

Minutes 23 June 2009
Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Held at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina

Present for the Board of Commissioners meeting were Chairman Walter Savage, Commissioner Jerri Storie, and Commissioner Johnny Riddle. Also present at the meeting were County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Finance Director Lynne Hensley, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, Sheriff Kermit Banks, Jody Higgins, and members of the general public.

Chairman Savage called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Riddle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Storie. (Attachment A)

The first order of business before the Board was the adoption of the Solid Waste Plan. Chairman Savage stated that the public hearing for this plan was held at 5:30 pm where the Commissioners heard any concerns from the public. County Manager Nathan Bennett then read a resolution in support of this plan (Attachment B). Upon hearing the resolution Commissioner Riddle moved to approve the resolution and adopt the plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storie and the vote to approve was unanimous.

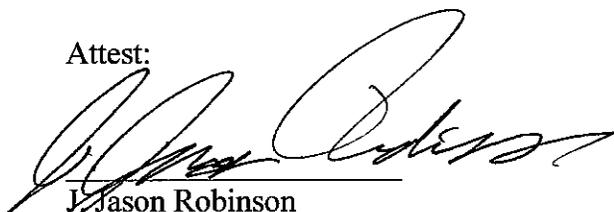
The Board then moved to the issue of the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The Chairman asked the Clerk to the Board to read the ordinance. Upon hearing the Budget Ordinance being read Commissioner Riddle made a motion to adopt the 2009-2010 Budget Ordinance and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Storie. The vote to approve was unanimous. (Attachment C)

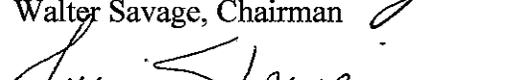
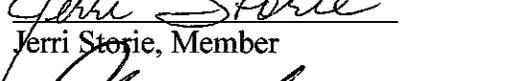
Chairman Savage thanked all of those that had helped work on the budget and to make it a successful process.

Having no further business Chairman Savage entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Storie and was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Approved and authenticated on this the 7th day of July 2009.

Attest:


Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board


Walter Savage, Chairman

Jerri Storie, Member

Johnny Riddle, Member

(county seal)



Attachment A

Nathan Bennett, County Manager

Walter Savage, Chairman

Jerri Storie, Commissioner

Johnny Riddle, Commissioner

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AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners

June 23, 2009

7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order---Chairman Savage
 - II. Approval of Agenda
 - III. Solid Waste Plan Update
 - IV. Proposed 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget
 - V. Adjourn
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Attachment B

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Nathan Bennett, County Manager

Walter Savage, Chairman

Jerri Storie, Commissioner

Johnny Riddle, Commissioner

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE OF 2009 FOR YANCEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is a priority of this community to protect human health and the environment through safe and effective management of municipal solid waste;

WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount and toxicity of the local waste stream is a goal of this community;

WHEREAS, equitable and efficient delivery of solid waste management services is an essential characteristic of the local solid waste management system;

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the community to maintain and improve its physical appearance and to reduce the adverse effects of illegal disposal and littering;

WHEREAS, Yancey County recognizes its role in the encouragement of recycling markets by purchasing recycled products;

WHEREAS, involvement and education of the citizenry is critical to the establishment of an effective local solid waste program;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has placed planning responsibility on local government for the management of solid waste;

WHEREAS, NC General Statute 130A-309.09A(b) requires each unit of local government, either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to update the Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan at least every three years;

WHEREAS, the Yancey County Public Works Department has undertaken and completed a long-range planning effort to evaluate the appropriate technologies and strategies available to manage solid waste effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

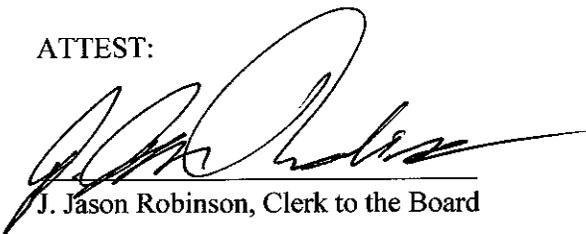
That Yancey County's 2009 Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update is accepted and endorsed and placed on file with Clerk to the Board on this 23rd day of June, 2009.


Walter Savage, Chairman


Jerri Storie, Member


Johnny Riddle, Member

ATTEST:


J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

(county seal)



Attachment C



YANCEY COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 159-10, 159-11, and 159-12, each Department Head submitted budget requests and estimates of the financial requirements of each department in such form and detail as was prescribed by the Budget Officer and Finance Officer. Same were submitted accompanying, and in consideration of, the associated Department Head's complete statement of amounts exhausted for each category of expenditures in the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year 2008-2009, together with such estimated expenditures for the fiscal year 2008-2009 together with the amount realized from each source of revenue.

On May 15, 2009, the Budget Officer submitted a preliminary draft budget to the Yancey County Board of Commissioners for their consideration, complying in all respects with North Carolina General Statutes 159-13(b). On the same date, the Budget Officer also filed a copy of the preliminary draft budget in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, where it remained for public inspection. Updated versions were substituted as they became available until the adoption of the Budget Ordinance. Copies of same were also made available to all local news media, together with a statement being published to the effect that the budget has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and was available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, and stating that a public hearing would be held on June 23, 2009 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioner's Board Room in the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville, North Carolina. Such a public hearing was held at the designated time and place at which time persons who desired to be heard regarding the budget appeared before the Board.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Yancey as follows:

Section One:

The appropriations made herein are for the maximum amounts necessary to provide the services and to accomplish the purpose described. Each Department Head shall affect savings, and unexpended and unobligated portions of each appropriation shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Section Two:

Appropriations are hereby made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, according to the attached Yancey County 2009-2010 Budget (Attachment A).

Section Three:

There is hereby levied and authorized to be collected for the fiscal year 2009-2010 in accordance with Chapter 105 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, a tax on all property situated in Yancey County, which tax shall be at the rate of forty-five cents (\$.45) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of such property.

It is further authorized that the 2009-2010 tax levy include an additional six and one-half cents (\$.065) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the South Toe Fire District of South Toe Township; an additional six cents (\$.06) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the Pensacola Fire District

of Pensacola Township and for the Double Island Fire District of Brush Creek Township; an additional five cents (\$.05) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the Newdale Fire District of Crabtree Township, for the Egypt/Ramseytown Fire District of Egypt and Ramseytown Townships, for the Clearmont Fire District of the Jacks Creek and Green Mountain Townships, and for the Burnsville Rural Fire Tax District of the Burnsville Township (non-municipal); an additional four cents (\$.04) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the West Yancey Fire District of Prices Creek and Cane River Townships.

These rates are based on an estimated total assessed value for the purpose of taxation of two billion, four hundred thirty-nine million, three hundred fifty-six thousand, six hundred sixty-four dollars (\$2,439,356,664). An estimated collection rate of ninety-five percent (95%) is assumed, as referenced per the County's year ended June 30, 2008.

Section Four:

The County Manager may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department without limitation and without a report being required. The County Manager may also transfer amounts up to \$10,000 between departments within the same fund with an official report on such transfers provided to the Board of Commissioners.

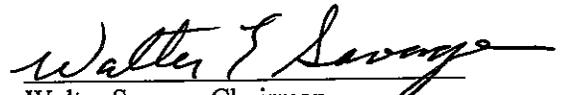
Section Five:

Copies of this Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer to be kept on file for her direction in the acceptance of revenues and the expenditure of amounts appropriated. Copies of this Ordinance shall also be furnished to the Clerk to the Board to be kept on file for examination by the public.

Section Six:

This Ordinance is effective July 1, 2009.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2009.


Walter Savage, Chairman


Jerri Storie, Member


Johnny Riddle, Member

Attest:


J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

(county seal)

**YANCEY COUNTY
2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

GENERAL FUND	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUES	\$30,100.00
TAX COLLECTIONS	\$11,302,015.00
NONDEPARTMENTAL	\$3,610,098.00
CLERK OF COURT	\$16,000.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$167,700.00
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$25,700.00
JAIL	\$198,800.00
BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$42,000.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$218,813.00
SANITATION	\$895,000.00
LANDFILL	\$123,894.00
MAPPING DEPARTMENT	\$400.00
DSS - ADMINISTRATION	\$3,951,414.00
VETERAN SERVICES	\$2,000.00
CHILD DAY CARE	\$35,000.00
RECREATION	\$31,600.00
TOE RIVER CAMPGROUND	\$128,044.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$18,899.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$20,797,477.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
GOVERNING BODY	\$47,180.00
MANAGEMENT	\$126,756.00
FINANCE	\$102,531.00
TAX ASSESSOR	\$196,085.00
TAX COLLECTIONS	\$128,979.00
LEGAL SERVICES	\$32,000.00
CLERK OF COURT	\$18,500.00
BOARD OF ELECTIONS	\$137,941.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$207,599.00
MAINTENANCE	\$368,004.00
MAPPING	\$113,510.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$1,629,221.00
SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$1,069,363.00
SHERIFF'S DISPATCH	\$201,753.00
JAIL	\$728,422.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$10,000.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$37,552.00
BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$173,039.00

MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$17,000.00
CONTRACT EMS/RESCUE SQUAD/FIREFIGHTERS	\$827,640.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$11,435.00
ENHANCED 911 NON-SURCHARGE	\$235,871.00
TRANSPORTATION - ADMINISTRATION	\$154,814.00
TRANSPORTATION - OPERATIONS	\$218,536.00
TRANSPORTATION - E&D TAP	\$32,877.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,200.00
SANITATION	\$1,838,693.00
RECYCLING	\$237,847.00
LANDFILL	\$247,788.00
FORESTRY	\$54,947.00
INTERN/PLANNER	\$41,113.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$33,360.00
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION	\$243,261.00
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION	\$83,519.00
MENTAL HEALTH	\$36,000.00
TOE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT	\$337,000.00
DSS - ADMINISTRATION	\$454,059.00
DSS - INCOME MAINTENANCE	\$955,757.00
DSS - CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES	\$3,012,120.00
VETERAN SERVICES	\$18,320.00
CHILD DAY CARE	\$241,389.00
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$3,917,307.00
COMMUNITY COLLEGES	\$286,520.00
LIBRARY	\$185,721.00
CULTURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION	\$45,527.00
RECREATION	\$162,026.00
COMPREHENSIVE REC GRNDS - ADMIN	\$103,739.00
TOE RIVER CAMPGROUND	\$115,238.00
CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER FUNDS	\$1,316,418.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$20,797,477.00

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS

GRANT FUND	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
JCPC ADMINISTRATION	\$4,814.00
MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE	\$27,817.00
DJJDP-JUVENILE MEDIATION	\$6,000.00
DJJDP-PROJECT CHALLENGE	\$23,961.00
DJJDP-FAMILY BASED COUNSELING	\$14,301.00
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$106,709.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$183,602.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS	\$73,330.00
JCPC ADMINISTRATION	\$1,600.00
MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE	\$34,306.00
DJJDP-JUVENILE MEDIATION	\$7,200.00
DJJDP-PROJECT CHALLENGE	\$28,753.00
DJJDP-FAMILY BASED COUNSELING	\$17,826.00
GOVERNOR'S ONE-ON-ONE	\$20,587.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$183,602.00

E-911 FUND	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
ENHANCED 911 REVENUES	\$265,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$265,000.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
ENHANCED 911 EXPENDITURES	\$207,918.00
RESERVED RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$57,082.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$265,000.00

REVALUATION FUND	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
REVALUATION REVENUES	\$41,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$41,000.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
CONTRIBUTION TO REVALUATION CD	\$41,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$41,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUES	\$1,124,258.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$1,124,258.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	\$1,124,258.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$1,124,258.00

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND REVENUES	\$155,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$155,000.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
EAST YANCEY WATER & SEWER EXPENSES	\$155,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$155,000.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$199,740.00
PARTF GRANT REVENUES	\$199,740.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$399,480.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
PARTF GRANT EXPENDITURES	\$399,480.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$399,480.00

LONG TERM DEBT FUND	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$313,969.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$313,969.00
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT
DEBT SERVICE EXPENSES	\$313,969.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$313,969.00



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YANCEY COUNTY BUDGET MESSAGE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

*To the Yancey County Board of County
Commissioners and Citizens of Yancey County:*

In accordance with North Carolina Statute 159-11, the Yancey County Fiscal Year 2009-2010 proposed budget is respectfully submitted for your review and consideration. The proposed budget sets forth a plan of operation for all county departments, programs, and capital projects for the coming year. This proposed budget is balanced in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act with general fund revenues and expenditures each totaling \$20,797,477.

INTRODUCTION

This budget message will introduce you to Yancey County's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 proposed budget. It will outline how the county plans to utilize its resources and will highlight some of the more significant changes to the county's budget.

REVENUES

The county's primary sources of funding are property taxes and sales taxes. Property taxes constitute the county's largest source of revenue. For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, it is recommended that Yancey County maintain the current property tax rate at \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation providing \$11,302,015 or 54% of the total general fund budget. It is also recommended that Yancey County maintain the fire tax levy by township at its current rate. The sales tax projection for the county has become complex for the coming fiscal year due to the state assuming 100% of county Medicaid costs for expenses incurred after July 1, 2009. As part of the Medicaid swap legislation, the per capita one-half of the Article 42 sales tax was converted to point of delivery effective October 1, 2009. In anticipation of this change in division of sales tax revenue, we have budgeted less than was budgeted in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. However, we view the overall effect of the Medicaid swap as positive as it relieves the county of the rapidly growing expense of Medicaid benefits.

MAJOR INITIATIVES AND EXPENDITURES

Yancey County, as with many other governments, both state and local, has experienced worsening economic conditions over the past few years. Despite the financial difficulties that this present economy has produced, I am pleased to recommend a budget for the coming fiscal year which will contribute to the restoration of the county's fiscal health, protect funding for our public schools, support community initiatives, and ensure public safety for our citizens. Specifically, our proposed budget addresses these issues as follows.

- 1) **Fiscal Control and Financial Stability:** This proposed budget makes a concerted effort to address issues concerning fiscal stability, which is the paramount concern of the present administration. In the proposed budget, there are a number of initiatives which address these issues. First, this budget recommends an allocation in the amount of \$500,000 to the fund balance of the general fund. Additionally, the budget contains an appropriation to secure debt financing for costs associated with completion of the Yancey County Detention Center, which to this point has represented a substantial impairment to the fund balance of the county's general fund. The budget also contains an appropriation for enhancement of the county's tax assessing and collection procedures to insure that the county manages to collect all appropriate property tax revenues. Other initiatives to address fiscal stability include making improvements in technology to increase security, productivity, and accountability in county operations.

 - 2) **Public Schools and Education:** Yancey County continues a close working partnership with the Yancey County Board of Education. Yancey County Schools has done exceptional work to improve educational performance among our students. This proposed budget continues the significant appropriation to the Yancey County School System by maintaining the county's current level of funding to the schools. We are pleased to be able to continue to provide the schools with funding at present levels at a time when the state and other county governments are cutting their appropriations to public schools. This budget specifically appropriates \$3,000,000 for the school system's current expense budget, of which \$406,647 is specifically appropriated for classroom teachers and \$100,000 for teacher assistants. Additionally, the county has made a \$100,000 appropriation for local supplements, a \$40,000 appropriation for continuation of the JROTC program, and a \$750,000 appropriation to the schools' capital outlay fund. This is a total commitment to the Yancey County School System of \$3,890,000.

 - 3) **Community Initiatives:** Yancey County is fortunate to have many beneficial community agencies serving the needs of Yancey County's citizens. This budget supports these initiatives by providing an appropriation of \$100,000 each to the future Senior Citizen's
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Center, and to the Yancey County Public Library Renovation Project. Additionally, this budget supports several other entities such as the Yancey County Literacy Council, the Middle School Health Centers, Hospice of Yancey County, the Yancey County Humane Society, and provides a new appropriation to the Reconciliation House for heating fuel assistance. Anticipated state budget reductions will eliminate valuable youth service programs currently known as Save Our Students and the Governor's One on One Program administered by the Yancey Cooperative Extension Service. This budget contains appropriations to maintain these valuable initiatives for our students. Furthermore, Yancey County values the benefits of youth and adult recreational opportunities. To that end, this budget appropriates \$199,740 for matching a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant for the development of the Comprehensive Recreation Grounds on Whittington Road. The budget also contains an appropriation to continue the county's support for Yancey County Youth League sports and activities.

- 4) **Public Safety:** Providing for the safety and welfare of its citizens is one of the foremost responsibilities of the county government. The Yancey County Sheriff's Department is one of the few county departments to show a significant increase in funding. With the completion of the new Yancey County Detention Facility and its beginning full-scale operations, we have allocated an increase in the Sheriff's budget for the projected increased costs of the jail's operation at its full capacity. The Sheriff anticipates offsetting this expense by entering into a contract with the U.S. Marshals Service to house federal inmates. Also, we have appropriated the funds necessary to provide full time emergency management staff, to provide new equipment and training to appropriate staff, and to update the county's emergency operations plan. We have also allocated funds to continue the county's financial commitment to the Yancey County Rescue Squad and the Yancey Firefighters Association to support the important emergency services they provide.

 - 5) **Facility Needs and Capital Outlay:** With the relocation of the Yancey Community Medical Center, the facility located on Pensacola Road which formerly housed the center has become vacant and available for other county uses. The county has engaged an architectural firm to conduct a feasibility study to help determine how best to use this vacated space. An allocation of \$300,000 has been placed in this budget to renovate this space if deemed appropriate. These renovations, if undertaken, would provide the county with significant additional office space and would also result in a considerable increase in the value of the facility as a capital asset. Additionally, the county remains committed to beginning construction of the Micaville water and sewer infrastructure project during this fiscal year and an allocation of \$155,000 is included for matching the North Carolina Rural Development Center grant which will finance that project.
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BUDGET SUMMARY

This has been a very difficult budget to prepare due in large part to the fact that Yancey County, as well as many other communities, is suffering from a depressed economy, particularly in regard to the housing and construction industry. This budget strives to maintain expenditures near last year's levels where possible and to continue to provide cost containment measures. County staff undertook efforts to reduce certain budget costs by soliciting competitive proposals from various service providers, including the county's general liability and worker's compensation insurance carriers and employee medical insurance providers. This competitive bidding process has produced a savings in excess of \$200,000 to the county on its general liability and worker's compensation premiums alone and is a 50% decrease from the previous rate charged to the county for the same coverage. Through measures such as these, and the diligent work of county employees, despite the economic hardships bearing on our county we are pleased that this recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 addresses the county's fiscal health, protects funding for our public schools, supports community initiatives, and ensures public safety for our citizens.

This proposed budget reflects a continued focus on providing efficient services to the citizens of Yancey County. On behalf of the management team, I would like to acknowledge the leadership of the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners in the preparation of this budget. The goals that the Commission has set forth will enable Yancey County to continue moving forward in the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted on this the 23rd day of June 2009.



Nathan R. Bennett,
Yancey County Manager
