



# CHEROKEE COUNTY

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## **CHEROKEE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE** **Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, North Carolina

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated in the General Fund the amounts reflected in “Attachment A” for the operation of the County Government and its activities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Section 2. It is estimated and hereby appropriated in the General Fund the revenues reflected in “Attachment B” for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Section 3. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of 46.0 cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of valuation of property listed for the taxes as of January 1, 2020, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as “Current Year’s Property Tax” in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance. This tax rate is based on an estimated total valuation of property, for the purpose of taxation, of \$3,703,040,206 and an estimated average collection rate of 97.77% property taxes and 99.74% auto taxes. This estimated rate of collection is based on the fiscal year 2018-2019 collection rate. No discounts will be allowed for early payment of taxes.

Section 4. Charges for fees and licenses by Cherokee County Departments or Agencies are in accordance with established fee policies and Statutes authorizing the establishment of said fees. All fees levied by Cherokee County will remain unchanged for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Section 5. The following property tax rates are hereby levied for the purpose of raising revenue to support the county’s volunteer fire districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021:

<u>Volunteer Fire Department</u>	<u>Tax Rate per \$100 of Valuation</u>
Bellview	4.9 cents
Brasstown	4.1 cents
Culberson	5.4 cents
Grape Creek	6.0 cents
Hanging Dog	5.9 cents
Hiwassee Dam	6.4 cents
Martins Creek	3.4 cents
Murphy Rural	9.2 cents
Peachtree	5.5 cents
Ranger	4.7 cents
Tipton Creek	4.1 cents
Unaka	3.8 cents
Valleytown	5.4 cents
Violet	6.4 cents
Wolfcreek/Hot House	3.5 cents

Section 6. **911 Fund**- The following amount is hereby appropriated in the 911 Fund for the operation of the 911 program and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the chart of accounts for this County:

911	<u>\$ 302,400</u>
Total	<u>\$ 302,400</u>

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the 911 Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

Interest Income	\$ 20
911 Subscriber Fees	<u>\$295,876</u>
Total	<u>\$295,896</u>

The Fund Balance will decrease by \$6,504.

Section 7. **Revaluation Fund**- The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Revaluation Reserve Fund for the operation of the tax revaluation program and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the chart of accounts for this county:

Revaluation costs	<u>\$ 80,416</u>
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It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the revaluation fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021:

Investment Earnings	\$ 150
Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 75,150</u>

The Fund Balance will decrease by \$5,266.

Section 8. **Bear Paw Service District**- There is hereby levied a special tax at the rate of 38.0 cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2020, located within the Bear Paw Service District for the raising of revenue for said Bear Paw Service District. This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property, for the purpose of taxation, of \$85,045,458 and an estimated collection rate of 99%. This estimated collection rate is based on the fiscal year 2018-2019 collection rate.

There is appropriated to the Bear Paw Service District the proceeds of this special tax for use by the Bear Paw Service District in such manner and for such expenditures as is permitted by law from the proceeds of this tax and any other revenues otherwise accruing to said Bear Paw Service District.

Section 9. The Budget Officer and Finance Director may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department, without limitation. Further the Budget Officer and Finance Director are hereby authorized to transfer from one appropriation to another appropriation within the same fund as contained herein under the following condition:

Any such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners at their next regularly scheduled meeting and such action shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Section 10. The Budget Officer and the Finance Director are hereby directed to make any changes in the budget or fiscal practices that are required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

- A. As provided by G.S. 159-25 (b), the Board has authorized dual signatures for each check or draft that is made on County funds. The signatures on the County accounts have been approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- B. Operating funds encumbered on the financial records of the County as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, are hereby re-appropriated to the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.
- C. The Board authorizes one principal account as the central depository for funds received by the Finance Director. Other accounts authorized by the Board can be used for special purposes such as the enterprise fund and various trust accounts. Current accounting techniques shall be used to assure that all funds will be properly accounted for in the financial records of the County.

Section 11. The Budget Officer or his designee are hereby authorized to enter into contracts/agreements, within funds included in the Budget Ordinance or other actions authorized by the Board of Commissioners for the following purposes: 1) Lease of routine business equipment; 2) Consultant, professional, or maintenance service agreements; 3) Purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment where formal bids are not required by law; 4) Applications for and agreements for the acceptance of grant funds from Federal, State, public, private and non-profit organizations sources, and other funds from other government units, for services to be rendered which have been approved by the Board of Commissioners; 5) Construction and repair projects; 6) Liability, health, life, disability, casualty, property or other insurance or performance bonds; 7) Other administrative contracts which include agreements approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 12. County funded agencies are required to submit an audit or other detailed financial reports to the County Finance Director each year. Approved payments may be delayed pending receipt of financial information.

Section 13. It is the policy of Cherokee County to not absorb any reduction in State or Federal grant

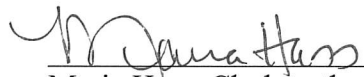
funds. Any decrease shall be absorbed in the budget of the agency or department receiving funding by reducing personnel or department expenditures to stay within the County appropriations as approved.

Section 14. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board, the Budget Officer, Finance Director, and the Tax Administrator for direction in the carrying out of their duties.

Adopted this the 29th day of June 2020.

  
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Roy Dickey, Chairperson  
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
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Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board

Attachment A

**Cherokee County  
General Fund  
Budget by Department**

	<b>FY 2020-2021</b>
<u><b>General Fund</b></u>	<u><b>Budget</b></u>
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 348,042
MUSEUM	48,480
LIBRARY	192,645
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL &amp; RECREATION</b>	<u><b>589,167</b></u>
 <b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	 <u><b>1,938,987</b></u>
 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	 187,952
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	40,750
SOIL & WATER	93,697
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	415,642
<b>TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<u><b>738,041</b></u>
 SCHOOLS	 7,079,540
COMMUNITY COLLEGE	857,000
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<u><b>7,936,540</b></u>
 GOVERNING BOARD	 257,152
ADMINISTRATION	210,749
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	489,471
FINANCE	449,042
TAX ASSESSOR	520,778

LAND RECORDS	169,956
TAX COLLECTOR	284,115
COURT FACILITIES	36,000
BOARD OF ELECTIONS	302,209
REGISTER OF DEEDS	436,805
PUBLIC BUILDINGS/MAINTENANCE	473,426
CENTRAL SERVICE	248,000
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL</b>	<b>3,877,703</b>

MENTAL HEALTH	75,000
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	2,758,770
SOCIAL SERVICES	5,962,324
VETERANS SERVICES	101,612
SENIOR CENTER	485,507
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	210,202
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>9,593,415</b>

<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>75,000</b>
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SHERIFF	3,067,996
JAIL	2,683,082
911 ADDRESSING	70,203
CENTRAL DISPATCH	1,324,435
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	142,108
AMBULANCE SERVICE	3,818,392
CODE ENFORCEMENT	435,167
ANIMAL CONTROL	104,750
MEDICAL EXAMINER	35,000
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	67,320
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>11,748,453</b>

<b>SOLID WASTE</b>	<b>1,877,799</b>
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TRANSPORTATION	723,225
AIRPORT OPERATIONS	<u>253,490</u>
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<u><b>976,715</b></u>
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>	<u><b>200,000</b></u>
ADDITION TO DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	<u>629,689</u>
<b>TOTAL ADDITION TO FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><b>629,689</b></u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<u><u><b>\$40,181,509</b></u></u>

Attachment B

**Cherokee County  
General Fund  
Source of County Revenues**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>2020-2021</b>
Property Tax	\$17,156,279
Restricted	5,408,906
Sales Tax	5,860,135
Unrestricted	1,508,000
Sales & Services	5,072,492
Permits & Fees	2,034,509
Investment Earnings	24,900
Other taxes	717,000
Use of Fund Balance	1,993,743
Use of Designated Fund Balance	325,716
Miscellaneous	79,829
Total General Fund	<u>\$40,181,509</u>