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NCGA FY26/27 Budget Includes $27 Million for the County Public Service Complex
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On July 2nd, 2026, NC lawmakers passed the State FY26/27 Budget. In a July 3rd social media post, NC House Representative Mark Pless announced that Madison County would receive $27 million in direct appropriations for the construction of the Public Service Complex. "This is a huge contribution from our state lawmakers and greatly reduces a heavy lift for the County," said County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

County leaders continue to seek additional federal and state resources to build the facility with minimal to no tax burden on Madison County residents. Honeycutt said, "The County is nearing $60 million of the estimated $88 million price tag."

The Public Service Complex will consolidate governmental, social, and judicial services into a single facility, including the Madison County Courthouse, the Clerk of Court, the Department of Social Services, and the Register of Deeds. Services such as public assistance programs, permitting, inspections, the tax department, and environmental health will all be available at this new location, making it more convenient for residents to access a wide range of essential services. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for July 31, 2026, at 10 AM at 500 Medical Park Dr. The estimated construction completion date is March 2029.

Before Hurricane Helene, a 2021 bipartisan County Committee recommended pursuing a new facility for judicial services. Expanding the facility to include social and government services will reduce the county government footprint from four facilities to a single, easily accessible facility with immediate parking. The County is seeking community feedback and encourages residents to review the design plans and submit comments. Design plans with a public comment section are available on the County website's landing page at madisoncountync.gov. All comments received will be reviewed by the project team and considered as we finalize the design and make key decisions about the facility. Suggestions and concerns shared by residents may help guide adjustments to the building layout, access, or amenities to better fit the needs of our community.

Prior to the passage of the FY26/27 Budget, Madison County Chairman Michael Garrison, Vice Chairman Jeremy Hensley, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt traveled to Raleigh to meet with state legislators to advocate for state resources. In addition to the face-to-face County visits, County leadership submitted funding requests and written justification for necessary state resources. NC Senator Ralph Hise partnered with state senators to approve the direct appropriations. "Laying out requirements and available resources in person carried much more weight and allowed for an open dialog. Our state leadership listened to local County leaders and took action to advocate for the needs of the Madison County residents – we are very appreciative," stated Chairman Garrison.

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