

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Profile	
<b>Total Population (April 2011)</b>	106,740
<b>2030 Projected Population</b>	142,637
<b>Area</b>	379.94 acres
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$42,808
<b>Average Sales Home Price</b>	\$187,200
<b>Median Age</b>	44.8 years
<b>County Population Composition</b>	
White or Caucasian	89%
Non-White Persons	11%
Hispanic/Latino Persons	10%
<b>HCPS Enrollment</b>	13,378
<b>Registered Voters</b>	75,821
<b>Construction Value of Permitted Construction</b>	\$68,192,208
<b>Acres in County Parks</b>	320 acres
<b>Highest Point</b> Young Pisgah Mountain	5,200 feet
<b>Lowest Point</b> Rocky Broad River	1,200 feet
<b>Average Temperature</b>	
Low	41.00 °F
High	73.01 °F
<b>Average Annual Precipitation</b>	56.4 inches
<b>County Manager</b>	Steve Wyatt
<b>Assistant County Manager</b>	Selena Coffey

Across the nation city and county governments face ever more difficult decisions. Property values and the resulting property tax revenues are down. Sales tax revenues are on the decline due to the ongoing issues of unemployment and soaring energy prices. Fees related to development have dried up like so many commercial and residential building projects. State governments, under mandates to balance their own budgets, are taking local revenues in efforts to close their funding gaps. The revenue picture across the land is bleak and the majority of local governments have few choices – cut spending, raise taxes or perhaps both.

When we began the planning process back in January, the Board made the decision to cut overall spending to 92.5% of the previous year's budget in order to give Henderson County a fighting chance to make it through this economic recession. This decrease in spending will allow for services to be maintained at their current level, without increasing the tax rate, over the next three to four years.

Henderson County Government and its funded agencies, like all families in Henderson County, is learning to do with less. These are hard times for all of us, and the decisions that we are making presently, are decisions that will help us in the future. The Board has made emergency services, public safety and law enforcement a top priority, so that the delivery of emergency response will not be affected by these cuts. While education remains the largest investment of local funding, times like this give governments, businesses, families and citizens the opportunity for innovative thinking, sacrifice and the motivation to learn to do more with less.

Throughout history, our nation has managed to pull through tough economic situations, and this too shall pass. Rest assured that your elected officials, the Board of County Commissioners and its staff are working hard to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of our County.

*Steve Wyatt*



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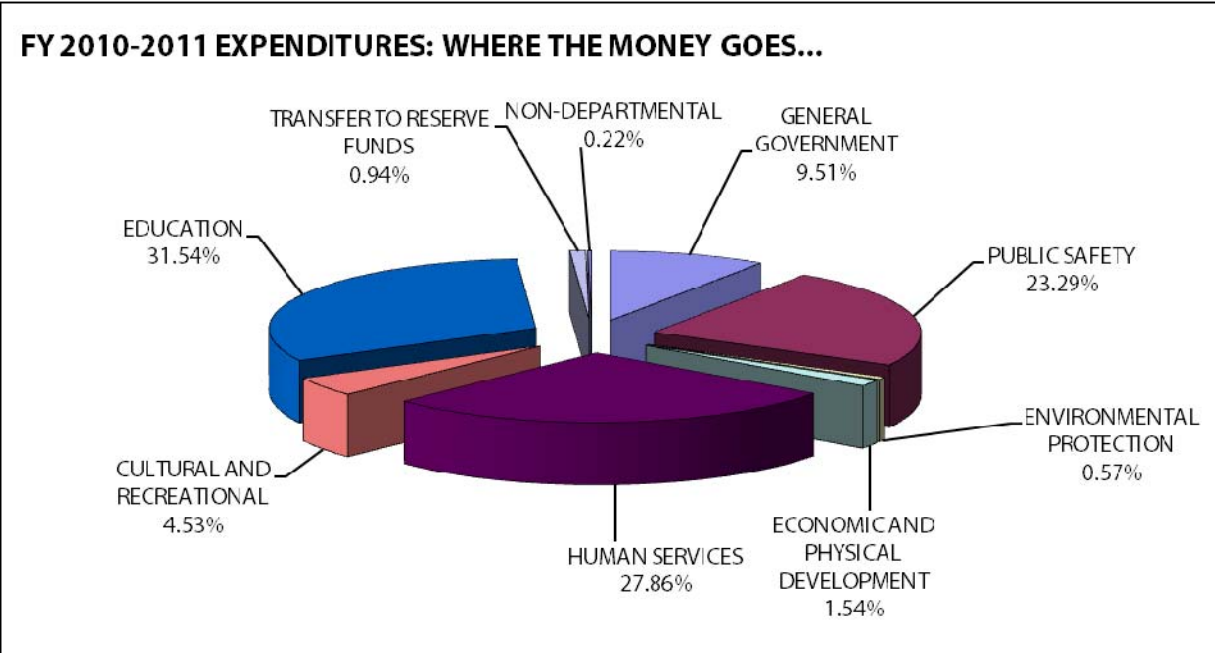
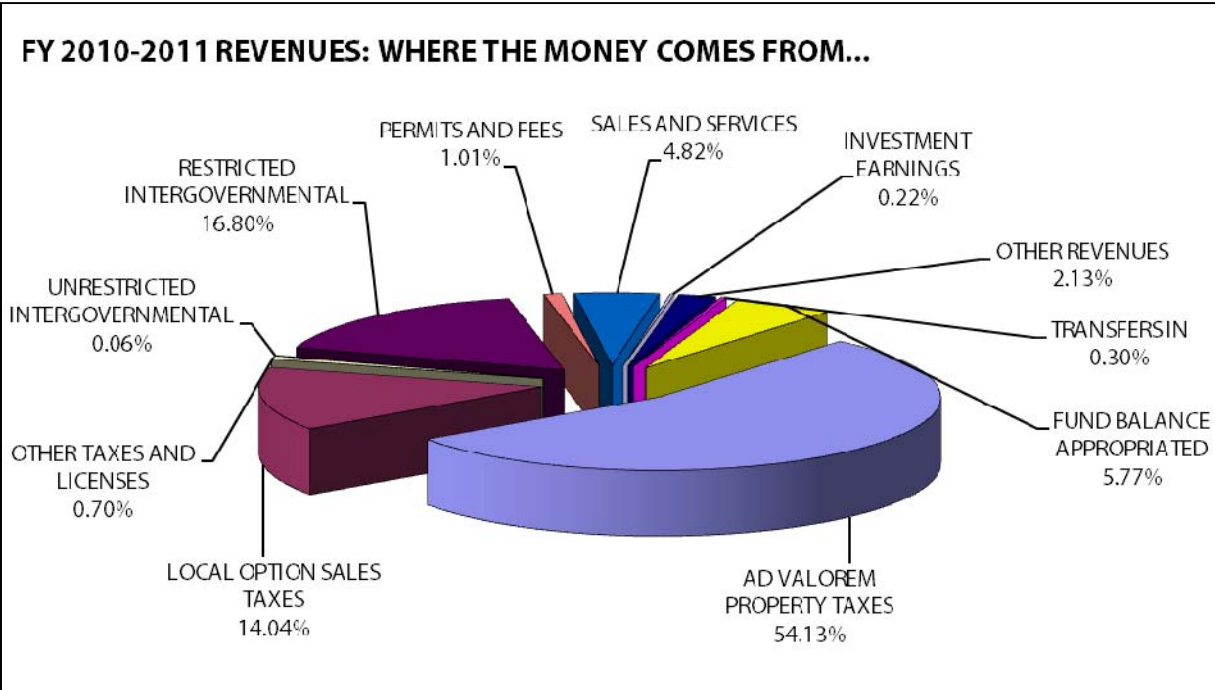
## Report to the Citizens



2011 - 2012 Board of County Commissioners	
<b>Chairman</b>	J. Michael Edney
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Tommy Thompson
<b>Commissioner</b>	Charlie Messer
<b>Commissioner</b>	Bill O'Connor
<b>Commissioner</b>	Larry Young

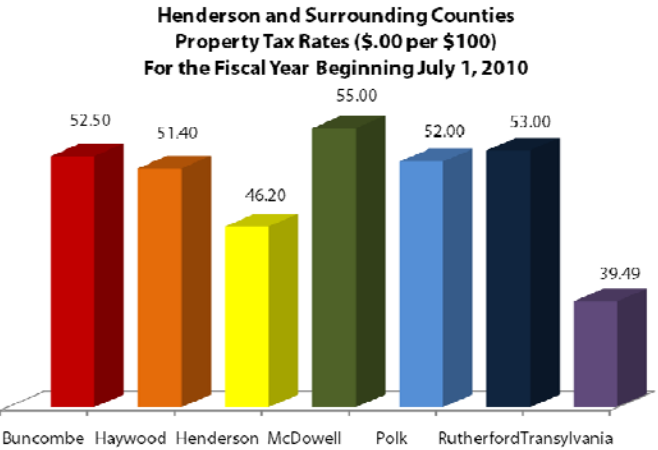
# BUDGET IN BRIEF

## FY 10 - 11 General Fund



# FY2010-2011 HIGHLIGHTS

- Maintained property tax rate at .462, the fourth consecutive year without a tax increase.
- Implemented a new Henderson County website in order for citizens to more effectively obtain county information.
- Henderson County Soil & Water District was named the 2010 Area 1 District of the Year.
- Acquired Boyd property adjacent to Hendersonville High School for the future expansion.
- Implemented an agri-business initiative.
- Completed the county's first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station that will be open for public use.
- Began park improvements project, including road and parking lot repairs in Jackson Park.
- Developed and implemented a multi-year financial plan for funded agencies and departments.
- Broke ground on the Law Enforcement Center which has an estimated completion date of Fall 2011.
- Constructed expansion of Apple Valley Middle School and North High School.
- Financed repairs to Blue Ridge Community College facilities.



Your Tax Dollars at Work	
<b>Animal Services</b>	
Adoption/Reclaims	1,496
Spay/Neuter Assistance	471
<b>Building Inspections</b>	
Total Permits Issued	4,735
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	
Zoning/Watershed Permits Issued	740
Nuisance Complaints Investigated	180
<b>Elections</b>	
Registered Voters	75,821
Polling Places Operated	35
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	
Annual Dispatches	10,423
<b>Environmental Health</b>	
Wells Drilled	386
Food & Lodging Inspections	1,415
Septic Inspections	1,466
<b>Library</b>	
Annual Circulation	987,905
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
Program Participants	18,500
<b>Planning</b>	
Development Applications	82
<b>Register of Deeds</b>	
Real Estate Records Recorded	13,357
Birth Certificates Issued	947
Death Certificates Issued	1,299
Marriage Licenses Issued	608
<b>Sheriff</b>	
9-1-1 Phone Calls Processed	223,347
Average Daily Jail Population	158
Arrests Processed	5508
<b>Social Services</b>	
Responses to Abuse/Neglect Children, Elderly & Disabled	2291
Citizens Receiving Healthcare Insurance	15240
<b>Solid Waste</b>	
Waste Received (tons)	67,526.76
Recycling Processed (tons)	3,064.23
<b>Veterans Services</b>	
In-office Visits	1,902
Incoming Phone Calls	2,600