

DRAFT AGENDA

Budget Work Session, April 28, 2026

4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Mayor
2. **VOTE**- Adoption of Agenda
3. **VOTE**- Wastewater Collection System Grant Application Resolution-Jackson
4. **VOTE**- Water AIA Grant Project Completion Resolution- Jackson
5. **VOTE**- Sewer AIA Grant Project Completion Resolution- Jackson
6. Discussion of FY 2026-27 Proposed Town Budget, Session I - Jackson
7. **VOTE**- Recess of Meeting



Town of River Bend

Fiscal Year
2026-2027

Budget Workshop

Session I

April 28, 2026



**This presentation and all
future presentations for the FY26-27 budget
workshops are
available on the Town's webpage at:**

www.riverbendnc.org

**Note- these presentations are subject to change
after being posted. Until the budget is officially adopted
by Council, it is simply a proposal based on data as of 4-15-26.**

Town of River Bend

Mayor and Town Council Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (approved 2-12-26)

Maintain a commitment to the Council-Manager form of government, and to support an adequate and well-trained staff to serve the current and future needs of the community.

Continue to cooperate regionally and with other municipalities and, where appropriate, share ideas and resources.

Continue to work with advisory boards as a means to encourage citizen participation in Town government.

Continue to be good stewards of the natural environment through planned stormwater and floodplain management efforts.

Our Vision Statement

River Bend is a dynamic and uniquely located waterfront and golfing community well prepared to benefit from the area's historical and natural resources. By protecting its assets and actively fostering a diverse multi-aged population, the River Bend community will continue to be a safe, attractive place to live and will be competitively positioned to participate in the broader area's economic and population growth.

Continue to employ sound fiscal management practices to ensure the long-term financial viability of the Town.

Continue to operate wastewater treatment facilities to maintain regulatory compliance and serve the current and future needs of the Town.

Continue to provide a safe, dynamic, and attractive community for people of all ages, and continue to address the changing demographic composition of the Town.

Maintain a visionary posture, acknowledging that change is inevitable.

Continue to conduct the business of the Town with complete transparency and integrity.

Continue to provide safe drinking water and quality treatment of wastewater by diligently maintaining current systems, prudent fiscal management and prioritizing efforts to build new systems.

Town of River Bend

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Workshop

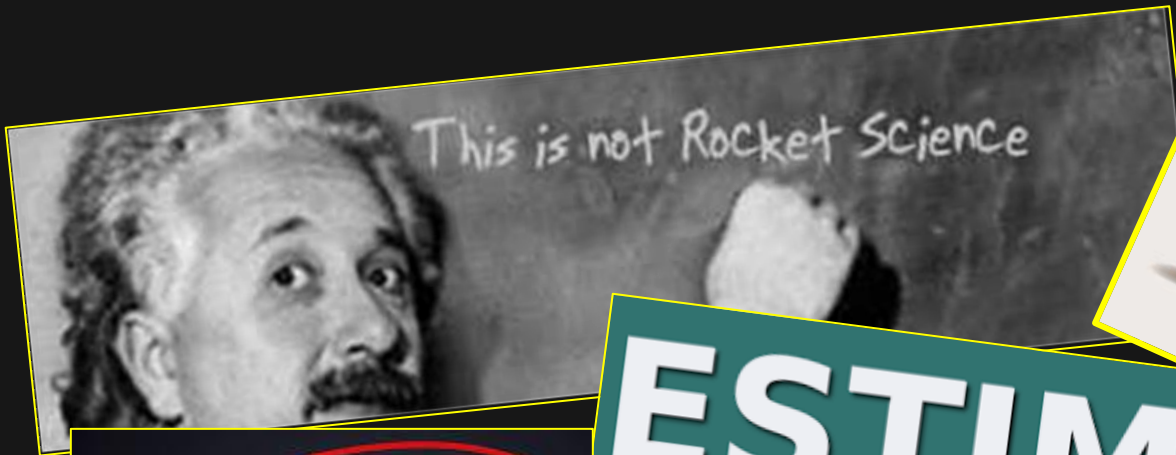
AGENDA

- 1. Employee Compensation and Benefits**
- 2. Labor Allocations**
- 3. Capital Improvement Plans**
- 4. Utility and Fuel Prices**
- 5. Governing Body**
- 6. Administration**
- 7. Finance**
- 8. Tax Listing**
- 9. Legal Services**
- 10. Elections**
- 11. Street Maintenance**
- 12. Storm Water**
- 13. Public Works**
- 14. Public Buildings**

Budgets are based on predictions and....



are subject to change throughout the year and throughout this process and are developed using the following



AVERAGE

ESTIMATE

Predictions



Forecast



INDUCTIVE REASONING
AND CONJECTURE



FUNDAMENTALS OF BUDGETING-101

One of the most important words in a budget is- ANTICIPATED.

As noted on the previous slide, some synonyms of anticipated are: prediction and forecast. Others are: foresee, count on, bank on, expect and probable. All of these words are similar in a way because all of them can also mean- Uncertain, Not Guaranteed, Unsure, Best Guess and Speculative.

Two other very important words/components in a budget are Revenue and Expenditure. All dollars coming-in or going-out of a budget fall into one of these two categories.

The dollar amount for both are set in a budget based on anticipated revenues and anticipated expenditures. A few of our expenditures are fixed or known; most are not. Nearly all revenues are not fixed/known. By law, our budget must be balanced. That means revenues and expenditures must be equal.

Therefore, if the budget is balanced on day one with anticipated expenditures of \$3,000,000 and we do not realize \$3,000,000 of revenues during the year, our budget is no longer balanced. There are only two ways to balance it. We can either cut costs (reduce approved expenditures) or increase revenues.

FUNDAMENTALS OF BUDGETING-101 (continued)

On day one of our budget (July 1), 100% of our expenditures are authorized to be made. Put another way, on day one, we could purchase anything that is approved for purchase in the budget. Authorized does not mean required.

On the other hand, on day one, almost NONE of our revenues have been realized. In fact, until revenues are realized for that fiscal year, our fund balance is what we are using to pay for any expenditures whose costs exceed our revenues. Some bills are due in early July before any revenues are realized.

Our revenues are realized over the course of the entire fiscal year. You get a report each month that shows the status of our revenues year-to-date. Some of the major sources, like sales taxes, are realized monthly. Others, like utility franchise taxes, are realized quarterly. Some, like Powell Bill come in twice per year. Property taxes come in every month, but a majority are realized in Oct.-Feb.; about half in December alone. Utility fees come in every other month.

Knowing that all of these revenues are anticipated, it is best to try to ensure that they are realized before we make all of our approved expenditures. In a nutshell- Try to make sure there is revenue to pay the bill before making an expenditure. It's also important to realize that some unanticipated expenditures may occur.

Typical Family Vacation vs. Town Budget Process



Both the family vacation and the town budget have known and unknown costs. There is no way for the town to budget for every item exactly.

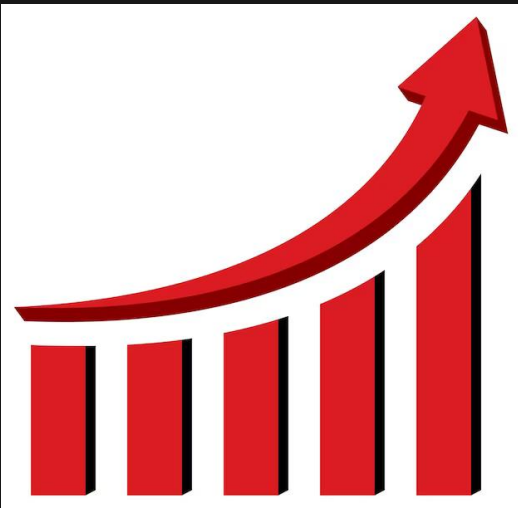


As has been the case for the past few budget cycles, there are major unknown variables to contend with this year. It's difficult to predict today what impact, if any, they may have on the FY26-27 budget.

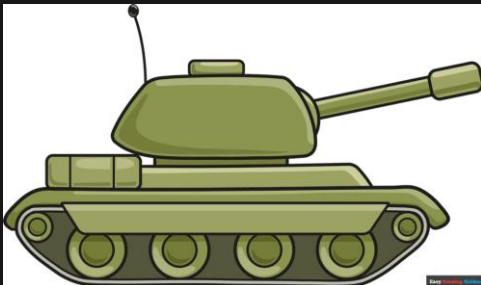


Other Variables This Year

- Property Tax Law
- Wars and rumors of...
- WNC Recovery Costs
- Grants
- Changes from Federal Administration (FEMA)
- Politics
- Tariffs



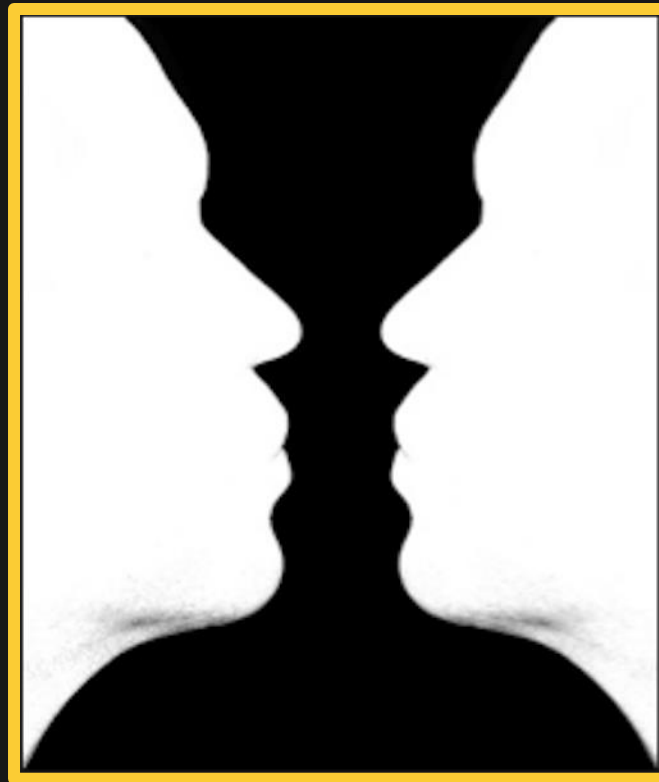
At some point in the process you just have to pull the trigger and go with the best data that you have at the moment. This year, that point was April 15th for me.



As of today, the State on NC has still not adopted a comprehensive budget for FY25-26. It was due on July 1, 2025. They are only 302 days late, and I predict that they will not adopt a FY25-26 budget.

Everyone does not see the same thing....

Faces



Vase

...even though they are looking at exactly what you are.
Budgets are not necessarily about right vs. wrong.
They are influenced by opinions and priorities. Ultimately,
the only thing that matters is what the majority of Council
agrees to for a budget.

Employee Pay and Benefits

Pay Plan

- Adjusted by 2.2%. Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) rate is based on US Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI) December Index, South Region data.
- Working well as incentive for staff to seek training opportunities

Health Insurance

- Currently insured with Blue Cross / Blue Shield and will remain with BCBS
- The Town pays 100% of the employee premium
- Plan will continue with a \$1,500 HRA component
- Budgeting for 10% increase (+\$71/mth) in premium compared to FY26

North Carolina Retirement System

- LGERS increases this year from 14.35% to 15.10% for non-law enforcement, and from 16.1% to 17.1% for law enforcement. No mandate to participate

North Carolina 401 K

- State mandate to provide 5% contribution for law enforcement personnel
- Town provides, non-mandated, equal contributions for all full-time staff

Cost of Living Data



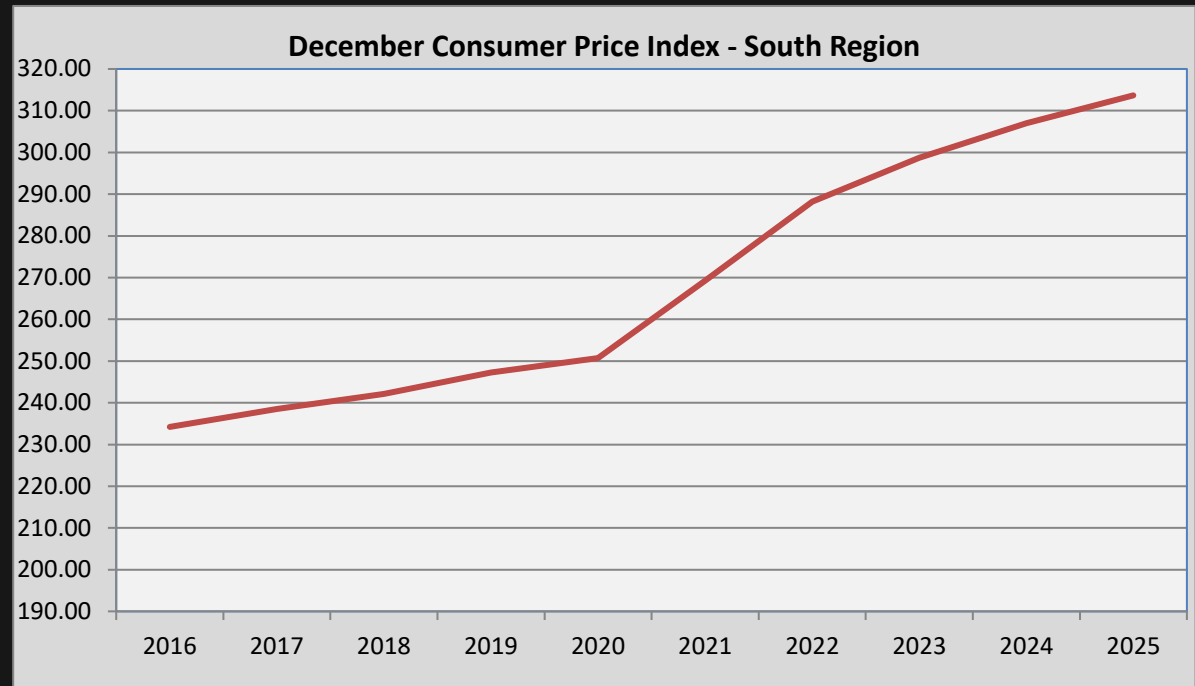
U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

Data extracted on: January 13, 2026

Year	Annual	Change
2006	194.80	2.5%
2007	203.46	4.4%
2008	203.50	0.0%
2009	209.48	2.9%
2010	212.49	1.4%
2011	219.47	3.3%
2012	223.11	1.7%
2013	227.08	1.8%
2014	228.45	0.6%
2015	229.58	0.5%
2016	234.20	2.0%
2017	238.51	1.8%
2018	242.15	1.5%
2019	247.29	2.1%
2020	250.69	1.4%
2021	269.26	7.4%
2022	288.20	7.0%
2023	298.75	3.7%
2024	307.00	2.8%
2025	313.68	2.2%

South Region
Not seasonally Adjusted
All Items

December Index



This budget contains a 2.2% COLA in the pay plan. The graph above shows the CPI changes over a 10-year period, with an average increase of 3.2% over that 10-year period (which includes COVID years). Last year it was 2.8%.

FY 26-27 Compensation Costs

Local Government Employees Retirement System

January 29, 2026

“Pension system contribution rates for local government employers will rise for FY26-27, in keeping with a policy intended to provide predictable budgeting year after year. The Local Government Employee’s Retirement System Board voted to approve the rates at its January 29 meeting.” This year’s approved rates come at levels set under Employer Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy (ECRSP) adopted in 2021.

NCLM, League Bulletin

Last month’s vote implements the last rate determined pursuant to the five-year policy. The League continues to advocate for changes that will lower the amounts that cities pay in pension costs. The positive news is that the rate of return for 2025 was 13%, which is double the assumed rate. The next five-year policy will likely be set in April.

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Non-LEO “Base Rate”</u>	<u>LEO “Base Rate”</u>
July 1, 2023	12.85%	14.10%
July 1, 2024	13.60%	15.10%
July 1, 2025	14.35%	16.10%
July 1, 2026	15.10%	17.10%

The dates and rates above represent the April 2021 amendment to the ECRSP. This is subject to change based on many factors including the performance of the State’s investment portfolio. They have previously stated that they need 6.5% annual growth to maintain this plan.

FY26-27 Salary, Benefits and Related Employment Costs for Employees

Earnings Column		26-27	LGERS ¹	401k	Life	Medical	TOTAL VALUE	FICA-ER	Workers'	GRAND
Includes a 2.2% COLA		Earnings		5%	Insurance	Insurance ²	of POSITION ³	7.65%	Comp ⁴	TOTAL ⁵
1	Town Manager	145,925	22,035	7,296	406	10,920	186,582	11,163	846	198,592
2	Finance Director	95,412	14,407	4,771	378	10,920	125,888	7,299	134	133,321
3	Finance Asst.	61,961	9,356	3,098	246	10,920	85,581	4,740	87	90,408
4	Clerk	59,544	8,991	2,977	238	10,920	82,670	4,555	83	87,308
5	Deputy Clerk	49,334	7,449	2,467	196	10,920	70,366	3,774	69	74,209
6	Zoning Asst	65,122	9,833	3,256	259	10,920	89,391	4,982	899	95,271
7	Police Chief	100,664	17,214	5,033	400	10,920	134,231	7,701	2,496	144,428
8	Police Lt.	80,883	13,831	4,044	321	10,920	109,999	6,188	2,006	118,193
9	Police Patrol I	49,786	8,513	2,489	198	10,920	71,907	3,809	1,235	76,950
10	Police Patrol I	50,284	8,599	2,514	200	10,920	72,516	3,847	1,247	77,610
11	Police Patrol III	61,850	10,576	3,093	246	10,920	86,685	4,732	1,534	92,950
12	Police Patrol I	49,786	8,513	2,489	198	10,920	71,907	3,809	1,235	76,950
13	Police Patrol I	48,805	8,346	2,440	194	10,920	70,705	3,734	1,210	75,649
14	⁶ Police P/T	34,824	0	0	0	0	34,824	2,664	864	38,352
15	PW Director	104,557	15,788	5,228	406	10,920	136,898	7,999	2,917	147,814
16	Water Op II	61,783	9,329	3,089	246	10,920	85,367	4,726	884	90,977
17	Water Op	56,600	8,547	2,830	226	10,920	79,122	4,330	809	84,261
18	PW Tech III	53,268	8,044	2,663	212	10,920	75,107	4,075	1,486	80,668
19	PW Tech III	64,997	9,815	3,250	257	10,920	89,239	4,972	1,813	96,025
20	PW Tech II	43,348	6,546	2,167	172	10,920	63,153	3,316	1,209	67,679
21	PW Tech I	40,070	6,051	2,003	160	10,920	59,204	3,065	1,118	63,387
22	PW Tech I	40,070	6,051	2,003	160	10,920	59,204	3,065	1,118	63,387
23	⁶ Cleaning	17,982	0	0	0	0	17,982	1,376	450	19,807
24	⁶ Recreation-Yoga	1,750	0	0	0	0	1,750	134	30	1,914
Totals		1,438,605	217,833	69,202	5,318	229,320	1,960,279	110,053	25,779	2,096,111

1: LGERS increases this year from 14.35% to 15.10% for non-law enforcement, and from 16.1% to 17.1% for law enforcement.

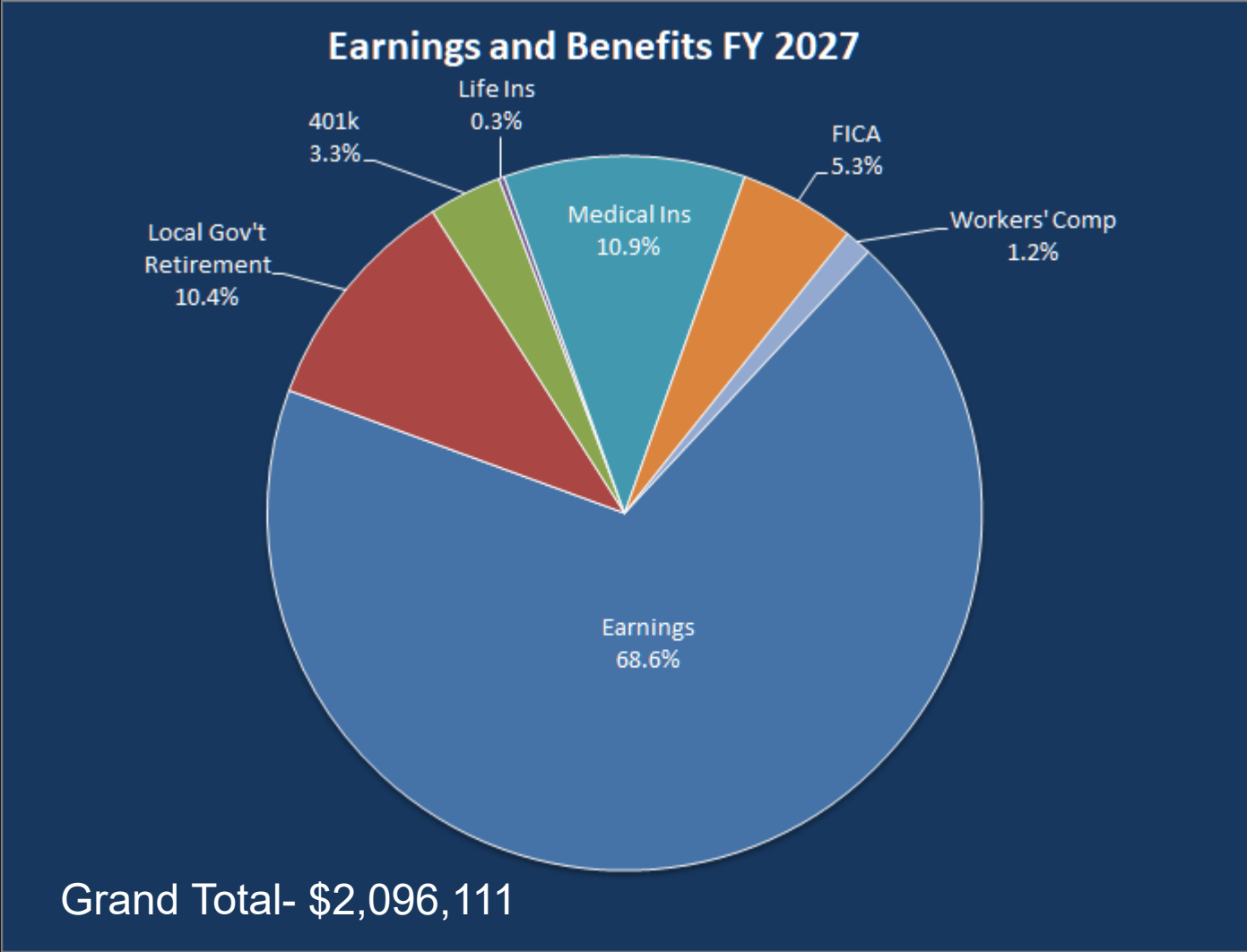
2: This amount reflects a 8.57% increase in costs 3: Total economic value of the position to the employee.

4: No change in workers'comp insurance. 5: Total expense to the town for the employee.

6: Part-time positions, (for police 1.5 positions-1499 total hours with neither to exceed 999 hrs.)

7: Includes stand-by pay for Public Works employees. Note: Chart reflects fully budgeted salaries, which may be more than actual pay due to time of COLA and longevity implementation throughout the fiscal year for specific employees.

FY 26-27 Compensation Costs

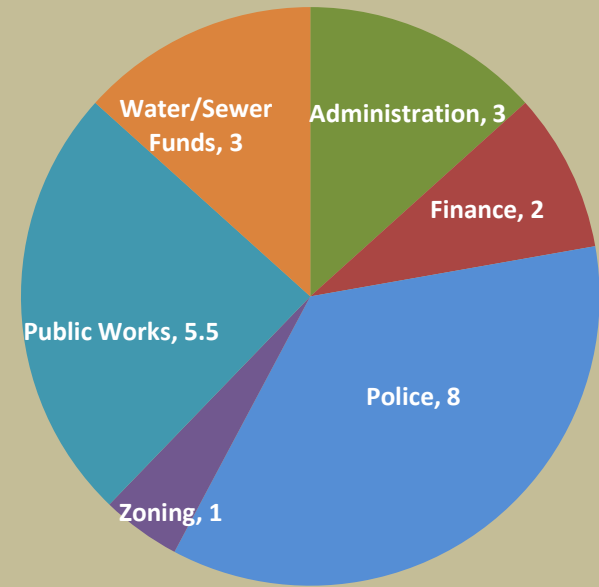


Change in Grand Total budgeted for all positions from FY 26 to FY 27 is +\$133,384 or +6.8%.

Staffing Trends and Projection

We now fund 21 full-time and 3 part-time positions, which is equivalent to 22.5 full-time positions.

We also have multiple part-time class instructors, who are paid through class fees. Those positions are not included in this chart.



Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) - All Funds

Fiscal Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Administration	3	3	3	3	3	3
Finance	2	2.5	2.5	2	2	2
Police	6.75	8	8	8	8	8
Zoning	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Works	3.5	4	4	5.5	5.5	5.5
Water/Sewer Funds	3	3	3	3	3	3
TOTAL FTE	19.25	21.5	21.5	22.5	22.5	22.5

including temporary part-time positions

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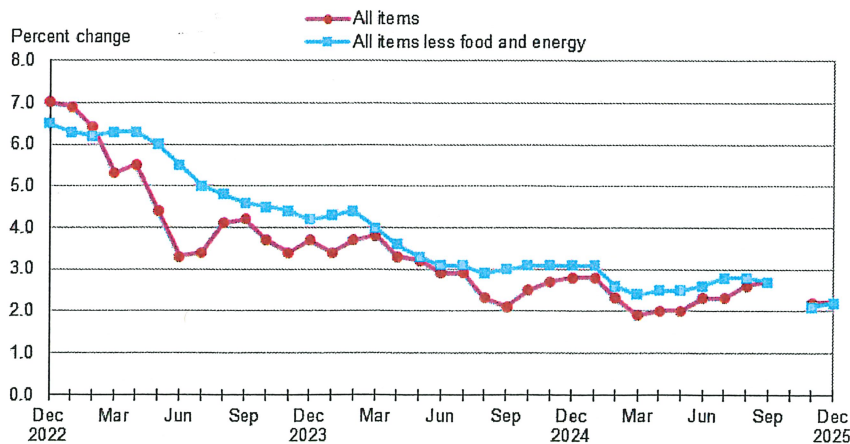
Consumer Price Index, South Region — December 2025

Regional prices unchanged in December, up 2.2 percent over the year

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the South region was unchanged in December, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported today. The index for food rose 0.6 percent over the month. The index for all items less food and energy was little changed in December, up 0.1 percent. In contrast, the energy index fell 1.8 percent in December. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The South all items CPI-U rose 2.2 percent for the 12 months ending December, as it did for the 12 months ending November. The index for all items less food and energy rose 2.2 percent over the last 12 months. The food index increased 3.0 percent for the 12 months ending December. The energy index rose 0.7 percent over the last year.

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, South region, December 2022–December 2025



Note: The October 2025 data values are not available due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

[View Chart Data](#)

The index for food rose 0.6 percent in December. The index for food at home (grocery store purchases) rose 0.7 percent over the month. All six major grocery store food group indexes increased in December, including other food at home (+1.3 percent) and meats, poultry, fish, and eggs (+0.8 percent). The index for food away from home (restaurant, cafeteria, and vending purchases) increased 0.6 percent in December.

The food index increased 3.0 percent over the last 12 months. The food away from home index rose 3.9 percent over the past year. The food at home index increased 2.4 percent for the 12 months ending December, as prices increased in four of the six major grocery store food groups.

Energy

The energy index fell 1.8 percent in December. The gasoline index declined 4.6 percent over the month. The index for natural gas increased 3.2 percent in December and the electricity index rose 0.4 percent.

The energy index increased 0.7 percent over the past 12 months. The electricity index rose 5.5 percent over this 12-month span and the index for natural gas advanced 10.5 percent. In contrast, the index for gasoline declined 5.2 percent over the last 12 months.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in December. The shelter index increased 0.4 percent over the month. The index for owners' equivalent rent rose 0.3 percent in December, as did the index for rent. The index for recreation (+1.2 percent) was among the indexes with a notable increase in December. Among the indexes to decline in December include education and communication (-1.2 percent), used cars and trucks (-1.8 percent), and household furnishings and operations (-0.7 percent).

The index for all items less food and energy rose 2.2 percent over the past 12 months. The shelter index increased 2.8 percent over the last year. The index for owners' equivalent rent rose 3.0 percent over this 12-month period and the rent index increased 2.1 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for January 2026 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

Technical Note

The [Consumer Price Index](#) (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Consumer Price Index for the **South** region is published monthly. The set of components and sub-aggregates published for regional and metropolitan indexes is more limited than at the U.S. city average level; these indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program.

The **South region** is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Refer to the national [CPI news release technical note](#) or the [Handbook of Methods](#) for more information.

Information in this release will be made available to individuals with sensory impairments upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Telecommunications Relay Service: 7-1-1.

Table 1. South region CPI-U by expenditure category for December 2025, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Indexes				Percent change from:		
	Historical data	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025	Dec. 2024	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025
All items	NA	-	313.597	313.675	2.2	-	0.0
All items (December 1977 = 100)	NA	-	508.697	508.824	-	-	-
Food and beverages	NA	-	333.789	335.808	3.0	-	0.6
Food	NA	-	337.856	340.017	3.0	-	0.6
Food at home	NA	-	312.134	314.286	2.4	-	0.7
Cereals and bakery products	NA	-	366.649	368.013	0.7	-	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	NA	-	343.615	346.275	5.1	-	0.8
Dairy and related products	NA	-	270.847	271.234	-0.5	-	0.1
Fruits and vegetables	NA	-	331.732	332.261	-0.7	-	0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	NA	-	228.883	230.206	5.7	-	0.6
Other food at home	NA	-	276.556	280.123	2.6	-	1.3
Food away from home	NA	-	381.488	383.662	3.9	-	0.6
Alcoholic beverages	NA	-	277.257	277.282	3.0	-	0.0
Housing	NA	-	326.902	327.911	3.3	-	0.3
Shelter	NA	-	382.299	383.736	2.8	-	0.4
Rent of primary residence	NA	-	405.003	406.324	2.1	-	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences(1)	NA	-	387.136	388.201	3.0	-	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence(1)	NA	-	387.048	388.098	3.0	-	0.3
Fuels and utilities	NA	-	318.530	321.009	5.7	-	0.8
Household energy	NA	-	258.491	260.673	6.1	-	0.8
Energy services	NA	-	258.914	261.123	6.2	-	0.9

Footnotes

- (1) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- (2) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- (3) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
- (4) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
- (5) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

- Data not available.

Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Note: The October 2025 data values are not available due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations.

Our Current Allocation Table

POSITION	Water %	Sewer %	Gen. Fund %
Town Manager	20	20	60
Finance Director	25	25	50
Finance Assistant*	32.5	32.5	35
Town Clerk	5	5	90
Deputy Town Clerk	5	5	90
Assistant Zoning Administrator	20	20	60
Police Chief	0.5	0.5	99
Police Lieutenant	0.5	0.5	99
Police Patrol Officer (5 positions)	0.5	0.5	99
Public Works Director *	30	40	30
Water Operator *	40	45	15
Water Operator *	40	45	15
Public Works (5 positions)	10	10	80
Custodian (part-time)			100

*These four positions are primarily within the water/sewer department, so the General Fund pays the allocated portion of the cost of these employees to the Enterprise Funds.

Other positions that are allocated between the Funds are primarily General Fund positions, so the Enterprise Funds pays the allocated portion of the cost of these employees to the General Fund.

- This table reflects the approximate percentage of work being done by employees in multiple funds.
- Being a small town, we have multiple employees in multiple funds.
- We propose no changes this year.
- This table does not include temporary, part-time employees.

Capital Improvement Plan

The River Bend CIP achieves five major objectives as a component of the Town's budget and financial planning process:

1. Helps the Town rationally and intelligently plan for the repair, replacement, and acquisition of capital items that are necessary in providing high quality services to the citizens of River Bend.
2. Assists in fiscal planning by forecasting capital demands together with future revenues and expenditures.
3. Ensures better coordination, evaluation, and planning of projects to serve the community and its needs.
4. Serves together with the annual budget and other financial plans as a guide to decision-making for the Town Council, Town Manager, and staff.
5. Serves as a systematic and comprehensive analysis of capital needs, increasing the probability of making rational budgetary judgments since improvements are identified, prioritized, and matched to the projected fiscal resources of the Town.

Capital Improvement Plan FY27- FY31

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN										
GENERAL FUND										
Beginning in FY25-26 the standard annual funding increase is 5%, but subject to change										
	Fiscal Year Funding Began	FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31	Estimated Balance	TOTAL FUNDING
Adopted Capital Funding									6-30-26	FYE 27-31
<i>Public Bld. & Grounds:</i>										
Facilities Repair/Maintenance	10-11	5,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000	39,000	65,000
<i>Public Works:</i>										
Streets			0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	250,000
Backhoe	25-26		0	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000	0	65,000
Stormwater Maintenance	05-06	32,000	30,000	32,000	34,000	36,000	38,000	40,000	52,855	180,000
<i>Environmental - Waterways</i>										
Canal Maintenance (Dredging)	03-04	4,757	4,344	4,600	4,800	5,000	5,300	5,600	19,101	25,300
<i>Information Technology</i>										
Hardware replacement	10-11	8,000	5,000	5,300	5,600	5,900	6,200	6,500	5,846	29,500
<i>Parks, Recreation & CAC</i>										
Playground/Park Equipment	25-26		40,000	48,000	44,000	46,000	48,300	50,700	40,000	237,000
<i>Vehicles (ref. veh repl schedule):</i>										
Public Works and Police	04-05	37,000	62,000	63,000	65,000	66,000	59,000	63,000	508	316,000
TOTAL		86,757	151,344	224,900	227,400	234,900	234,800	245,800	157,310	1,167,800
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN										
GENERAL FUND										
										TOTAL
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	Beg. Balance	187,962	302,009	401,555	456,956	607,665	353,288	505,582		SPENDING
Adopted Capital Spending		FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31		FYE 27-31
<i>Public Bld. & Grounds:</i>										
Facilities Repair/Maintenance			0	0	0	35,000	0			35,000
<i>Public Works:</i>										
Streets						150,000				150,000
Backhoe										0
Stormwater Maintenance		0	32,000	34,000	36,000	38,000	40,000	42,000		190,000
<i>Environmental - Waterways</i>										
Canal Maintenance & Dredging										0
Front Pond/Ritter Field Clean-out										0
<i>Information Technology:</i>										
Hardware replacement		5,650	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,600	4,600		22,700
<i>Parks, Rec. & CAC</i>										
Playground/Park Equipment			0	88,000	0	172,000	0	0		260,000
<i>Vehicles (ref. veh repl schedule):</i>										
Public Works		0	46,000	0	0	39,000	0	0		39,000
Police		37,000	48,000	50,000	51,000	53,000	54,000	56,000		264,000
TOTAL		42,650	130,500	176,500	91,500	491,500	98,600	102,600		960,700
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	Interest Earned:	5,353	5,145	4,501	7,309	2,323	5,094	8,060		27,287
	Ending Balance:	150,665	176,655	229,556	372,765	118,488	259,782	411,041		234,387

Capital Improvement Plan- Funding Side

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN										
GENERAL FUND										
Beginning in FY25-26 the standard annual funding increase is 5%, but subject to change										
Adopted Capital Funding	Fiscal Year Funding Began	FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31	Estimated Balance	TOTAL FUNDING
<i>Public Bld. & Grounds:</i>										
									6-30-26	FYE 27-31
Facilities Repair/Maintenance	10-11	5,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000	39,000	65,000
<i>Public Works:</i>										
Streets			0 →	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	250,000
Backhoe	25-26		0 →	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000	0	65,000
Stormwater Maintenance	05-06	32,000	30,000	32,000	34,000	36,000	38,000	40,000	52,855	180,000
<i>Environmental - Waterways</i>										
Canal Maintenance (Dredging)	03-04	4,757	4,344	4,600	4,800	5,000	5,300	5,600	19,101	25,300
<i>Information Technology</i>										
Hardware replacement	10-11	8,000	5,000	5,300	5,600	5,900	6,200	6,500	5,846	29,500
<i>Parks, Recreation & CAC</i>										
Playground/Park Equipment	25-26		40,000	48,000	44,000	46,000	48,300	50,700	40,000	237,000
<i>Vehicles (ref. veh repl schedule):</i>										
Public Works and Police	04-05	37,000	62,000	63,000	65,000	66,000	59,000	63,000	508	316,000
TOTAL		86,757	151,344	224,900	227,400	234,900	234,800	245,800	157,310	1,167,800

= first year of funding for this line

PLAN is the most important word here. Things don't always go as planned and they are subject to change from year-to-year due to many variables. Nothing about this plan is written in stone.

Capital Improvement Plan- Spending Side

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN										
GENERAL FUND										TOTAL
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	Beg. Balance	187,962	302,009	401,555	456,956	607,665	353,288	505,582		SPENDING
Adopted Capital Spending		FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31		FYE 27-31
<i>Public Bld. & Grounds:</i>										
Facilities Repair/Maintenance			0	0	0	35,000	0			35,000
<i>Public Works:</i>										
Streets						150,000				150,000
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Public Works		0	46,000	0	0	39,000	0	0		39,000
Police		37,000	48,000	50,000	51,000	53,000	54,000	56,000		264,000
TOTAL		42,650	130,500	176,500	91,500	491,500	98,600	102,600		960,700
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		Ending Balance:	150,665	176,655	229,556	372,765	118,488	259,782	411,041	234,387

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Capital Improvement Plan – General Fund

Proposed Capital Funding	224,900
Proposed Capital Spending this year	176,500
Addition to Capital Reserves Balance	48,400
Estimated Capital Reserve Fund Balance	229,556

As shown on the previous slides, for FY27 we are providing funding for future capital projects in the amount of \$224,900. We are proposing to spend \$176,500 in capital projects during FY27. Thus, creating an addition to our capital reserves in the amount of \$48,400 for future projects. The capital reserve balance in FY27 is projected to increase by \$52,901 compared to FY 26, with an estimated balance of \$229,556 at the end of FY 27. I use the word “estimated” because some spending is based on estimated costs and interest income earned fluctuates. At the end of each fiscal year, we update each area within the CIP based on actual figures.

Vehicle Replacement Plan – Changed to 7-year plan

Vehicle Replacement Plan				Actual Costs			Forecasted Cost							
General Fund				2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
Reserved				27,000	37,000	62,000	63,000	65,000	67,000	59,000	63,000	67,000	71,000	75,000
Police Vehicles														
	Life Cycle	Current Veh	VIN											
Veh #7	7 years	2025 Ford	6012			46,047							60,000	
Veh #1	7 years	2019 Dodge	5352				50,000							61,000
Veh #2	7 years	2020 Ford	9419					51,000						
Veh #3	7 years	2020 Ford	9420						53,000					
Veh #4	7 years	2022 Ford	2348							54,000				
Veh #5	7 years	2025 Ford	6126		47,047						56,000			
Veh #6	7 years	2025 Ford	8010		47,047							58,000		
Veh #8	N/A	spare												
Total Cost Police Vehicles				-	94,094	46,047	50,000	51,000	53,000	54,000	56,000	58,000	60,000	61,000
Public Works Vehicles														
Veh #1	12 years	2016 F-150	3167						39,000					
Veh #2	12 years	2026 F-250	0167			49,475								
Total Cost Public Works Vehicles				-	-	49,475	-	-	39,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expended				0	94,094	95,522	50,000	51,000	92,000	54,000	56,000	58,000	60,000	61,000
Balance (as calculated at end of FY after spending/reserves/interests are known)				72,508	32,508	-1,014	11,986	25,986	986	5,986	12,986	21,986	32,986	46,986

This chart only shows the actual CIP funding amounts and for previous years, the actual purchase price, but does not include interest earned. Uses FY26 quotes for a Ford Police Interceptor, F150 and F250 4x4 as the base prices. Prices do not include any upfit cost for vehicles. Purchase price (3%) and reserved amount (6%) inflated each year then rounded to the nearest 1000th. No vehicles purchased in FY24 due to no inventory from dealer due to COVID. 2 police vehicles were purchased in FY25 to catch up. In FY26, police vehicles changed from 6-year to 7-year replacement schedule and reserve amount temporarily increased until FY29 to catch up. This is a proposed replacement plan. The actual vehicle that is replaced is subject to change based on vehicle conditions at that time.

- ✓ Plan schedules the future replacement of all vehicles in the General Fund fleet.
- ✓ Plan projected to remain solvent through FY33-34, but will need annual review of assumptions.
- ✓ Plan assumes some residual re-sale value in the used vehicle rather than using a “run to fail” approach with little to no residual value. This plan includes retaining vehicle scheduled for replacement as a spare in the PD.

Information Technology System

Hosted Desktop Service:

No on-site servers

“Thin Client” workstations – owned by VC3

Pay fixed monthly cost for each workstation

Disaster recovery and 24/7 support included

Users can access their “desktop” from any internet connected device – quicker and more efficient disaster recovery. Will allow users to work from home.

E-mail archive system included

Software (other than Edmunds) licenses and upgrades included

“Green” advantages – no servers running 24/7

Information Technology System

VC3 IT Services FY26-27			
Annual Virtual Office Charges*			
			74,593
Smartnet license/SonicWall renewal			
			600
3% increase annually per contract*			
			75,193
PRN Services:			
Engineering 20 hrs/year @	225.00		4,500
Travel time - 3.5 x \$120/hr	420.00		840
			5,340
Website Implementation & Maintenance*			
			8,950
General	40%		35,793
Water	30%		26,845
Sewer	30%		26,845
			\$ 89,483

Other IT Services - 381		
	Annual	Monthly
Verizon - router	480.00	40
MetroNet - internet	2,760.00	230
Optimum - cable	1,488.00	124
Acrobat Pro	600.00	
Annual	5,328.00	
	2,131.20	G
	1,598.40	W
	1,598.40	S
	5,328.00	

Cost Allocation:

Hardware – “Charged” to the area to which it is deployed.

Monthly virtual office charges, on-going support, and incidentals such as DSL back-up fees, and web site hosting are shared according to the recommended allocation. (40% general fund, 30% water, 30% sewer). Total budgeted amount for both blocks above= \$94,811

Risk Management

- Budgeting for a 10% increase in property/liability rates – per communication with our agent on 4/1/2026. Premiums estimated to rise to a total cost of \$111,000. This cost is shared between the three funds (General / Water / Sewer). It includes flood insurance coverage for two buildings which were damaged during Hurricane Florence.
- We also budget for a \$1,500 deductible in each fund (3), for a total budget of \$115,500
- NCLM for Workers' Compensation
 - Budgeting a 0% increase in Workers' Compensation rates.
 - Cost of premium tied to salary.

Electricity Expense

Departments	FY 2026			FY 2027	
	Budget	Actual YTD (3/1/26)	Projected	Forecast*	Budget
Water Supply	14,000	7,766	11,650	11,766	14,000
Sewer Collection	11,500	7,142	10,713	10,820	11,500
Sewer Treatment	34,800	21,939	32,909	33,238	34,800
Public Buildings**	25,000	17,301	25,951	24,983	24,000
Parks	7,500	2,687	4,031	4,071	4,000
Street Lights	51,500	34,714	52,071	52,071	53,000
TOTAL	144,300	91,550	137,325	136,950	141,300
* Forecast includes a 0% rate increase, plus a 1% increase in demand in all accounts except street lights. Also includes reductions in some areas due to recent account modifications.					
** Includes \$2,800 for gas and \$6,600 for utilities at municipal building, town hall & PW building					

“Account Management let me know that there is no planned rate hike this year.”

-Per communications with District Manager, Lauren Wargo on March 20, 2026

Based on this communication, I have included no increases due to rate hikes. However, recent changes to a few of our accounts are expected to reduce costs around \$2,000 per year, which results in a slight reduction in our forecasted costs for FY27.

Short-Term Energy Outlook

April 2026

April 2026

Short-Term Energy Outlook

Overview

U.S. energy market indicators	2025	2026	2027
Brent crude oil spot price (dollars per barrel)	\$69	\$96	\$76
Retail gasoline price (dollars per gallon)	\$3.10	\$3.70	\$3.46
U.S. crude oil production (million barrels per day)	13.6	13.5	13.8
Natural gas price at Henry Hub (dollars per million British thermal units)	\$3.53	\$3.67	\$3.59
U.S. liquefied natural gas gross exports (billion cubic feet per day)	15	17	19
Shares of U.S. electricity generation			
Natural gas	40%	39%	40%
Coal	17%	16%	15%
Nuclear	18%	18%	18%

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), the statistical and analytical agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), prepared this report. By law, our data, analyses, and forecasts are independent of approval by any other officer or employee of the U.S. Government. The views in this report do not represent those of DOE or any other federal agencies.

Global Oil Markets

Global oil prices

Global oil markets are in a period of heightened volatility and uncertainty due to the de facto closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a [major world oil transit chokepoint](#) through which nearly 20% of global oil supply flows. The strait has been effectively closed to shipping traffic since military action began on February 28. The Brent crude oil spot price averaged \$103 per barrel (b) in March, \$32/b higher than the average in February, and daily Brent crude oil prices reached almost \$128/b on April 2. The closure of the strait has dramatically reduced the availability of oil supplies to global markets and has had cascading effects across oil supply chains.

Prior to the conflict, our assessment was the global oil market was oversupplied and global oil inventories were building quickly, which was reflected in steadily falling oil prices over the previous year. We expected this trend to continue over the next two years, as strong growth in production from both non-OPEC+ producers and increased production targets from OPEC+ countries outpaced growth in global oil demand. However, the conflict in Iran has quickly shifted market dynamics, as producers in the region have been forced to shut in significant volumes of oil production, leading to near-term tightness in the market.

Previously, we assumed there would be a one-month disruption to oil flows and a resulting shut-in of oil production of about 5.5 million b/d, peaking in March. We expected the well-supplied market at the onset of the conflict would keep oil prices from exceeding \$100/b on a monthly average basis if the conflict was resolved quickly. However, as the conflict and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz have persisted beyond our initial assumptions, we note that global oil inventories have drawn down sharply and shut-in oil production volumes have increased, raising our oil price forecast for the coming months. In addition, we expect that disruptions will continue through late 2026, putting upward pressure on prices over that period. Further, escalating attacks on energy infrastructure around the region and uncertainty about the ultimate duration of the conflict and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz lead us to assess that oil prices will reflect a larger risk premium throughout the forecast. Once flows through the Strait of Hormuz resume, we assume it will take time to resolve the backlog and disruption to oil tanker routes and trade flows and that the potential for future disruptions will remain at risk and create a premium in the oil price.

The good folks at the US Energy Information Administration are the experts in the energy field. The April, 2026 edition of the previously cited Short Term Energy Outlook is 60 pages long and packed full of data. I rely on it each year to help formulate my budget proposal relative to gasoline prices. In my unprofessional opinion, the pic below accurately summarizes what the STEO says about future gasoline prices. It certainly represents my position on the matter, especially this year.....



Gasoline Expense Budget

FY26-27	Retail Price / Gallon	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.50	\$3.75	\$4.00	\$4.25		
	Less Federal & State Taxes	0.588	0.588	0.588	0.588	0.588	0.588	0.588		
	Budget Price / Gallon	\$2.16	\$2.41	\$2.66	\$2.91	\$3.16	\$3.41	\$3.66		
									\$ Change vs. FY26	
		GALLONS	COST	COST	COST	COST	COST	COST	COST	
Police	7 Vehicles	6500	14,053	15,678	17,303	18,928	20,553	22,178	23,803	\$0
Public Works	2 Vehicles	1200	2,594	2,894	3,194	3,494	3,794	4,094	4,394	\$0
Water / Sewer	3 Vehicles	2500	5,405	6,030	6,655	7,280	7,905	8,530	9,155	\$0
	TOTAL	10200	\$ 22,052	\$ 24,602	\$ 27,152	\$ 29,702	\$ 32,252	\$ 34,802	\$ 37,352	\$0

This budget uses a price of \$3.50/gallon retail cost.

Per gallon price, multiplied by the total gallons estimated for each department as noted above, determines the total estimated budget for each department.

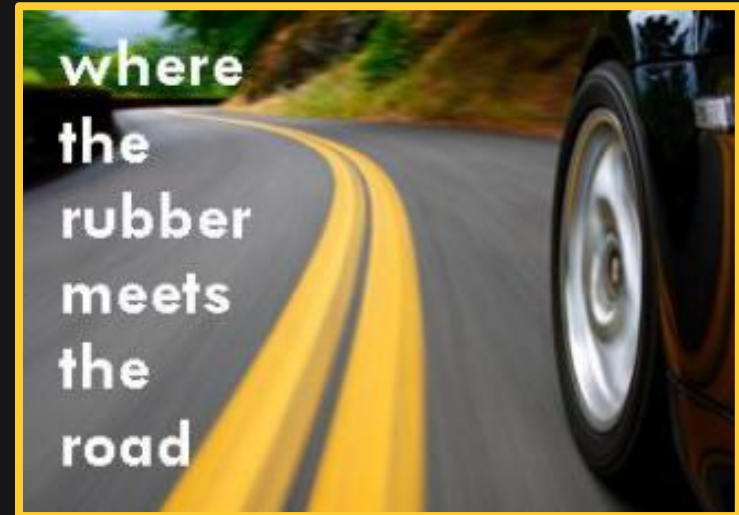
Last year, we used the price of \$3.50 /gallon for budgeting. As shown earlier, the price for calendar year 2026 is projected to be higher, and in 2027 it is projected to be lower than the price we have budgeted in FY27. But, as always..... who knows????

Due to volatility, this is the one of the most difficult components to predict. I typically round up on pricing to provide a little wiggle room.











General Fund Departments

The previous slides addressed variables that may impact many, but not all, departments. Now, on to the individual departments:

- **Governing Body**
- **Administration**
- **Finance**
- **Tax Listing**
- **Legal**
- **Elections**
- **Streets**
- **Stormwater**
- **Public Works**
- **Public Buildings**



For FY 26-27 my primary goals (in no certain order) were to:

- 1. Maintain property tax rate 
- 2. Avoid any fee increases in general fund 
- 3. Build fund balance and/or reduce dependency on it to balance budget 
- 4. Keep our COLA consistent with CPI 
- 5. Avoid any reduction of staff, employee benefits or services offered 
- 6. Fully fund Phase 2 of 5-year road maintenance plan 
- 7. Maintain conservative revenue estimates especially with regards to sales tax 
- 8. Continue funding for Council-initiated discretionary projects 
- 9. Keep town-funded capital projects to a minimum and use grant-funded projects in their place 
- 10. Construct 2 pickleball courts through CIP funding 

My proposed budget accomplishes 10 out of 10 of these goals

- There is uncertainty related to the national and world economy. The state economy is operating with no comprehensive budget.
- As of today, I am estimating a total property value of \$470,400,000 which is a \$6,814,097 increase over last year's final value.
- For FY27, I budgeted a 2.0% increase over projected sales tax revenue, except for 0% change in hold harmless tax. New budget also includes an 3% reduction in telecom tax and a 6% reduction in video programming tax.
- Includes a 1.5% increase in ad valorem tax revenues vs. current year budget, which generates \$19,399 in additional revenue.
- Little to no change in most other recurring revenues.
- 70% increase in fund balance appropriation, which equals \$144,120. Most of which is attributable to transfers to CIP for future capital projects.

What's Up ?

- COLA + 2.2%
- Medical + 10%
- LGERS + 1%
- IT + 3%
- Property Ins. + 10%
- Electric + 1%
- L&L + 28%
- CIP funding + 48%
- Tax Collection Fee + .05%

What's Down ?

- Legal -4.5%
- Council Discretionary -20%

What's New ?

- Funding for Pickleball Courts budgeted \$88,000 from CIP
- Funding for Library \$3,000
- Combined Animal Control Department with Public Works

This gives you an idea of some of the more significant items that are up, down or new.

General Fund Summary

(after the previously discussed variables are applied)

- Represents a 9% increase in spending over FY26 (+\$244,805)
- Maintains tax rate of 28¢ and vehicle fee of \$10
- Maintains all current programs and services
- Includes CIP funding of \$224,900 (+\$73,556 vs. in FY26)
- Contains no funding for LESA
- Provides 2.2% COLA for all employees, plus 1% longevity (standard)
- Provides \$229,300 for street paving program (-\$50 vs. FY26)
- Maintains conservative revenue estimates, as is my SOP
- Includes \$40,000 discretionary funding, \$50,000 for new vehicle, \$34,000 for stormwater projects, and more
- Includes \$350,000 appropriation from fund balance (+\$144,120 or +70% vs. FY26). Projects an unspent amount of \$159,005 from the fund balance appropriation (FBA) in FY26, which means that FBA for FY27 can be viewed as all unspent FBA in FY26, plus only \$190,995 of new FBA in FY27. Ideal budget includes \$0 FBA
- Projects a fund balance of 76.2% (which is \$1,686,591) at year end FY27. That is over a year away and a lot can change in that time.

User Guide For All Departmental Budgets

Year End Budgeted Amount

Amount Spent

Year End Budgeted Amount

Amount Spent

Fiscal Year

Legal Services		23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27	
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4150									
192	Professional Services - General	40,090	33,373	36,225	22,755	34,000	13,858	25,000	42,000
192	Prof Svcs. - FEMA Floodplain								
192	Prof Svcs - Lawsuits								
192	Prof Svcs. - Personnel Policy review								
	TOTAL	40,090	33,373	36,225	22,755	34,000	13,858	25,000	42,000
						44,000			8,000

Proposed Budget for Next Year

Current Year Budgeted Amount, including amendments

Original Budgeted Amount for Current Year

Difference between proposed budget and current budget. If the cell is red, it is an increase. If the cell is green, it is a decrease

Governing Body

Governing Body		23-24		24-25		25-26			26-27
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4110									
121	Wages & Salaries	18,300	17,883	19,500	18,375	19,500	9,750	19,500	19,500
170	Council & Spouse Expense	2,850	851	7,000	3,130	5,500	198	200	5,300
181	FICA	1,400	1,368	1,492	1,406	1,492	746	1,492	1,492
186	Workers' Compensation Ins.	68	63	68	48	42	38	38	42
171	Mayor's Representation	2,000	1,123	2,000	870	1,500	618	1,000	1,500
481	Indirect Cost- Labor	-9,884	-9,884	-10,530	-10,530	-10,517	-7,011	-10,517	-10,517
491	Dues & Subscriptions	8,616	11,576	8,470	14,215	8,683	6,686	8,454	7,183
499	Misc- Contributions	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	6,000
500	Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	2,000	321	2,000	2,000
550	Discretionary Projects	21,000	0	38,500	30,664	50,000	4,064	8,100	40,000
	TOTAL	47,350	25,980	69,500	61,178	81,200	18,409	33,267	72,500
						79,200			-8,700

121– Wages & Salaries – Mayor - annual salary \$4,500. Council Members - annual salary \$3,000 each.

170 – Board Member Expenditures –

NCLM Conference	2,000	Registration for 4 at \$500
	2,000	Lodging for 4 at \$500
Essentials of Municipal Government	0	
Other Travel and Subsistence	<u>1,300</u>	
	5,300	

550- Funding for Discretionary Projects 40,000

Governing Body

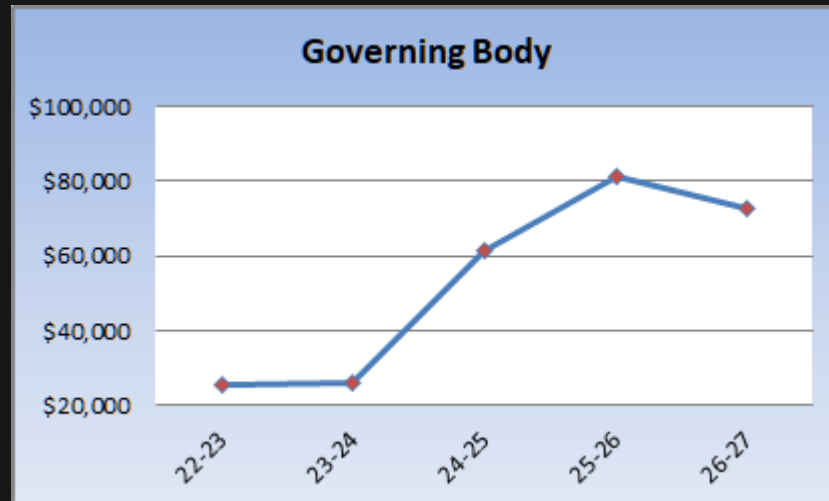
491– Dues & Subscriptions–

Eastern Carolina Council	400 (1,200 total G/W/S)
Metropolitan Planning Organization	1,534
NB Area Chamber of Commerce	335
NC Coastal Federation	60
NC League of Municipalities	4,300
UNC School of Government	<u>554</u>
	7,183

499– Misc. Contributions– Appropriation to Highway 17 Association	1,500
Appropriation to Allies for Cherry Point	1,500
Craven-Pamlico Regional Library	<u>3,000</u>
	6,000

6 Member Board:

- 1-Mayor
- 5-Council Members



Advisory Boards and other Town Supported Organizations

ADVISORY BOARDS	AKA	26-27 Funding	% of General Fund
Parks and Recreation	P&R	\$7,000	0.237%
Environment and Waterway	EWAB	\$3,000	0.102%
Planning Board	PB	0	0%
Community Appearance Commission	CAC	\$5,500	0.186%
ORGANIZATIONS			
Community Watch	CW	\$2,000	0.068%
Community Organic Garden	RBCOG	0	0%
	TOTAL	\$17,500	0.59%
1% of General Fund =		\$ 29,526	
1 cent of tax rate generates=		\$ 46,902	

The budgets for these groups appear in various departments throughout the General Fund. This chart shows how their budgets compare in size to the overall budget. Combined, their budgets represent about $\frac{6}{10}$ of 1% of the General Fund budget.



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MEMORANDUM

April 8, 2026

To: TAC Committee Members
 From: Abigail McClay, MPO Interim Administrator
 Subject: FY 2027 Local Match Requirements

At the March 26, 2026 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, the New Bern Area MPO TAC unanimously approved the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program, which acts as the budget document for the MPO.

The PL104 Federal Highway Planning grant request is for \$227,625 with a required 20% local match of \$45,225. The 5303 Federal Transit Planning grant request is for \$80,025 with a 10% required local match coming to a total of \$8,003. The combined total local match equals \$53,228 and is split based on percentage of county population as determined by the 2020 census.

Please use the following amounts when including the MPO’s local match in your jurisdictions FY 2027 annual budget:

Municipality	% of County (2020)	Cost Share
Bridgeton	0.35%	\$184
Dover	0.35%	\$184
Cove City	0.38%	\$200
Vanceboro	0.86%	\$459
River Bend	2.88%	\$1,534
Trent Woods	4.04%	\$2,153
Havelock	16.50%	\$8,784
New Bern	31.07%	\$16,536
Craven County	43.57%	\$23,193
Total	100.00%	\$53,228

Expansion does not impact the total funding allocated

Please contact me at 252-639-7593 or via email at mcclay.abigail@newbernnc.gov if you have questions or require additional information.



P.O. Box 1673 • New Bern, NC 28563

February 20, 2026

Mr. Delane Jackson
Manager
Town of River Bend
45 Shoreline Drive
River Bend, NC 28562

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Highway 17/64 Association greatly appreciates the support of the Town of River Bend over the years. Our mission continues to be to build US 17 from South Carolina to Virginia to the highest possible standard, and to build I-87 between Raleigh and Norfolk to interstate standards as soon as possible. We have accomplished many of our goals over our 20 years of advocacy but still have much to do. For fiscal year 2027 we respectfully ask River Bend to consider a contribution of \$1,500 so that we can continue our important work.

The unprecedented damage of Hurricane Helene caused both short and long-term fiscal problems for NCDOT. It is expected that NCDOT's cost of recovery, even after all federal reimbursements, will be in excess of \$1 billion. Plus, inflation in road construction has created a loss of purchasing power of about another \$1 billion. These shortfalls will have to be borne by the entire department, causing cash constraints on operations and potentially capital investment. It is incumbent on the Highway 17/64 Association to minimize impacts on projects in the US 17 and US 64 corridors and ongoing maintenance and upkeep in our eastern NC highway divisions.

The good news is that the Highway 17/64 Association has a seat at the table when policy and funding decisions are made at NCDOT and the General Assembly. At its most recent Board of Directors meeting, the Association heard remarks from both Transportation Secretary Daniel Johnson and Chairman of the Board of Transportation Tony Lathrop. These relationships, and those we have developed with our legislators, enable the Highway 17/64 Association to be heard and to get things done.

The Association will continue to focus on three important goals in the coming year:

- Keep all current projects on schedule and accelerate US 17 and US 64 projects on the STIP that had been delayed.
- Seek long-term, sustainable funding for NCDOT – especially rural transportation needs – through leadership in NC Go!
- Continue to work with RPOs and MPOs to evaluate and prioritize US 17 and US 64 projects.

Your continued support of the Highway 17/64 Association will enable us to achieve our mission and make eastern North Carolina safer and more prosperous. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Marc Finlayson
Executive Director

Thank you Delane!
Marc



March 13, 2026

Mr. Delane Jackson
Manager
Town of River Bend
45 Shoreline Drive
River Bend, NC 28562

Dear Mr. Jackson:

On behalf of Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) let me thank the Town of River Bend for its continuing financial commitment to our work in support of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point and Fleet Readiness Center (FRC) East. It is ACT's mission to educate the public about the importance of Cherry Point to our national defense and to our state and regional economic prosperity.

ACT is particularly excited to announce that STARBASE Cherry Point opens its doors in 2026. STARBASE Cherry Point will provide world-class Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education for the region's fifth graders. Our excellent STARBASE Cherry Point staff will bring students into classrooms aboard the air station and immerse them in hands-on STEM experiences. ACT is proud to be the official non-profit partner for STARBASE Cherry Point – the only STARBASE in the country aboard a Marine Corps installation.

ACT will continue to work with our partners to understand and influence federal and state policy and spending decisions on the future of MCAS Cherry Point and FRC East:

- Full deployment of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to Cherry Point, with the potential growth in number of aircraft assigned to each squadron and the total number of squadrons;
- Military Construction (MILCON) investment at the air station and FRC that enhance our missions, especially in light of budget uncertainties and changing global priorities;
- Expansion of current missions such as Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and leveraging opportunities to take on new missions that project combat power for our nation;
- Encroachment on the installation and its training ranges, including wind energy policy at the federal and state level and the potential adjacent land ownership by unfriendly foreign businesses or individuals.

And as a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit, ACT can also focus on quality-of-life programs that benefit our active-duty Marines, their families, and our veterans, including our scholarship program with our three regional community colleges that will provide financial assistance for transitioning Marines. We respectfully ask the Town of River Bend to contribute to ACT in the amount of \$1,700 for FY 2027. Thanks again for your support of our important work.

Sincerely,

Will Lewis
President

Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow

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TOWN OF RIVER BEND



02/19/2026

Mayor Mark Bledsoe and River Bend Town Council Members
45 Shoreline Drive
River Bend, NC 28562

To the Honorable Mayor Bledsoe and River Bend Town Council Members:

On behalf of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library, I would like to ask for your support as we embark upon a new fiscal year. The New Bern-Craven County Public Library has served as a cornerstone in the lives of Craven County citizens for many years. From the days of Mrs. Elinor D. Hawkins Tele-a-Story Time to today's Book Techmobile, the library's free resources and community programs benefit all ages from toddlers to senior citizens. **Your** public library reaches all ages from the "littles" with our Books & Babies Lapsit Story Time to our seasoned patrons who love our trivia nights, puzzle competitions, book clubs and art events! High-speed internet access; up-to-date computers, hotspots and laptops; as well as books in print and electronic format are just a few of the resources available to support Craven County residents' growth both personally and professionally.

New Bern-Craven County Public Library also offers many services and resources that are not just book related: notary service, copying, faxing, and e-scanning are just a few of the local office center services offered. Your investment supports all of these endeavors from eBooks to free certified classes for professional and personal growth.

The New Bern-Craven County Public Library, a government entity and part of the Craven County infrastructure, depends on county and state funding for operational expenses. The amount of state funding granted annually is determined based on our local government's support – county and municipal. For this reason, we are asking you, along with the other towns in Craven County, to pledge a minimum of \$1.00 per resident annually to help fund library expenses. Any appropriation received from the Town of River Bend will be used for operational costs, including purchasing new books, providing creative programs for our community, and assisting the library in gaining State Aid funding. Your appropriation will also positively impact the library's pursuit of grant funds.

At the Library Board's direction, I am requesting that the Town of River Bend make an appropriation of the amount equal to last year's donation of \$2,902.00 to the New Bern-Craven County Library for fiscal year 2026-2027. It is our hope that you will consider the public library a priority and eagerly invest in this community jewel. If you should have any questions about the services or usage statistics for the New Bern-Craven County Library or would like me to speak at a town council meeting, please call me at 252-638-7812.

Thank you again for supporting *your* public library.

Best regards,



Julie W. Cox
CPRL Regional Director
julie.cox@mycprl.org

Administration

Administration		23-24		24-25		25-26			26-27
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4120									
121	Wages & Salaries	238,697	238,672	242,462	242,915	249,437	167,412	250,986	259,980
122	Overtime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
134	401(k) Retirement	11,942	11,934	11,627	12,146	12,072	8,321	12,499	12,740
181	FICA	18,582	18,566	17,789	18,897	18,745	13,070	19,616	19,860
182	Loc Govt Emp Retirement	30,735	30,669	33,706	33,036	36,806	23,880	35,873	39,912
183	Group Insurance (medical & life)	25,713	21,916	28,348	28,156	29,982	18,066	32,195	33,600
185	Unemployment Comp.	0	101	0	0	0	0	0	0
186	Workers' Compensation Ins.	1,367	1,521	1,509	1,123	1,017	904	904	999
189	Automobile Allowance	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	2,815	4,477	4,800
310	Travel & Subsistence	2,500	956	2,400	703	2,300	639	1,100	2,550
395	Training	2,250	1,070	2,150	2,005	2,150	740	1,350	2,300
399	Contracted Services	346	509	492	657	492	319	511	500
498	PEG Channel Support	28,170	25,765	26,000	25,935	26,000	12,539	25,119	26,000
260	Office Supplies	4,500	3,431	4,195	4,580	4,195	1,558	2,500	4,192
320	Telephone & Postage	2,500	2,062	2,500	2,429	2,875	1,737	2,700	2,723
370	Advertising	1,000	0	800	0	700	3,300	3,300	700
391	Legal Advertising	1,000	738	800	534	700	124	300	700
340	Printing	300	0	300	0	300	0	0	300
352	Maint & Repair- Equip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
430	Equipment Rental	5,970	6,387	5,000	4,983	5,001	3,739	5,681	5,671
450	Property and Liability Insurance	29,370	29,985	34,484	35,371	40,326	40,761	40,761	46,337
491	Dues & Subscriptions	985	740	974	697	1,060	420	765	1,000
481	Indirect Cost- Labor	-78,625	-78,626	-87,236	-87,236	-90,991	-60,661	-90,991	-95,588
499	Miscellaneous	1,098	1,479	1,300	586	1,233	542	650	1,000
500	Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	725	425	725	725
	TOTAL	332,000	321,476	333,200	331,117	348,725	240,651	351,021	371,000
						348,000			22,275

Administration

310/395 – Travel/Training– Includes NCLM conference.

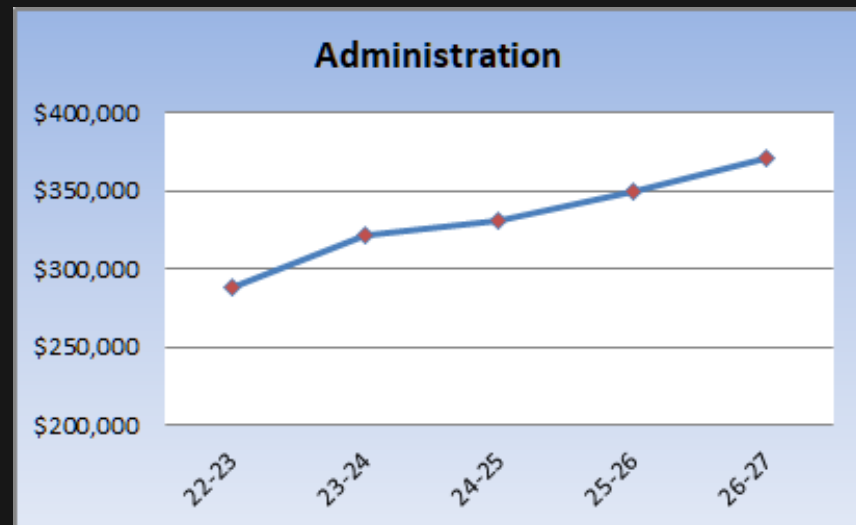
498 – PEG Support– This amount is simply a “pass-through” of state funds to our PEG provider, CTV-10.

450 – Property and Liability Insurance	General	Water	Sewer	Total
	\$46,337	\$28,925	\$40,224	\$115,486

Includes flood insurance and deductibles (\$1,000 property/\$500 auto in each fund)

3 Employees:

Manager
Town Clerk
Deputy Clerk



Finance

Finance		23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27	
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4130									
121	Wages & Salaries	84,735	84,774	87,599	90,105	91,510	61,160	92,215	97,320
134	401(k) Retirement	4,044	4,239	4,235	4,505	4,486	3,033	4,586	4,771
181	FICA	6,722	6,402	6,480	6,810	6,863	4,612	6,952	7,299
182	Loc Govt Emp Retirement	10,805	10,894	11,965	12,255	13,359	8,705	13,161	14,937
183	Group Insurance	8,628	8,414	9,492	8,171	10,046	5,916	10,887	11,298
185	Unemployment Comp.	0	-8	0	0	0	0	0	0
186	Workers' Compensation Ins.	199	204	208	107	126	110	110	134
310	Travel & Subsistence	628	0	1,257	0	1,200	178	178	1,200
395	Training	1,200	335	1,200	425	1,200	500	1,000	1,200
191	Professional Svcs- Auditing	8,000	7,667	8,000	6,667	8,000	6,667	6,667	8,667
382	Banking Services	1,014	1,005	1,014	1,129	1,118	813	1,213	1,170
393	Temporary Help Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
441	Edmunds Service & Maint.	4,712	4,733	4,969	4,956	5,191	5,204	5,204	5,450
482	Indirect Labor Cost	29,806	35,734	28,859	28,859	30,169	20,113	30,169	31,643
481	Labor Allocation	-64,584	-64,584	-58,312	-58,312	-62,055	-41,371	-62,055	-66,660
299	Supplies & Materials	2,064	538	6,150	2,935	9,690	4,532	9,690	5,500
381	Other IT Services	2,890	3,276	2,165	2,022	2,165	1,353	1,958	2,131
440	VC3 IT Service & Maint.	29,938	27,691	31,608	29,518	33,871	21,690	32,666	35,793
491	Dues & Subscriptions	300	210	300	260	300	350	350	350
499	Miscellaneous	3,080	2,570	2,983	3,004	3,451	3,105	3,105	3,098
500	Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	600	185	600	600
520	Capital Outlay- Equip	625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
760	Install. Purchase - Principal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
770	Install. Purchase - Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	134,806	134,093	150,172	143,417	161,290	106,855	158,657	165,900
						156,500			4,610

Finance

191 – Professional Service – For audit. Total \$26,000 is split equally with general, water and sewer includes \$6,000 for single audit if needed

382 – Banking Services – Fees split with water and sewer. Bank fees associated with maintaining our Operating Account including ACH files, deposits, checks processed, etc.

441 – Edmunds financial software support - Total = \$13,625. Split 40% General Fund, 30% Water, 30% Sewer.

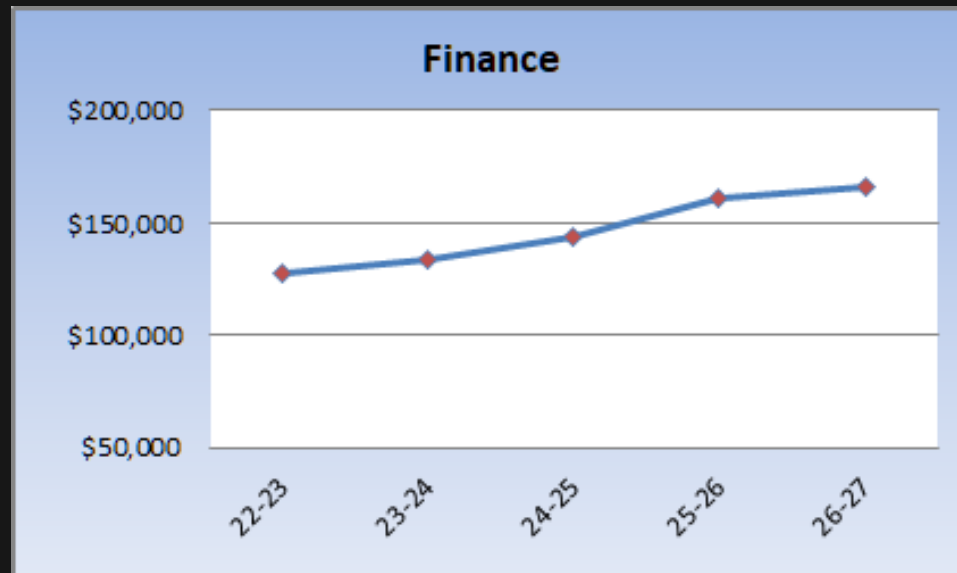
482 – Indirect Labor Cost – Pays 35% of our Finance Assistant compensation to Water/Sewer (per allocation).

440 – VC3 IT Service and Maintenance - Hosted Desktop Contract: \$75,193 + \$5,340 support (additional 20 hours service per year)+ \$8,950 web page= \$89,483 which is split 40% General, 30% Water, 30% Sewer.

Finance

491 – Dues & Subscriptions –

Government Finance Officer's Association	\$250
NC Government Finance Officer's Assn.	\$100



Employee:

Finance Director

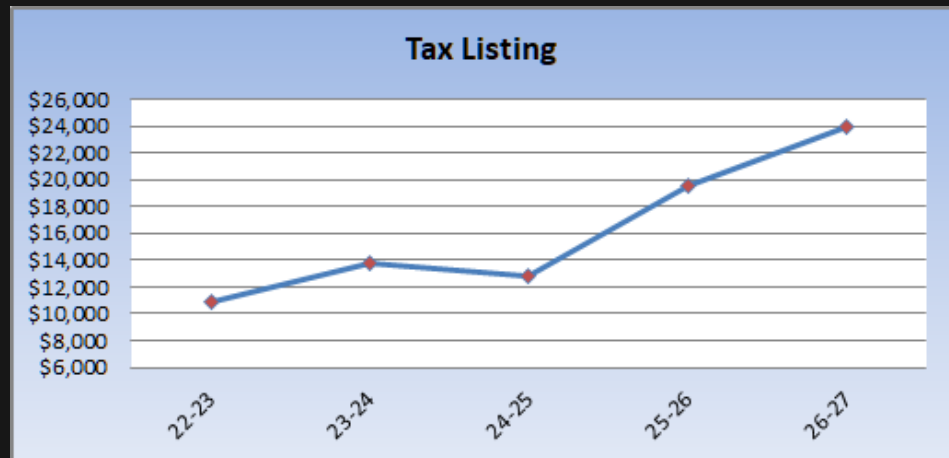
Tax Listing/Collection

Tax Listing		23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27	
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4140									
392	RE & Pers Prop Collection Fee	10,133	9,884	10,200	9,878	11,960	11,020	11,960	18,000
394	Motor Veh Collection Fee	3,967	3,872	4,500	2,953	7,540	1,993	7,540	6,000
TOTAL		14,100	13,756	14,700	12,830	19,500	13,013	19,500	24,000
						19,500			4,500

Craven Co. Tax Administrator's Estimate as of 1/16/26		Tax Base	Tax Rate	Total Levy	Collection Rate	FY26-27 Budgeted	Collection Cost
Real/Personal Property & Utility		\$ 419,400,000	0.28	\$ 1,174,320	99.67%	\$ 1,170,445	1.5%
NC Vehicle Tax System		51,000,000	0.28	142,800	100.00%	142,800	3.0%
Vehicle Fee (flat fee/per vehicle)	3,080		\$10.00	30,800	100.00%	30,800	4.5%
TOTAL		\$ 470,400,000				\$ 1,344,045	
1 cent =		\$ 46,902	(after collection rates are applied)				

No Employees

Provided by Craven County & NCVTS



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TOWN OF RIVER BEND



Craven County
Tax Administrator

January 16, 2026

Ms. Kristie J. Nobles, Clerk
Town of River Bend
45 Shoreline Drive
River Bend, NC 28562-8970

Re: 2026 Valuation Estimate for Town of River Bend

Kristie,

The following is an estimate only tax base for the Town of River Bend for 2026:

Real Property:	\$ 405,000,000
Personal Property:	\$ 8,700,000
Certified Valuation:	\$ 5,700,000
Registered Motor Vehicle:	\$ 51,000,000
Total	\$ 470,400,000 (Estimate Only)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

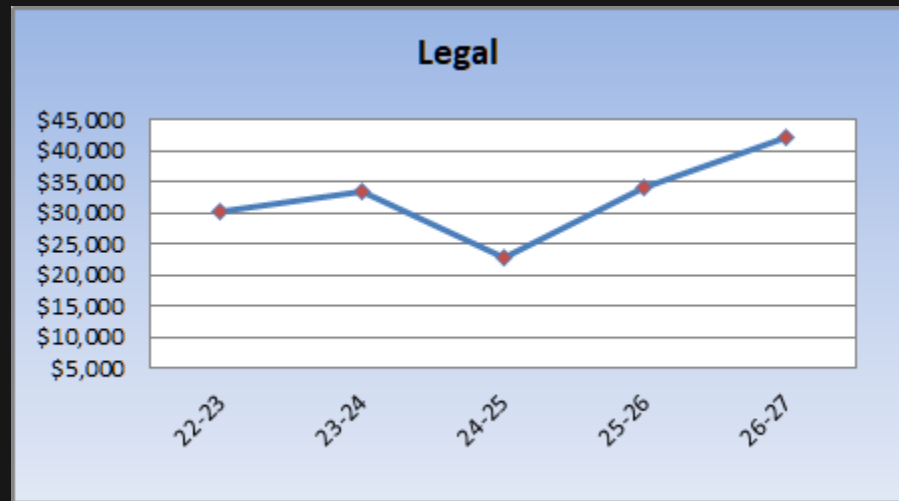
Ms. Leslie L. Young
Craven County Tax Administrator

Legal

Legal Services		23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27 Proposed Budget	
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26		Projected Year-End
4150									
192	Professional Services - General	40,090	33,373	36,225	22,755	34,000	13,858	25,000	42,000
192	Prof Svcs. - FEMA Floodplain								
192	Prof Svcs - Lawsuits								
192	Prof Svcs. - Personnel Policy review								
TOTAL		40,090	33,373	36,225	22,755	34,000	13,858	25,000	42,000
						44,000			8,000

192 – Professional Services– Current fee is \$275 per hour

No Employees



Elections

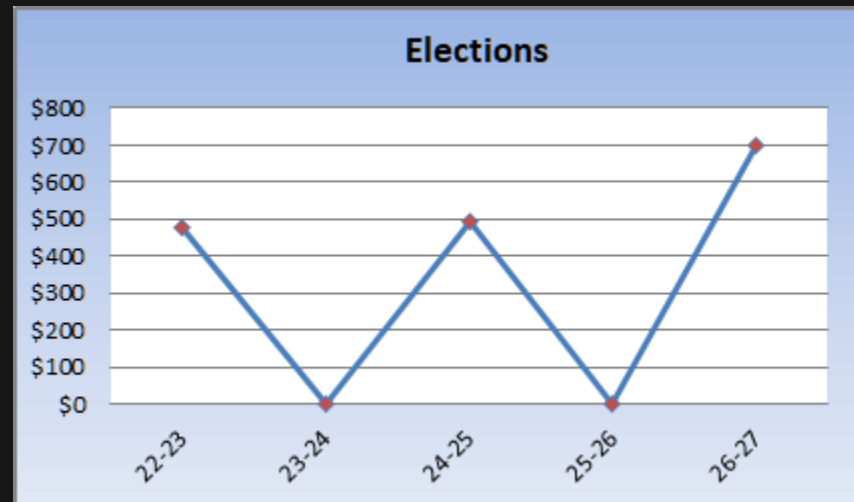
Elections		23-24		24-25		25-26			26-27
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4170									
299	Supplies and Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
399	Contracted services	0	0	600	491	0	0	0	700
TOTAL		0	0	600	491	0	0	0	700
						0			700

399 – Contracted Services— Cost of local election charged by Craven County. This is always an estimate based on County projections.

No Employees

This is an every-other-year expense.

Next election:
November, 2026 for seats currently held by: Benton, Sheffield & Weaver



Street Maintenance

Street Maintenance		23-24		24-25		25-26			26-27
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4510									
121	Wages & Salaries	32,130	32,041	51,985	42,273	55,075	34,946	54,296	60,238
122	Overtime	0	293	0	23	0	966	966	0
134	401(k) Retirement	1,535	1,531	1,652	2,090	2,758	1,767	2,763	3,022
181	FICA	2,600	2,454	2,814	3,216	4,220	2,697	4,228	4,624
182	Loc Govt Emp Retirement	4,096	3,935	4,661	5,684	8,208	5,070	7,930	9,454
183	Group Insurance	6,299	5,564	6,942	8,063	12,231	7,291	12,652	13,891
185	Unemployment Comp.	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
186	Workers' Compensation Ins.	1,955	1,742	2,115	1,028	1,778	1,597	1,597	1,688
193	Professional Services - Engineer	7,700	6,700	14,200	13,625	9,000	14,800	14,800	9,000
399	Contracted Services	1,288	1,500	6,300	8,195	1,300	28,435	28,435	1,000
299	Supplies & Materials	9,851	1,560	9,693	5,265	9,893	2,166	8,500	10,366
481	Indirect Cost- Labor	-10,154	-10,154	-12,856	-12,856	-16,813	-11,209	-16,813	-18,557
500	Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	675	77	675	675
550	Capital Outlay - Other Equip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
591	Capital Outlay - Rdwy/Pvmt	209,850	189,240	161,254	160,526	229,350	143,529	143,529	229,300
TOTAL		267,150	236,435	248,760	237,132	317,675	232,132	263,559	324,700
						317,000			7,025

Street Maintenance

121 (and other payroll related items) – 25% of Public Works employees wages and benefits.

193- Professional Services – Engineering Services for paving/other.

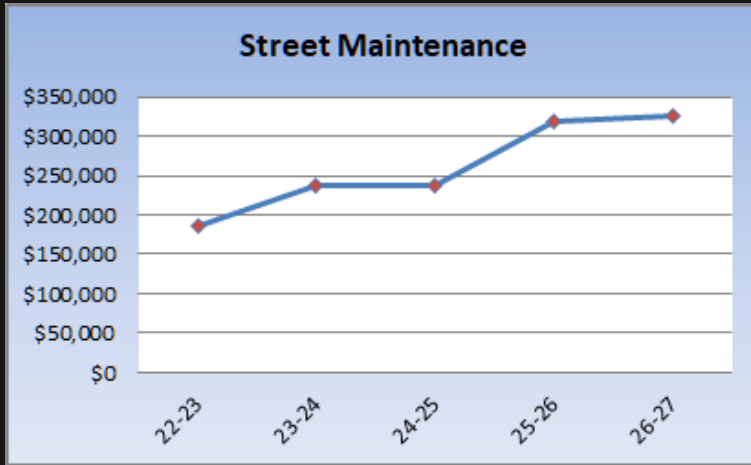
299- Supplies and Materials –

Cold Patch	2,100
Sealer	1,000
Signs	2,500
Gravel for shoulders	2,000
Other Supplies and Materials	<u>2,766</u>
	\$10,366

550- Capital Outlay- None

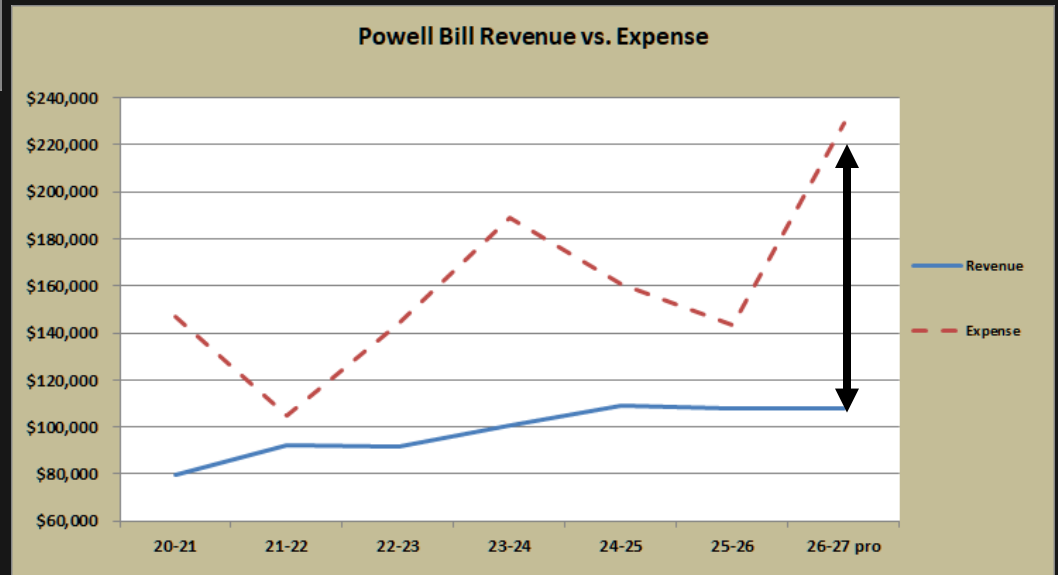
591- Paving	Lantern Lane	7,700
	Quarterdeck I & II	84,000
	Pier Pointe	105,100
	Bluff Court	12,800
	Painting/Reflectors	10,000
	Miscellaneous Patching	<u>9,700</u>
		\$229,300

Street Maintenance



Budgeted cost for paving/patching are based on estimates from the town's engineer. Actual costs will be determined when bids are received.

5 Employees: 25% allocation



The difference in street paving expense and our Powell Bill revenue is paid from other general fund revenue. In FY27, that difference is projected to be \$121,350. That means the state is funding about 47% of our paving costs and we are funding about 53% of it.



AVOLIS ENGINEERING, PA

P.O. Box 15564 · New Bern, North Carolina 28561 · 252.633.0068 · License No. C-0706

January 7, 2026

Mr. Delane Jackson
Town Manager
Town of River Bend
45 Shoreline Drive
River Bend, NC 28562

RE: 2026 Paving Program - Town of River Bend

Dear Delane:

Based upon my review of the roads in River Bend, I suggest the following for the 2026 Paving Program in priority order:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Patch and Pave Lantern Lane | \$ 7,700 |
| 2. Patch and Pave Quarterdeck Cluster I and II | \$ 84,000 |
| 3. Patch and Pave Pier Point | \$105,100 |
| 4. Patch and Pave Bluff Court | \$ <u>12,800</u> |

Paving Total \$209,600

Project Design & Bidding \$ 5,000

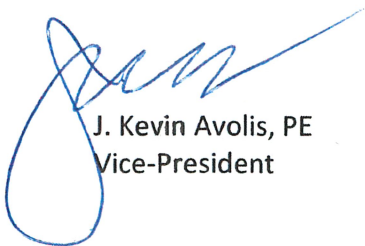
Project Management \$ 2,500

Project Total \$217,100

Each of the above items will be solicited as a Bid Item in order to determine pricing for each road segment.

Please advise me of the Town's thoughts.

Sincerely,



J. Kevin Avolis, PE
Vice-President

4.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The prioritized listing of roadway maintenance and repair needs provides the recommended sequence of repair and maintenance efforts as of July 2024. The following road segments were identified that are of original construction and have not received an overlay in the Town's Maintenance Program:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margo Court 	}	FY25 \$11,500	<i>Done</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norbury Drive (\$124,000) • Marina Road (\$32,100) • Wakefield Drive (\$41,750) • Pilot Place (\$11,500) 	}	FY26 \$209,350	<i>Done</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lantern Lane (\$7,700) • Quarterdeck Cluster I and II (\$84,000) • Pier Pointe (\$105,100) • Bluff Court (\$12,800) 	}	FY27 \$209,600	<i>This year</i>

These roadway segments should be programmed for resurfacing as funding becomes available.

Other roadway segments identified that will require maintenance and repair needs within the next 3 to 5 years include the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pirates Road - Shoreline Drive to Wakefield Drive 	}	FY28 \$267,000	<i>To-do</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline Drive - US Highway 17 to Plantation Drive South 	}	FY29 \$454,900	<i>To-do</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plantation Drive - Gull Pointe to Shoreline Drive South 	}	FY30 \$230,325	<i>To-do</i>

Stormwater Management

Stormwater Management		23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27	
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4730									
121	Wages & Salaries	19,258	19,224	31,191	25,364	33,045	20,968	32,668	36,143
122	Overtime	0	176	0	14	0	4	4	0
134	401(k) Retirement	921	919	991	1,254	1,655	1,030	1,634	1,813
181	FICA	1,560	1,473	1,688	1,930	2,532	1,575	2,499	2,774
182	Loc Govt Emp Retirement	2,457	2,361	2,796	3,410	4,925	2,955	4,688	5,672
183	Group Insurance	3,779	3,338	4,165	4,838	7,338	4,375	7,591	8,334
185	Unemployment Comp.	6	18	8	0	7	0	0	7
186	Workers' Compensation Ins.	1,172	1,045	1,268	617	1,066	958	958	1,012
193	Professional Services - Engineer	0	0	1,000	3,350	1,000	3,950	3,950	1,000
399	Contracted Services	10,000	300	10,000	12,550	10,000	0	10,000	10,000
299	Supplies & Materials	3,279	709	3,563	1,395	3,520	22	1,500	3,579
430	Equipment Rental	1,000	0	1,000	1,886	1,000	0	500	1,000
481	Indirect Cost- Labor	-6,092	-6,092	-7,714	-7,714	-10,088	-6,725	-10,088	-11,134
500	Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	300	2	300	300
590	Capital Outlay - Other Structures	9,000	15,651	0	0	32,000	0	32,000	34,000
TOTAL		46,340	39,122	49,956	48,892	88,300	29,112	88,205	94,500
						88,000			6,200

121 (and other payroll related items) – 15% of Public Works employees wages and benefits.

193 – Professional Services– Engineering design for projects

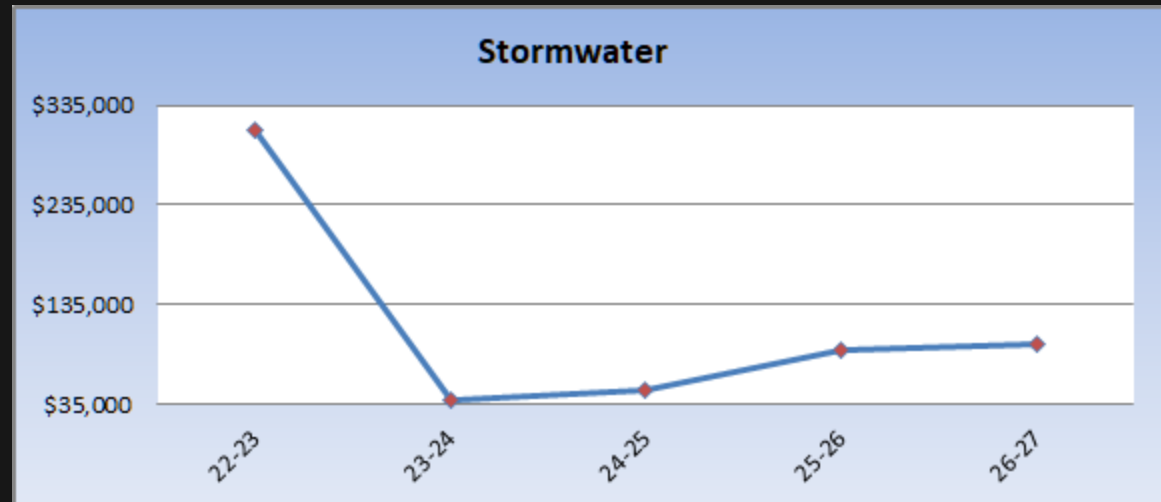
Stormwater Management

399 – Contracted Services– \$10,000 as needed for small projects.

299 – Supplies and Materials – Pipe, gravel, and other materials

590 – Capital Outlay – \$34,000 for bulkhead replacement as needed

5 Employees: 15% allocation



Public Works

Public Works		23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27	
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4560									
121	Wages & Salaries	44,691	44,857	72,779	59,182	77,105	48,925	75,925	108,429
122	Overtime	500	732	500	32	500	196	250	500
134	401(k) Retirement	2,174	2,160	2,338	2,926	3,887	2,412	3,809	5,464
181	FICA	3,678	3,461	3,978	4,502	5,946	3,688	5,827	8,361
182	Loc Govt Emp Retirement	5,798	5,550	6,593	7,957	11,563	6,921	10,931	17,093
183	Group Insurance	8,818	7,789	9,719	11,287	17,123	10,207	17,713	25,003
185	Unemployment Comp.	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
186	Workers' Compensation Ins.	2,735	2,439	2,960	1,439	2,487	2,236	2,236	3,035
310	Travel & Subsistence	500	18	500	0	500	0	200	500
395	Training	500	621	500	320	750	243	750	750
399	Contracted Services	5,738	2,437	4,909	1,068	5,000	1,518	3,000	3,000
482	Indirect Labor Cost	59,353	59,354	62,564	62,564	64,727	43,151	64,727	70,630
481	Labor Allocation	-14,216	-14,216	-18,000	-18,000	-23,539	-15,692	-23,539	-33,403
212	Uniforms	3,600	3,690	3,900	5,428	6,400	2,867	4,907	5,300
251	Motor Fuel	4,368	2,837	4,743	3,006	3,494	2,469	3,769	3,494
299	Supplies & Materials	7,363	7,074	7,500	11,026	7,500	7,963	9,500	7,500
320	Telephone & Postage	2,000	1,779	2,000	1,863	2,000	1,573	2,361	2,400
330	Utilities-Street Lights	43,200	48,756	49,300	50,275	51,500	34,714	52,071	53,000
352	Maint & Repairs- Equip	3,500	4,521	3,400	4,990	4,057	2,438	4,057	6,100
353	Maint & Repairs- Vehicle	1,000	991	900	4,765	1,000	1,289	2,089	1,000
439	Bldg & Equip Rental	750	779	980	1,095	1,000	1,134	1,134	1,000
500	Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	1,325	918	1,325	1,344
540	Capital Outlay- Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0	46,000	50,966	50,966	
550	Capital Outlay- Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000
TOTAL		186,050	185,670	222,063	215,724	290,325	210,136	294,007	298,500
						289,000			8,175

Public Works

121 (and other payroll related items) – 45% of Public Works employees wages and benefits.

310– Travel and Subsistence– Pesticide licensure course, and others as needed.

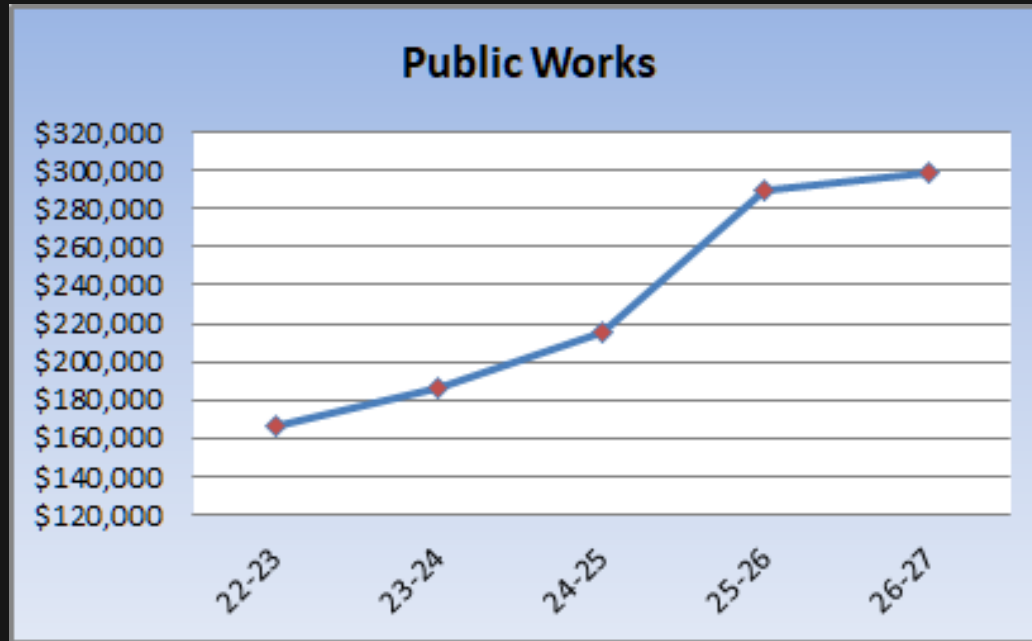
395– Training– Pesticide licensure course, and others as needed.

399- Contracted Services- \$3,000 as needed

482– Indirect Labor Cost– Portion of the Public Works Director, and water operator's salaries per allocation table.

550 – Capital Outlay- New Commercial Lawn Mower- \$8,000

Public Works



5 Employees: 45% allocation

- Public Works Technicians

Public Buildings

Public Buildings		23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27	
		YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	YR End Budget	Actual Year-End	Current Budget 04/09/26	Expend. as of 02/28/26	Projected Year-End	Proposed Budget
4190									
121	Wages & Salaries	14,985	13,980	15,485	16,968	17,982	11,216	17,696	17,982
181	FICA	1,146	1,069	1,185	1,298	1,376	858	1,354	1,376
185	Unemployment Comp.	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
186	Workers' Compensation Ins.	631	480	651	353	502	439	439	450
193	Engineering/Architectural Svcs	0	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	0	2,500
354	Grounds & Landscp Contracts	40,862	40,862	19,469	16,860	0	0	0	0
355	Wildwood Storage Facility Maint.	2,500	636	2,500	634	2,500	422	1,000	2,500
399	Contracted Services	14,908	12,691	6,420	2,346	6,800	1,915	3,920	6,800
211	Janitorial Supplies	2,500	2,023	2,500	2,269	2,700	1,891	2,700	2,700
299	Supplies & Materials	5,000	4,544	4,975	3,044	4,840	2,951	3,800	4,768
330	Utilities	17,600	18,593	21,000	22,078	25,000	17,301	25,951	24,000
351	Maint & Repair Bldg & Grnds	5,900	4,215	5,000	4,404	7,500	64	2,500	7,500
352	Maint & Repairs- Equipment	2,968	909	2,815	239	2,800	0	1,000	2,800
500	Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	625	294	625	625
580	Capital Outlay- Bld/Structures/Imprvmnts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
550	Capital Outlay- Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
570	Capital Outlay - Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		109,000	100,001	84,500	70,493	75,125	37,351	60,985	74,000
						74,500			-1,125

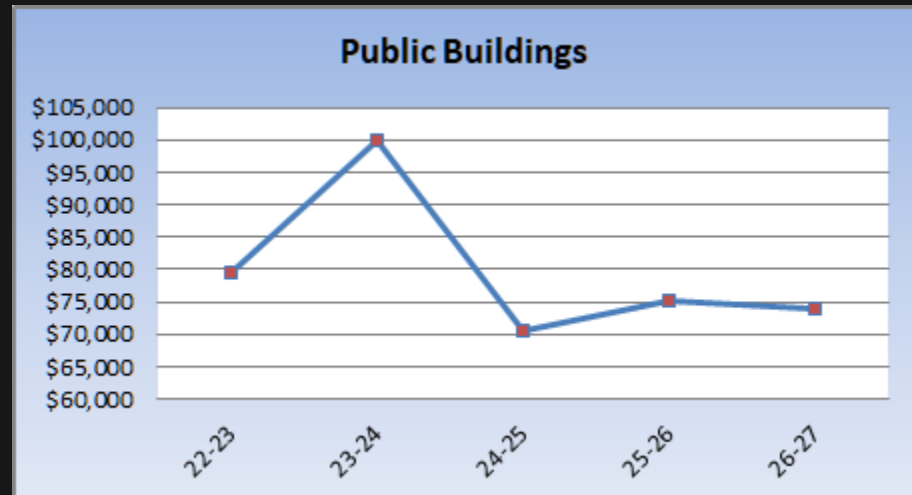
Public Buildings

399- Contracted Services –

Pest control (consolidated service for all buildings)	2,500
Preventative Maintenance Agreement for HVAC	1,800
Landscaping	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>6,800</u>

580- Capital Outlay- No project

1 Employee
Part-time custodian



Summary

General Fund Expenditure Summary						Change v. prior year		
		22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	%	\$
Dept #	Department Name	Actual	Actual	Actual	Current Budget	Proposed		
4110	Governing Body*	25,534	25,980	61,178	81,200	72,500	-10.71%	-8,700
4120	Administration*	288,649	321,476	331,117	348,725	371,000	6.39%	22,275
4130	Finance*	127,789	134,093	143,417	161,290	165,900	2.86%	4,610
4140	Tax Listing	10,823	13,756	12,830	19,500	24,000	23.08%	4,500
4150	Legal Services*	30,286	33,373	22,755	34,000	42,000	23.53%	8,000
4170	Elections	477	-	491	-	700		700
4190	Public Buildings*	79,366	100,001	70,493	75,125	74,000	-1.50%	-1,125
4510	Street Maintenance*	186,443	236,435	237,132	317,675	324,700	2.21%	7,025
4560	Public Works*	165,953	185,670	215,724	290,325	298,500	2.82%	8,175
4730	Stormwater Management*	310,789	39,122	48,892	88,300	94,500	7.02%	6,200

There are now 17 departments in the General Fund. We have discussed 10 of the 17 today. This is a summary of the ones we have discussed thus far. The other 7 will be discussed at the next workshop. Total change in these vs. FY26 current budget is an increase of \$51,660.

* Budget amended since adoption as of 4-9-26

Town of River Bend

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Workshop

Date-April 30

15. Police

16. Recreation and Special Events

17. Parks and CAC

18. Emergency Services

19. Wetlands & Waterways

20. Leaf & Limb

21. Planning and Zoning

22. General Fund- Revenue/Expense

23. General Fund- Fund Balance