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**No Tax Increase for FY2027 – County Manager Presents Proposed \$34,983,554.00 Budget to Board of Commissioners
Madison County, NC – May 27, 2026**

County Manager, Rod Honeycutt, provided the budget presentation for the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY27) Budget to the Board of Commissioners on May 26, 2026. According to Honeycutt, "The FY27 budget is balanced and prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act."

The proposed FY27 budget considers external drivers and priorities outlined by the Madison County Board of Commissioners during five budget work sessions leading up to the presentation. The recommended budget is based on an **unchanged tax rate of .0036** cents per \$100 of property value. The FY27 Budget of \$34,983,554.00 is a 4.5% increase (\$1,582,712.00) over the FY26 Budget of \$33,400,200.00.

State law requires local government units to adopt an annual budget before July 1st each year. A public hearing is scheduled to be held on June 23, 2026, for consideration of adoption of the FY27 Budget Ordinance as the last gate in the five-month budget planning cycle. Supporting FY2026-27 Budget documents are posted on the County's website at <https://www.madisoncountync.gov/budget.html>.

The proposed Madison County FY27 budget reflects:

- **\$15.00 Minimum Wage for County Employees**
- **Across the board 3% COLA Salary Increase for all Employees**
- **Targeted Retention Salary Increases for select technical, skilled employees**
- **Services:** Maintains current levels of services of public safety, veteran, child support, medical, social, animal control, parks and recreation, public library, soil and water, educational, solid waste, and transportation.
- **Enhanced County Internet Security**
- **Provides 3 new vehicles to support public safety**
- **Enables Madison County Schools procurement predictability**
- **Increased EOC Readiness with back-up power generation**
- **Supports 34 Capital Improvement Projects**
- **Establishes 10% matching funds for 6 new transportation vans**

"Great collaboration and coordination between elected officials, school superintendent, and county department directors. We will continue to make refinements over the next three weeks; we are all pleased with the proposed FY 2027 budget." – County Manager Rod Honeycutt