

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: May 12, 2009

**Action Agenda
Item No. 1**

SUBJECT: Submittal of the County Manager's Recommended FY 2009-10 Annual
Operating Budget

DEPARTMENT: County Manager, Budget

PUBLIC HEARING: (Y/N)

No

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment 1 – Remaining Contracts and Agreements to be Considered by the BOCC During FY 2008-09

Attachment 2 – Memo from Orange County Information Technology Director Re: Possible Broadband Partnership with Local School Districts

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Attachment 3 – Library Staffing Data for Branches

Attachment 4 – Proposed Transition Plan for Libraries

Attachment 5 – May 5, 2009 Memorandum: Outside Agency Grant Application Process – FY 2009-10

Attachment 6 – E911 Fund Contingency Plan

Attachment 7 – May 5, 2009 Memorandum: Proposed Revised Hours of Operation for Solid Waste Convenience Centers

PURPOSE: For the County Manager to submit, pursuant to NC General Statute 159-11, the County's Recommended FY 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND: During tonight's work session, the County Manager will present highlights of the recommended County operating budget for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. As of the printing of this abstract, funding recommendations are not final. Staff will provide the Recommended FY 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget document to the Board at the meeting. Copies of the document will be available on the County's website on May 13, 2009.

The recommended funding plan will meet two major directives agreed upon by the Board during the March 24, 2009 budget work session. It will:

- Be balanced using a post revaluation property tax rate that generates the same amount of property tax revenue for the County as in the current year
- Allocate 48.1% of the County's total General Fund revenues to funding the County's two local school districts – Orange County Schools and Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools. This percentage is consistent with Board approved funding target for schools. Included in this total is the "per pupil" or current expense funding along with recurring capital, long range capital, fair funding, and debt service.

During tonight's work session, the Manager will highlight recommended revenue projections for next fiscal year to include the revenue neutral tax rate, impact of economic downturn, and recent actions by the state. The Manager will also review recommendations related to the changes in County services and work force, and costs of opening new facilities and implementing Board priorities.

Discussions during earlier work sessions this spring have generated a number of Board questions. Attachments provided via this agenda abstract address some of those questions and requests. Other questions and requests will be addressed in the actual budget document itself.

Board Scheduled Budget Related Meetings

The Board is not expected to make decisions during tonight's work session. A number of budget related meetings are scheduled between now and adoption of the final FY 2009-10 budget scheduled for June 16, 2009. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

- May 19, 2009 – Televised presentation of the Manager's FY 2009-10 Recommended Annual Operating Budget
 - Location - Southern Human Services Center, Homestead Road, Chapel Hill
- May 21, 2009 – Public Hearing
 - Location - Central Orange Senior Center, 103 Meadowlands Dr, Hillsborough
- May 26, 2009 – Public Hearing
 - Location - Southern Human Services Center, Homestead Road, Chapel Hill
- May 28, 2009 – Budget work session with Orange County and Chapel Hill Carrboro City Boards of Education
 - Location - Southern Human Services Center, Homestead Road, Chapel Hill
- June 4, 2009 – Budget work session for Board to discuss components of the FY 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget
 - Location - Southern Human Services Center, Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

- June 9, 2009 – Budget work session for Board to discuss components of the FY 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget
 - Location – Link Government Services Center, 200 South Cameron Street, Hillsborough
- June 11, 2009 - Budget work session for Board to finalize FY 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget
 - Location – Link Government Services Center, 200 South Cameron Street, Hillsborough
- June 16, 2009 – Adoption of FY 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget during regular BOCC meeting
 - Location - Southern Human Services Center, Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Financial impacts will be presented during tonight's work session.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Manager recommends the Board of County Commissioners receive the County Manager's Recommended FY 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget.

