

June 3, 2019

Legislative Update

The state budget process continues to move at a rapid speed. The Senate passed its version of the fiscal biennium state budget, which includes several provisions that affect counties.

Senate Budget highlights include the following:

- \$64 million to implement "Raise the Age," including court positions, costs associated with transportation, funding for additional bed space and funding for Juvenile Prevention Councils
- Appropriates \$210 million from the Medicaid Transformation Reserve to prepare for the transition to managed care for Medicaid beginning Nov. 1, 2019 in 27 counties and Feb. 1, 2020 in the remaining 73 counties
- Delays deployment of child welfare and aging components of NC FAST in counties that are not pilot counties until at least Oct. 1, 2019
- Increases the recurring reduction to LME/MCOs by \$15 million each year of the budget
- Increases the state-county special assistance personal needs rate and the foster care and adoption assistance rates; Counties are required to pay 50 percent of the cost of these programs
- Does not increase funds for local health department communicable disease programs
- Authorizes \$1.67 billion from State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to K-12 schools for new construction, renovations and repairs through the 2028-29 fiscal year
- Repeals ability for local boards of education to sue boards of county commissioners over appropriations made by the county to the public-school capital outlay fund

Over the next couple of weeks Senate and House members will discuss their proposed budget differences and present a compromise budget to the governor for consideration. The County will continue to provide the legislative delegation members with information on the impact of budget provisions.

For more information, contact <u>Starla Tanner</u>, Legislative Affairs Liaison, at 980-314-2884.

BOCC to Vote on FY2020 Budget this Tuesday

Tomorrow, June 4, the <u>Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners</u> will vote on whether to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Budget during its regular meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center.

If approved, the budget will take effect July 1, 2019.

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The meeting will be broadcast on the Government Channel. You will also be able to watch it <u>online</u> at <u>MeckNC.gov</u> and on the <u>County's Twitter page</u>.

You can learn more about the budget here.

Child Support Holds 2nd Chance Amnesty Week June 10-15

The <u>Child Support Enforcement Department</u> (CSE) will host its 2nd Chance Amnesty Event at the Child Support Enforcement Office, 5800 Executive Center Drive, Suite 200, Charlotte.

The event is an opportunity for noncustodial parents to come into the office and discuss their case(s) and get back on track with child support payments without fear of being arrested. Attendees should be prepared to pay at least one month of the child support obligation and one payment of \$25 or more toward the past due amount. CSE has seen great success during past events, collecting over \$30,000 in child support payments.

During this event, noncustodial fathers will have an opportunity to talk with male child support case managers, Judicial officials, court stakeholders, public health officials, Self-Serve Center officials, potential employers, community stakeholders and private attorneys about their rights and responsibilities once named in a child support case.

For more information, contact Assistant County Manager Anthony Trotman at 980-314-2911.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, June 4, 2-3:30 p.m. BOCC Audit Review Committee Meeting, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, June 4, 3:30-5 p.m. BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room
- Tuesday, June 4, 5-6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, June 4, 6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Thursday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. County Assessor's Office staff will speak about the 2019 Revaluation during State Sen. Mujtaba Mohammed's Town Hall event.

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