



# Annual Operating Budget Ordinance Bladen County, North Carolina

**Budget Ordinance  
FY 2025-2026**

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Bladen County, North Carolina, in regular session assembled:

. . . .**Section 1:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of Bladen County government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 according to the following summary and schedules:

Fund Summary	Estimated Revenues	Fund Balance Appropriated	Total Appropriation
General	\$ 46,590,767	\$ 6,779,198	\$ 53,369,965
Facilities Fees	\$ 45,000	\$ 106,222	\$ 151,222
Social Services	\$ 10,932,890		\$ 10,932,890
Enterprise-Solid	\$ 3,854,510		\$ 3,854,510
Emergency Telephone	\$ 121,961	\$ 165,939	\$ 287,900
Enterprise-Water Debt	\$ 559,088		\$ 559,088
Enterprise-Water	\$ 2,948,500	\$ 349,162	\$ 3,297,662
Economic Development	\$ 700,321		\$ 700,321
Revaluation	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000
EMS	\$ 4,375,537		\$ 4,375,537
Tobermory FD	\$ -		\$ -
Ammon FD	\$ 70,569	\$ 41,931	\$ 112,500
Clarkton FD	\$ 137,051		\$ 137,051
East Arcadia FD	\$ -		\$ -
Hickory Grove FD	\$ 77,378		\$ 77,378
Kelly FD	\$ 48,580	\$ 3,681	\$ 52,261
White Lake FD	\$ 83,048		\$ 83,048
White Oak FD	\$ 75,231	\$ 25,646	\$ 100,877
Tar Heel FD	\$ 829,740		\$ 829,740
Bladenboro FD	\$ 232,964		\$ 232,964
Carvers Creek FD	\$ 55,389	\$ 18,811	\$ 74,200
Lisbon FD	\$ 86,651		\$ 86,651
Elizabethtown FD	\$ 252,120	\$ 54,789	\$ 306,909
Dublin FD	\$ 233,000	\$ 67,625	\$ 300,625
Bay Tree FD	\$ 90,521	\$ 26,429	\$ 116,950
General Service FD	\$ 25,200		\$ 25,200
Atkinson FD	\$ 3,666		\$ 3,666
Rowan FD	\$ 23,526		\$ 23,526
Acme Delco Riegelwood FD	\$ 32,200		\$ 32,200
Buckhead FD	\$ 6,100		\$ 6,100
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,798,111		\$ 1,798,111
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 74,539,619</b>	<b>\$ 7,639,433</b>	<b>\$ 82,179,052</b>

. . . . That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund the following:

Department	Appropriations
Governing Board	\$ 419,761
Administration	\$ 319,678
Human Resources	\$ 204,199
Planning	\$ 155,659
Workplace Safety	\$ 30,015

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Elections	\$	488,995
Finance	\$	622,309
Revenue Administration	\$	798,455
Information Technology	\$	491,664
Geographic Info System	\$	75,068
Register of Deeds	\$	499,221
Central Services	\$	1,542,648
Motor Pool	\$	995,497
Housekeeping	\$	400,328
Sheriff	\$	5,399,960
Jail	\$	4,856,834
Communications	\$	1,010,098
Aviation	\$	10,000
Pre-Trial Release Program	\$	111,504
VIPER	\$	75,000
School Resource Officers	\$	1,054,173
Courthouse Security	\$	126,527
BCC Deputies	\$	-
Animal Control	\$	533,990
Emergency Services	\$	470,894
Building Inspections	\$	300,894
Coroner	\$	52,355
Forestry Services	\$	261,039
Health-Admin	\$	980,675
Health-Environmental	\$	494,939
Health-WIC	\$	307,069
Health-Bio Terrorism	\$	35,392
Health-Family Planning	\$	344,373
Health-Maternal	\$	343,324
Health-School Health	\$	250,000
Health-TB Project	\$	64,830
Health-Child Health	\$	236,997
Health-Care Management	\$	278,349
Health-Promotion	\$	212,581
Health-Medication Assistance Program	\$	27,977
Health-IAP	\$	40,976
Health-Communicable Disease	\$	35,651
Health-CAP	\$	468,585
Mental Health	\$	52,725
Veteran Services	\$	92,338
Division on Aging-Transportation	\$	191,018
Division on Aging-Transportation Admin	\$	384,281
Division on Aging-General/Medical Trans	\$	101,062
Division on Aging-In Home Aide Level 1	\$	344,372
Division on Aging-Congregate Nutrition	\$	202,567
Division on Aging-Home Delivered Nutrition	\$	85,036
Division on Aging-Senior Center Ops	\$	173,308
Division on Aging-Senior Center General Pur	\$	3,960
Division on Aging-Adult Day Care	\$	50
Division on Aging-Housing/Home Improvement	\$	29,700
Soil Conservation	\$	170,011
Extension Service	\$	387,465
Parks & Recreation	\$	541,869
Library	\$	833,045

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Governing Board - Other Admin Costs	\$	1,573,908
Beaver Management Program	\$	60,000
JCPC-Outside Agencies	\$	71,349
JCPC-Administration	\$	7,500
JCPC-Teen Court/4H/Restitution/Community Service	\$	91,575
Education	\$	13,824,588
Service Agencies	\$	94,149
Charitable Agencies	\$	6,425
Contingency	\$	141,709
Subtotal	\$	44,892,493
Plus: Transfers to Other Funds	\$	8,477,472
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$	53,369,965

. . . **Section 2.** It is estimated that the following revenues, listed by major source, will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 to meet the foregoing appropriations.

<b>A. General Fund</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 27,822,237
Sales Tax	\$ 8,153,079
Other Taxes/Licenses	\$ 201,000
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 2,505,668
Permits/Fees	\$ 343,000
Sales/Services	\$ 5,927,797
Investment Earnings	\$ 1,490,423
Miscellaneous	\$ 72,406
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 6,779,198
Other Financing Sources	\$ 10,157
Transfers from Other Funds	\$ 65,000
Total Fund Revenue	\$ 53,369,965

<b>B. Facilities Fees</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 45,000
Investment Earnings	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 106,222
Total Fund Revenue	\$ 151,222

<b>C. Social Services</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 6,006,357
From General Fund	\$ 4,926,533
Total Fund Revenue	\$ 10,932,890

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<b>D. Enterprise - Solid Waste Fund</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Sales/Service	\$ 24,000
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 22,000
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,793,510
Investment Earnings	\$ 15,000
Other Financing Sources	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,854,510</b>

<b>E. Emergency Telephone System</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
NC911 Funds	\$ 121,961
911 Grant	\$ -
Investment Earnings	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 165,939
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 287,900</b>

<b>F. Water - Debt</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 559,088
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 559,088</b>

<b>G. Enterprise - Water</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Tap-on Fees	\$ 55,000
Water Sales	\$ 2,823,000
Miscellaneous	\$ -
Permits/Fees	\$ 48,000
Investment Earnings	\$ 22,500
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 349,162
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,297,662</b>

<b>H. Economic Development</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 191,958
Sales and Services	\$ 500,072
From General Fund	\$ 8,291
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 700,321</b>

<b>I. Revaluation Fund</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
From General Fund	\$ 250,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>

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<b>J. Emergency Medical Services</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ -
Billing Revenue	\$ 2,701,000
From General Fund	\$ 1,494,537
Miscellaneous	\$ 180,000
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,375,537</b>

<b>K. Tobermory Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ -
Sales Taxes	\$ -
Investment Earnings	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>L. Ammon Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 58,069
Sales Taxes	\$ 8,200
Investment Earnings	\$ 4,300
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 41,931
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 112,500</b>

<b>M. Clarkton Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 109,910
Sales Taxes	\$ 19,303
Investment Earnings	\$ 7,838
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 137,051</b>

<b>N. East Arcadia Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ -
Sales Taxes	\$ -
Investment Earnings	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>O. Hickory Grove Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 68,755
Sales Taxes	\$ 8,623
Investment Earnings	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 77,378</b>

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<b>P. Kelly Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 42,219
Sales Taxes	\$ 6,361
Investment Earnings	\$ 3,681
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 52,261</b>

<b>Q. White Lake Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 70,300
Sales Taxes	\$ 12,748
Investment Earnings	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 83,048</b>

<b>R. White Oak Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 61,331
Sales Taxes	\$ 8,900
Investment Earnings	\$ 5,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 25,646
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 100,877</b>

<b>S. Tar Heel Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 706,065
Sales Taxes	\$ 84,347
Investment Earnings	\$ 39,328
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 829,740</b>

<b>T. Bladenboro Rural Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 218,987
Sales Taxes	\$ 13,977
Investment Earnings	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 232,964</b>

<b>U. Carvers Creek Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 44,689
Sales Taxes	\$ 6,700
Investment Earnings	\$ 4,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 18,811
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 74,200</b>

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<b>V. Lisbon Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 75,971
Sales Taxes	\$ 10,680
Investment Earnings	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 86,651</b>

<b>W. Elizabethtown Rural Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 208,250
Sales Taxes	\$ 33,870
Investment Earnings	\$ 10,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 54,789
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 306,909</b>

<b>X. Dublin Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 196,000
Sales Taxes	\$ 32,000
Investment Earnings	\$ 5,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 67,625
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 300,625</b>

<b>Y. Bay Tree Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 75,357
Sales Taxes	\$ 14,400
Investment Earnings	\$ 764
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 26,429
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 116,950</b>

<b>Z. General Service Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 22,342
Sales Taxes	\$ 2,858
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 25,200</b>

<b>AA. Atkinson Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 3,166
Sales Taxes	\$ 500
Investment Earnings	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,666</b>

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<b>AB. Rowan Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 21,526
Sales Taxes	\$ 2,000
Total Fund Revenue	\$ 23,526

<b>AC. Acme Delco Riegelwood Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 32,200
Sales Taxes	\$ -
Total Fund Revenue	\$ 32,200

<b>AD. Buckhead Fire District</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 6,100
Sales Taxes	\$ -
Total Fund Revenue	\$ 6,100

<b>AE. Debt Service Fund</b>	
<u>Major Source</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
From General Fund	\$ 1,798,111
Total Fund Revenue	\$ 1,798,111

<b>Total Revenue for all Funds</b>	<b>\$ 82,179,052</b>
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. . . **Section 3:** There is hereby levied in the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the rate of \$.785 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of taxable property listed as of January 1, 2025, for the purpose of raising the revenues from the current years property tax as set forth in the foregoing estimates of revenues, and in order to finance the foregoing appropriations.

. . . Such rate is based on an estimated total appraised value of property for the purpose of taxation of \$3,526,137,897 with an assessment ratio of 100 percent of appraised value. The estimated collection rate is 97.37 percent.

. . . There are hereby levied the following tax rates in the same fiscal year stated above for the identified fire tax districts and fire service districts:

<b>Fire Tax and Service Districts</b>	<b>Tax Rate/\$100</b>
Bladenboro Rural	0.075
Carvers Creek	0.050
Lisbon	0.070

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Elizabethtown Rural	0.100
Dublin	0.098
Tobermory	
Ammon	0.100
Clarkton	0.080
East Arcadia	
Hickory Grove	0.080
Kelly	0.070
White Lake	0.080
White Oak	0.080
Tar Heel	0.100
Bay Tree	0.090
General	0.025
Atkinson	0.080
Rowan	0.070
Acme Delco Riegelwood	0.120
Buckhead	0.090

... **Section 4:** There is hereby authorized the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 70¢ per mile, thru December 31, 2025, to employees who are required to use their personal vehicle for authorized County business (except as noted in Travel Policy). Rates change each January.

... **Section 5:** There is hereby authorized the following **Solid Waste** fees:

Collection Fees	\$	105.00	C&D	\$	100.00
Disposal	\$	115.00	Shingles	\$	100.00
			MSW	\$	100.00

... **Section 6:** There is hereby authorized the following **Water District** fees for water use:

<b>Residential Rate:</b>			
First 1000 Gallons (3/4" x 5/8" and 1" Meter)	0-1,000	\$	20.00
Cost for additional gallons	1,000-20,000	\$	3.50
	20,000-50,000	\$	3.65
	50,000-100,000	\$	3.80
	Above 100,000	\$	4.00
<b>Commercial Rate:</b>			
First 1000 Gallons		\$	35.00
Cost Per Additional 1000 Gallons		\$	3.50
<b>Industrial Rate:</b>			
Minimum usage 500,000 Gallons per month			

. . . **Section 7:** The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- A. He may transfer amounts between objects of expenditures within a department without a report being required.
- B. He may transfer amounts between departments of the same fund with an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
- C. He may transfer amounts between funds and from Contingency appropriations within any fund with an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

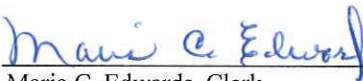
. . . **Section 8:** Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer, and the Revenue Director for directions in carrying out their duties.

ADOPTED: This the **16th day of June, 2025.**



Charles R. Peterson  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Maria C. Edwards, Clerk

