial Supplies	800	408	800	800	800
8-55310	Dept. Supplies & Expenses	14,000	4,535	12,000	14,000	14,000
	Total Operating Expenses	67,050	27,793	54,597	60,850	66,850
9-99450	Capital Outlay - Vehicles - 3 Chevy Colorado Trucks	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Meter Services	450,565	173,465	350,275	391,905	397,905

FY 2027 Requested Meter Services Total	391,905
FY 2026 Current Year Meter Services Total	450,565
Difference	(58,660)
% INCREASE/(DECREASE)	-13.02%

IT/GIS Budget Requests

New Account	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
65-55010	Salaries & Wages	130,000	67,718	131,923	143,000	143,000
65-55015	Retirement Expense	19,000	9,682	18,861	22,000	22,000
65-55016	401K Match	6,500	3,373	6,572	7,200	7,200
65-55030	Group Insurance	27,000	12,927	25,000	27,000	27,000
65-55033	Life Insurance	300	116	240	300	300
65-55040	Longevity Pay	0	0	0	0	0
65-55042	Other Payroll Deductions (YMCA)	0	74	150	150	150
65-55045	Workers' Compensation	195	195	195	145	145
65-55057	Tax Deductions	0	0	0	0	0
65-55070	Social Security	10,000	5,145	10,092	12,000	12,000
65-55075	Uniforms & Accessories	800	40	400	600	600
	Total Salary Expenses	193,795	99,270	193,433	212,395	212,395
65-55050	Professional Services	20,100	7,745	20,050	20,100	20,100
65-55080	Communication Telephone	19,500	10,406	21,571	22,500	22,500
65-55085	Communication Data (Internet)	14,000	2,358	5,000	6,000	6,000
65-55110	Travel, Meetings and Schools	2,500	20	500	2,000	2,000
65-55120	Equipment Repairs	2,000	162	1,000	1,500	1,500
65-55130	Equipment Maintenance Contracts	9,556	200	6,704	8,000	8,000
65-55180	Non Capital Equipment	25,630	7,246	19,165	16,930	16,930
65-55185	Communications - Cell phones	2,820	528	1,020	1,220	1,220
65-55210	Auto Supplies	1,000	78	500	1,000	1,000
65-55215	Fuel Expense	2,600	887	2,200	2,600	2,600
65-55220	Auto Repairs	1,000	0	500	1,000	1,000
65-55225	Computer Maintenance	67,582	33,897	68,776	72,010	72,010
65-55230	Laundry & Dry Cleaning	250	176	352	400	400
65-55310	Dept. Supplies & Expenses	6,919	7,909	17,919	20,500	20,500
	Total Operating Expenses	175,457	71,613	165,256	175,760	175,760
9-99310	Capital Outlay - IT/GIS	0	0	0	0	0
9-99450	Capital Outlay - Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Operating and Capital	369,252	170,882	358,689	388,155	388,155
	Total IT/GIS Budget	369,252	170,882	358,689	388,155	388,155

FY 2027 Requested IT/GIS Total	388,155
FY 2026 Current Year IT/GIS Total	369,252
Difference	18,903
% INCREASE/(DECREASE)	5.12%

Parks and Greenway Budget Requests

Account Number	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
85-55010	Salaries & Wages	85,000	5,133	12,000	85,000	85,000
85-55015	Retirement Expense	12,000	0	0	12,000	12,000
85-55016	401K Match	4,200	0	0	4,200	4,200
85-55020	Overtime	0	0	0	0	0
85-55028	Compensatory Time	0	0	0	0	0
85-55030	Group Insurance	25,000	0	0	27,000	27,000
85-55033	Life Insurance	200	0	0	200	200
85-55040	Longevity Pay	0	0	0	0	0
85-55042	Other Payroll Deductions (YMCA)	0	0	0	0	0
85-55046	Workers' Compensation	1,015	1,015	1,015	878	878
85-55070	Social Security	6,500	393	918	6,500	6,500
85-55075	Uniforms & Accessories	1,750	0	0	1,750	1,750
	Total Salary Expenses	135,665	6,541	13,933	137,528	137,528
85-55050	Professional Services	75,000	1,015	25,000	75,000	75,000
85-55085	Communication Data (Internet)	7,200	4,193	7,200	7,200	7,200
85-55090	Utilities	7,000	2,209	6,000	7,500	7,500
85-55110	Travel, Meetings and Schools	5,000	975	3,000	5,000	5,000
85-55170	Advertising	10,000	114	5,000	10,000	10,000
85-55195	Permits	3,000	474	2,000	3,000	3,000
85-55218	Land and Area Maintenance/Repairs	102,800	78,320	102,800	121,772	121,772
85-55285	Janitorial Supplies	5,000	62	1,000	5,000	5,000
85-55310	Dept. Supplies & Expenses	24,335	2,489	13,000	28,000	28,000
	Total Operating Expenses	239,335	89,852	165,000	262,472	262,472
9-99200	Land Purchases	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Greenway Budget	375,000	96,393	178,933	400,000	400,000

FY 2027 Requested Greenway Total	400,000
FY 2026 Current Year Greenway Total	375,000
Difference	25,000

% INCREASE/(DECREASE) 6.67%

Governing Body Budget Requests

Account Number	Description	Approved FY 2025-2026	Expenditures Through 12/31/25	FY 2025-2026 Year-End Projection	Requested FY 2026-2027	Manager Approved FY 2026-2027
55-55010	Salaries & Wages	31,500	15,000	30,750	31,500	31,500
55-55042	Other Payroll Deductions (YMCA)	250	34	250	250	250
55-55045	Workers' Compensation	35	35	35	32	32
55-55070	Social Security	2,410	1,148	2,354	2,412	2,412
55-55075	Uniforms & Accessories	750	0	750	750	750
	Total Salary Expenses	34,945	16,216	34,139	34,944	34,944
55-55050	Professional Services	2,000	0	1,000	2,000	2,000
55-55110	Travel, Meetings and Schools	1,000	0	1,275	1,275	1,275
55-55120	Equipment Repairs	250	0	100	250	250
55-55150	Printing and Publishing	100	0	100	100	100
55-55170	Advertising	500	341	500	500	500
55-55180	Non Capital Equipment	500	0	500	500	500
55-55190	Postage	40	0	40	40	40
55-55280	Dues, Subscriptions, Publications	1,000	65	1,000	1,000	1,000
55-55285	Janitorial Supplies	50	0	50	50	50
55-55310	Dept. Supplies & Expenses	500	138	500	500	500
55-55450	Election Expenses	25,000	24,334	24,334	500	500
55-55460	Other Expenses	3,000	292	1,000	3,000	3,000
	Total Operating Expenses	33,940	25,171	30,399	9,715	9,715
	Total Governing Body	68,885	41,387	64,538	44,659	44,659

FY 2027 Requested Governing Body Total	44,659
FY 2026 Current Year Governing Body Total	68,885
Difference	(24,226)

% INCREASE/(DECREASE) -35.17%