Chowan County Budget Ordinance
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Chowan County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1.

General Fund (11):

Based on current history, the following revenues are projections and hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the county's operations 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 in the County:

AD VALOREM TAXES:		**17,756,239.00**
TAX PENALITY & INTEREST	*100,000.00*	
PRIOR YEAR - R & P	*150,000.00*	
CURRENT YEAR LEVY - R & P	*15,922,239.00*	
CURRENT YEAR LEVY - MV	*1,584,000.00*	
SALES TAX		**3,863,973.00**
ARTICLE 39 SALES TAX	*2,142,850.00*	
ARTICLE 40 SALES TAX	*1,059,833.00*	
ARTICLE 42 SALES TAX	*312,800.00*	
ARTICLE 44 SALES TAX	*348,490.00*	
OTHER TAXES		**147,600.00**
PERMITS & FEES		**329,066.00**
DEPARTMENTAL		**1,017,243.00**
MISCELLANEOUS		**2,421,922.00**
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION		**1,843,149.00**
TOTAL REVENUES:		**27,379,192.00**

Likewise, the following expenditures are estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

EDUCATION		**6,357,205.00**
D. F. WALKER	*22,050.00*	
FINES & FORFEITURES	*90,000.00*	
SCHOOLS - CURRENT EXPENSE	*5,432,509.00*	
COA - CURRENT EXPENSE	*273,293.00*	
COA - CAPITAL OUTLAY	*200,000.00*	
AFTER SCHOOL GRANT	*33,942.00*	
LIBRARY	*305,411.00*	
GOVERNMENT		**4,833,048.00**
HUMAN SERVICES		**1,542,577.00**
OTHER		**2,484,436.00**
PUBLIC SAFETY		**7,086,276.00**
TRANSFER TO SOCIAL SERVICES		**1,645,310.00**

TRANSFER TO RE-VALUATION	96,000.00
TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	1,654,077.00
TRANSFER TO EMS	1,680,263.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**27,379,192.00**

Section 2.

DSS Fund (12):

The following revenues are hereby projections and appropriated in the DSS Fund for the Department of Social Services operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

OTHER TAXES	6,000.00
SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATIONS	2,617,616.00
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	1,645,310.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**4,268,926.00**

Likewise, the following expenditures are estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

SOCIAL SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION	3,029,202.00
SOCIAL SERVICES - PROGRAMS	1,233,724.00
SALES TAX REFUNDS	6,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**4,268,926.00**

Section 3.

Fire Districts Fund (23):

For those properties located within Chowan County Rural Fire Districts, there is hereby levied a fire tax rate of Eight cents ($ .08) per one hundred dollar ($ 100.00) value listed as of January 1, 2026, along with the remaining revenues are projections and are hereby appropriated for the purpose of providing fire coverage:

PENALTY & INTEREST	2,000.00
PRIOR YEAR - R & P	2,950.00
CURRENT YEAR LEVY - R & P	1,272,683.00
CURRENT YEAR LEVY - MV	127,360.00
ARTICLE 39 SALES TAX	89,285.00
OTHER TAXES	3,000.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	20,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**1,517,278.00**

Likewise, the following expenditures are estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

CENTER HILL CROSSROADS - OPERATIONS	308,384.00
CENTER HILL - INTERFUND LOAN TRANSFER	99,680.00
EDENTON - RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	946,628.00
BELVIDERE	49,805.00
DESIGNATED FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS	109,781.00
OTHER TAXES	3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**1,517,278.00**

Section 4.

Emergency Telephone Fund (24):

The Emergency Telephone revenues noted below are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose of providing E-911 Services in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

TELEPHONE SURCHARGES	137,452.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	9,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**146,452.00**

Likewise, the following expenditures are estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS	146,452.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**146,452.00**

Section 5.

Revaluation Fund (25):

In accordance with GS 105-286, the following revenues have been appropriated to fund the re-valuation in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	96,000.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	4,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**100,000.00**

Likewise, the following expenditures are estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

RE-VALUATION	100,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**100,000.00**

Section 6.

Debt Service Fund (30):

The following funds will be transferred to the Debt Service Fund and are hereby appropriated to meet the financial obligations of the county for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	1,654,077.00
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	175,000.00
TRANSFER FROM SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE	582,264.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**2,411,341.00**

Likewise, the following are the actual debt services payments to be made in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

2019 - FORMER DF WALKER RENOVATIONS / BOYS & GIRLS	134,594.00
2022 - FORMER DF WALKER RENOVATIONS / JAHHS CLASSROOMS	232,275.00
2026 - JOHN A HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT	1,869,472.00
DESIGNATED FOR FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS - AMBULANCE	175,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**2,411,341.00**

Section 7.

County Capital Reserve Fund (33):

The following revenues are based on projected land sales and are hereby appropriated in the Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

LAND TRASFER TAX	700,000.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	75,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**775,000.00**

Likewise, the following expenditures are estimates of future county projects for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	175,000.00
DESIGNATED FOR FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS	600,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**775,000.00**

Section 8.

School Capital Reserve Fund (40):

The revenues below are projections based on current fiscal year and are hereby appropriated for the school's capital needs in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

ARTICLE 40 SALES TAX	454,212.00
ARTICLE 42 SALES TAX	908,426.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	22,000.00
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	42,526.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**1,427,164.00**

Likewise, the following are estimated expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY	844,900.00
TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	582,264.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**1,427,164.00**

Section 9.

School Capital Projects Fund (42):

The revenues below are projections based on current fiscal year and are hereby appropriated for the school's capital projects in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

CONTRIBUTION FROM SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	844,900.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**844,900.00**

Likewise, the following are estimated expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY	844,900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**844,900.00**

Section 10.

Tourism Development Fund (51):

Upon recommendation from the Tourism Development Authority, the following revenues are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

OCCUPANCY TAX	285,545.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	23,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**308,545.00**

Likewise, the following is a estimate of operational costs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

TDA ADMINISTRATION / OPERATIONS	308,545.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**308,545.00**

Section 11.

Emergency Medical Services Fund (60):

Based on the medical services needs of the county, the revenues listed below are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES	1,000,000.00
MEDICAID COST SETTLEMENT	50,000.00
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	1,680,263.00
OTHER TAXES	15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**2,745,263.00**

Likewise, the following is a estimate of operational costs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

EMS ADMINISTRATION / OPERATIONS	2,730,263.00
SALES TAX REFUNDS	15,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**2,745,263.00**

Section 12.

Water Fund (61):

Based on the current Water System Operations, the revenues listed below are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

OTHER TAXES	20,000.00
UTILITIES CHARGES	1,675,000.00
TAP & CONNECTION FEES	35,000.00
RECONNECTION FEES	40,000.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	90,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	32,400.00
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION	386,382.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**2,278,782.00**

Likewise, this is the anticipated cost for operating the county's Water System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

SALES TAX REFUNDS	20,000.00
WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS	2,258,782.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**2,278,782.00**

Section 13.

Solid Waste Fund (62):

The following revenues are based on anticipated grants and Solid Waste fees and are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

TIPPING FEES	1,450,000.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	10,000.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	8,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**1,468,000.00**

Likewise, the following is the estimated cost for the program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

OPERATIONS	1,468,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**1,468,000.00**

Section 14.

Protective Payees Fund (71):

The following revenues are hereby appropriated for Protective Payees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

PROTECTIVE PAYEES REVENUES	12,000.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	200.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	**12,200.00**

Likewise, the following expenditures are estimated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

PROTECTIVE PAYEES - VENDORS	12,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**12,200.00**

Section 15.

Agency Funds (73, 75 & 76):

These funds act as a simple pass-through, where the County collects revenues for an outside source. The Tax Department collects monies owed to the Town of Edenton (*Fund 73*), the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (*Fund 75*) and various Drainage Districts (Fund 76). Once collected, the revenues are then redirected to the appropriate agency for their specific use.

Section 16..

Tax Levy:

There is hereby levied a tax rate of SEVENTY TWO cents ($0.72) per one hundred dollar ($100.00) value on Real & Personal Property and Motor Vehicles listed as of January 1, 2026 for the purpose of generating the revenues included in Section 1 of this ordinance under the subheading of Ad Valorem Taxes:

Real & Personal Property:

ASSESSED REAL PROPERTY		**1,605,788,289.00**
ASSESSED PERSONAL PROPERTY		**640,512,538.00**
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUES		**2,246,300,827.00**
plus:	***PUBLIC UTILITIES***	**50,000,000.00**
minus:	***EXEMPT PROPERTIES***	**(38,365,326.00)**
ADJUSTED TOTAL ASSESSED VALUES		**2,257,935,501.00**
	divide by $ 100.00 of value	**/ 100**
Total Taxable Value		**22,579,355.01**
	Multiply by FY 2025 Collection Rate	**X 97.94 %**
Total Collectible Value		**22,114,220.30**
	Multiply by Levied Tax Rate	**X $ 0.72**
TOTAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY		**15,922,238.61**

Motor Vehicles:

ASSESSED MOTOR VEHICLES		**220,000,000.00**
	divide by $ 100.00 of value	**/ 100**
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE		**2,200,000.00**
	Multiply by FY 2025 Collection Rate	**X 100 %**
TOTAL COLLECTIBLE VALUE		**2,200,000.00**
	Multiply by Levied Tax Rate	**X $ 0.72**
TOTAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES		**1,584,000.00**

Section 17.

Fees:

There are hereby fees charged for the purpose of generating revenues included in Section 1, Section 11, Section 12, and Section 13 of this ordinance. Applicable fees for Section 11, Emergency Medical Systems, are hereby set at 130% of medicare allowable rate. Applicable fees for Section 1, Section 12, and Section 13 are attached to this ordinance.

Section 18.

Edenton-Chowan School System:

The Edenton - Chowan Schools current expense appropriation in the amount of $5,432,509.00 is contained within the General Fund. It is to be disbursed in one (1) monthly payment of $452,710.00 and eleven (11) equal monthly payments of $452,709.00.

Section 19.

Land Transfer Tax:

The Land Transfer Tax collected by Chowan County shall be deposited in the County's Capital Reserve Fund and shall be used for County Capital Projects as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 20.

Authorities of the Budget Officer:

1. In an effort to reduce expenditures for the 2027 fiscal year, the Budget Officer (*County Manager*) is hereby authorized to make determinations on hiring staff to fill vacant and/or new positions. No position will be filled without approval of the Budget Officer.
2. The Budget Officer (*County Manager)* is hereby authorized to make budget amendments and revisions contained herein under the following conditions:

    a. Transfers between operational line item expenditures within a department without limitation. Transfers involving salary/fringe benefits line items or capital line items will require prior approval by the Board of Commissioners.

    b. Transfers up to $ 1,000.00 between departments, including contingency appropriations within the same fund. The Budget Officer must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

c. Budget Amendments involving re-occurring Grants (*not requiring a local monetary match*) and/or Departmental Discretionary monies without limitation. For informational purposes, the Budget Officer must provide copies of such amendments to the Board of Commissioners at their next regular meeting.

d. Transfers involving an employee choosing to receive a cellphone stipend rather than use a county cellphone. For informational purposes, the Budget Officer must provide copies of such an amendment/transfers to the Board of Commissioners at their next regular meeting.

e. Budget Amendments involving actions approved by the Board at previous Board of County Commissioners meetings. For informational purposes, the Budget Officer must provide copies of such amendments to the Board of Commissioners at their next regular meeting.

Section 21.

Distribution:

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager, County Finance Officer, County Tax Assessor and the Board of Education for direction in the carrying out of their duties.

Section 22.

Adoption:

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt this Budget Ordinance for the 2027 fiscal year on the 27th day of July 2026.

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Mr. Bob Kirby, Board Chair

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Ms. Susanne Stallings, Clerk to the Board