

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

May 21, 2024

PRESENTED BY
J. Wayne Vest, County Manager

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FY24/25 Budget Team Members

Name	Position/Title
Nick Picerno	Moore County Board of Commissioners, Chairman, Budget Task Force Commissioner
Kurt Cook	Moore County Board of Commissioners, Vice Chairman, Budget Task Force Commissioner
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Kay Ingram	Information Technology Director
Tami Golden	Budget and Auditing Director
Kris Klug	Budget Manager/Internal Auditor
Janet Parris	Assistant County Manager
Wayne Vest	County Manager

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FY2024-2025 Recommended Gross and Net Budget by Fund

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The Recommended Budget

- Proposes a **One-Cent-Reduced** County General Tax Rate of **.32/\$100** of valuation
- Proposes Advanced Life Support Rate of **.0375** per \$100 of valuation
- Proposes a Rural Fire Protection Service Rate of **.0875** Per \$100 of valuation
- Prioritizes Education, Public Safety, Health & Human Services

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Revenue Neutral Comparison

North Carolina General Statutes require Counties to post the Revenue Neutral Rate(s) during a Revaluation Year

2023 was the most recent Revaluation Year for Moore County

Per Board of Commissioner action, Moore County performs a Revaluation every 4 years

Tax Rate Comparisons to Revaluation Year's Revenue Neutral Rates

Fund	FY23 Tax Rate	FY24 Revenue Neutral	FY24 Adopted Tax Rate	F25 Rec Rate
General Fund 100	0.485	0.3512	\$0.3300	\$0.3200
EMS Fund 200	0.04	0.029	\$0.0375	\$0.0375
Fire Fund 215	0.105	0.0871	\$0.0875	\$0.0875
Cumulative (100, 200, 215)	\$0.6300	\$0.4673	\$0.4550	\$0.4450

FY25 Cumulative Tax Rate is nearly 2 ¼ Pennies below the FY24 Revenue Neutral Rate

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Recommended Budget's Major Points of Consideration: General Fund

- 2025 recommended fiscal year budget is balanced at: \$228,945,471 Gross and \$216,653,005 Net (less transfers and assessments).
- Funds Moore County Schools at \$53,563,763 including Current Expense, Capital Outlay, Digital Learning, Debt Service, School Nurse Initiative, and Trillium Mental Health allocations
- Funds Sandhills Community College at \$7,934,362 including Expense and Debt Service allocations
- Illuminates the County's Mission-Vision-Values-Pillars by:
 - Ensuring funding for Exceptional Services
 - Governing (budgeting) Conservatively
 - Demonstrating Respect and Compassion for citizens and visitors
 - Being Fiscally Sound
 - Prioritizing a Safe & Secure Community along with Health and Human Services
 - Supporting Sustainable Growth
 - Providing for Cultural and Recreational Opportunities

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Preserves the competitiveness of the employee benefits and compensation package and ensures the sustainability of the County's Self-Insurance program:

Included Items:

- Fully funding existing components of the benefits and compensation package (Insurance, retirement, longevity, wellness, 401K, vacation/sick/community leave)
- Includes 4% C.O.L.A. to be implemented:
 - 2% effective with pay period beginning June 29, 2024
 - 2% effective with the pay period beginning December 14, 2024
- Proposes no changes to employee and dependent health insurance premiums, copays, deductibles, and out-of-pocket limits

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Adds 13 Full Time Positions and 1 Part Time Position

Number of Employees (All Funds)

FY	Full time	Part time	Total # of Employees	Total FTE's
FY07-08	615.0	58.0	673.0	644.0
FY08-09	623.0	30.0	653.0	638.0
FY09-10	629.0	24.0	653.0	641.0
FY10-11	620.0	18.0	638.0	629.0
FY11-12	610.0	17.0	627.0	618.5
FY12-13	611.0	17.0	628.0	619.5
FY13-14	617.0	19.0	636.0	626.5
FY14-15	626.0	16.0	642.0	634.0
FY15-16	632.0	11.0	643.0	637.5
FY16-17	632.0	11.0	643.0	637.5
FY17-18	653.0	7.0	660.0	656.5
FY18-19	666.0	8.0	674.0	670.0
FY19-20	683.0	6.0	689.0	686.0
FY19-20 revised	684.0	6.0	690.0	687.0
FY20-21	694.0	8.0	702.0	698.0
FY20-21 revised	695.0	7.0	702.0	698.5
FY21-22	706.0	10.0	716.0	711.0
FY21-22 revised	710.0	10.0	720.0	715.0
FY22-23	719.0	14.0	733.0	726.0
FY23-24	752.0	15.0	767.00	759.50
FY23-24 revised	764.0	16.0	780.00	772.00
FY24-25	777.0	17.0	794.00	785.50

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FY25 Position Additions

General Fund 100

Add 1 FT Human Resource Assistant Director

Add 1 FT Tax Present Use Value Specialist

Add 1 FT Veterans Services Officer (1/2 Year - January 2025)

Add 1 FT Cooperative Extension 4-H Program Assistant (1/2 Year-January 2025)

Add 1 FT Permitting Admin Asst Clerical

Add 1 PT Solid Waste Site Attendant

General Fund 100 added 5 FT and 1 PT

EMS Fund 200

Add 4 FT Paramedics Full Year

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EMS Fund 200 added 8 FT

Total Additions all Funds 13 FT and 1 PT

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General Fund Revenues

Source	FY25 Budget	%
Property Tax	\$71,634,734	47.0021%
Sales Tax Article 39, 40, 42	\$27,825,000	18.2570%
Sales Tax Article 46	\$5,355,000	3.5136%
Medicaid Hold Harmless	\$4,998,417	3.2796%
Grants	\$10,627,428	6.9730%
Departmental Fees	\$15,868,915	10.4122%
Other Taxes	\$840,000	0.5512%
Interest	\$5,500,000	3.6087%
Transfers in App Restricted FB	\$730,715	0.4794%
Transfers in Re-Appropriation FB	\$1,430,475	0.9386%
Transfers In	<u>\$7,596,916</u>	<u>4.9846%</u>
Total Revenues - GF	\$152,407,600	100.0000%

- Property and sales tax comprise nearly 70% of the General Fund (Including Article 46 transfer-in)
- Article 46 sales tax is committed by resolution to funding school capital construction projects

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Key Points of Each Fund: General Fund 100

Prioritize Education, Public Safety and Public Health and Human Services:

General Fund Expenditures		
GF Expenditures	FY25 Budget	%
Education (including debt)	\$61,448,125	40.3183%
Human Services	\$21,368,683	14.0207%
Public Safety	\$23,432,013	15.3746%
General Government	\$23,376,083	15.3379%
Environmental	\$11,311,014	7.4216%
Debt (excluding education)	\$5,451,055	3.5766%
Non-Departmental	\$3,773,772	2.4761%
Cultural	\$1,846,855	1.2118%
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>0.2625%</u>
Total	\$152,407,600	100.0000%

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Key Points of Each Fund:
General Fund 100:
Education Funding

Total Moore County Schools Funding										
FY	Student Enrollment (Final ADM Enrollment-DPI)	Current Expense	Capital Outlay	Digital Learning	School Funding from Health Department - Nurse	Pass Through Trillium Mental Health	Sub Total: Current, Capital, Digital, Health, TMH	Existing Debt Prior to New Schools	Debt -all new debt for new schools	Total Funding
FY23/24	12,931	\$36,551,623	\$800,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$284,000	\$37,685,623	\$4,359,370	\$11,482,468	\$53,527,461
FY24/25	12,931	\$37,345,748	\$800,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$38,195,748	\$4,195,768	\$11,172,247	\$53,563,763

Total Sandhills Community College Funding			
FY	Current Expense	Debt Service	Total Funding
FY23/24	\$5,217,256	\$2,733,282	\$7,950,538
FY24/25	\$5,287,879	\$2,646,483	\$7,934,362

Education Funding of \$61,498,125 Comprises 40% of General Fund

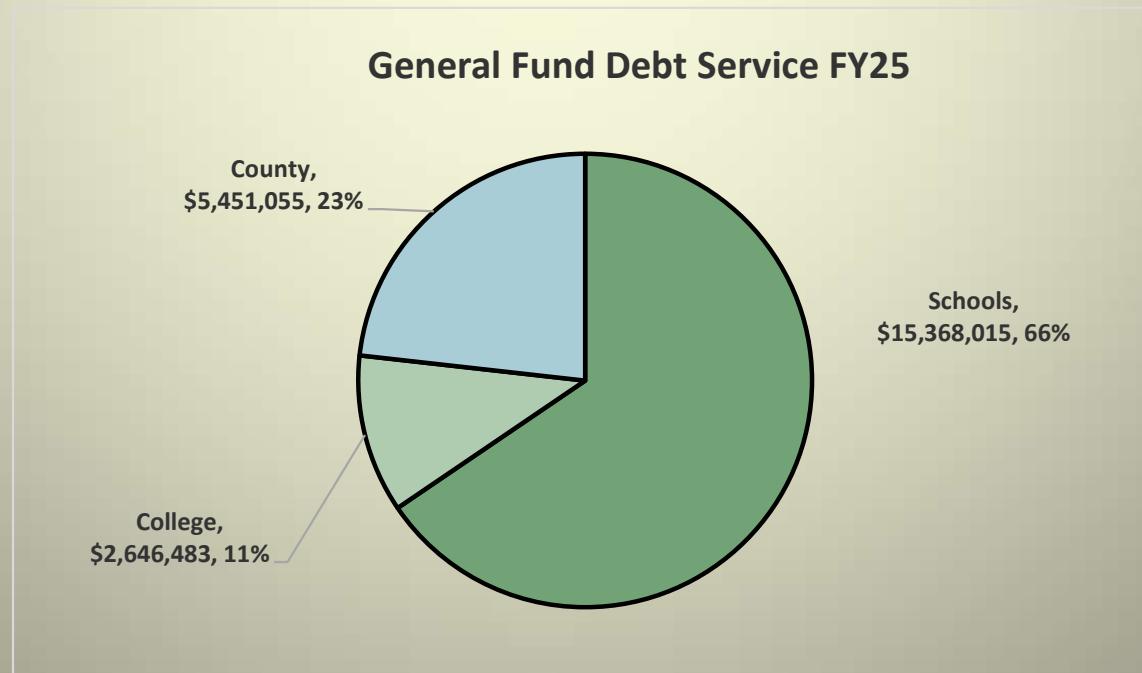
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Key Points of Each Fund: General Fund 100 Debt Service

- Total Debt Service is \$26,969,549 (Includes Enterprise and EMS (24,338) Funds Debt Service)
- Total General Fund Debt Service is \$23,465,553

General Fund Debt Service Graph (P&I) FY25

	Amount	%	Type
Schools	\$15,368,015	65.49%	GO Bond/Bank Finance
College	\$2,646,483	11.28%	GO Bond
County	<u>\$5,451,055</u>	<u>23.23%</u>	LOB
Total	\$23,465,553	100.00%	



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KEY POINTS REGARDING EACH FUND

Fund 100: General Fund

End of General Fund Key Points

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Key Points of Each Fund:

Fund 200: Public Safety/Emergency Management

- Balanced at \$13,312,160 in Revenues and Expenditures
- Supported by Advanced Life Support (ALS) tax revenue, fees, and other revenue
- ALS Tax Rate proposed at **.0375/\$100** of valuation, applies to all properties
- Adds 8 Full-Time Paramedic Positions (4@1/2 Year)

Fund 210: E911

- Balanced at \$211,428 in Revenues and Expenditures
- Funds generated by E911 surcharge on phone bills and appropriated fund balance
- E911 surcharge revenues are regulated by the State
- FY 23/24 projected calls: 106,000+

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Key Points of Each Fund:

Fund 215: Moore County Fire Protection and Rescue Service District

Rural Fire Protection Service Tax Fund 215 (Operations) Fund 216 (Debt Service)

FY2024-2025 - Unified Tax Rate @ .0875/\$100 Valuation

<u>Rural Fire Service District</u>	<u>Operations</u> <u>Distribution Fund 215</u> <u>Expense</u>	<u>Debt Service</u> <u>Distribution Fund 216</u> <u>Expense</u>	<u>Total Manager</u> <u>Recommendation Fund</u> <u>215 and Fund 216</u>
Aberdeen	\$287,960	\$32,991	\$320,951
Carthage	\$343,095	\$62,040	\$405,135
Crains Creek	\$362,932	\$61,614	\$424,546
Cypress Pointe	\$1,042,933	\$57,414	\$1,100,347
Eagle Springs	\$342,174	\$36,120	\$378,294
Eastwood	\$225,781	\$21,128	\$246,909
High Falls	\$351,587	\$155,460	\$507,047
Pinebluff	\$433,841	\$70,298	\$504,139
Pinehurst	\$399,779	\$0	\$399,779
Robbins	\$470,781	\$80,360	\$551,141
Seven Lakes	\$504,558	\$33,895	\$538,453
Southern Pines	\$537,613	\$8,148	\$545,761
West End	\$558,609	\$105,445	\$664,054
Westmoore	\$259,079	\$47,927	\$307,006
Whispering Pines	\$329,155	\$46,744	\$375,899
Station X	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allocated Debt for FY25	\$0	\$238,223	\$238,223
Subtotal Fund 215 and 216	\$6,449,877	\$1,057,807	\$7,507,684
Audit - Professional Services (app FB)	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000
Transfer to Capital Debt Fund 216	\$238,223	\$0	\$0
Transfer to Capital Debt Fund 216 Debt	\$819,584	\$0	\$0
Grand Total Fund 215/216	\$7,529,684	\$1,057,807	\$7,529,684

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Key Points of Each Fund:

Fund 220: Soil and Water Conservation District

- Balanced at \$33,753 in Revenues and Expenditures
- Revenues generated by fees from services and matching State Grant Funds

Fund 230: Moore County Transportation Services

- Balanced at \$1,540,197 in Revenues and Expenditures
- \$14,139 decrease from fiscal year 2024 budget
- Revenues generated by user fees, grants, sale of assets
- Vital service for Department of Aging and Social Services clients
- Services for elderly, disabled, transport for employment & education

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Key Points of Each Fund:

Required Department of Social Service Funds

- Fund 280: DSS Charitable: \$15,000
 - Donations to DSS to be used for specific purpose based on needs of individuals
- Fund 281: DSS Payee Trust Fund: \$420,000
 - Funds that belong to individuals that cannot, for whatever reason, manage their expenses

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Key Points of Each Fund:

Fund 290: Opioid Settlement Funds

- Provides for \$25,000 allocation for Bridge to Recovery contract
- Funding used for Option A, which allows for funding across 12 Strategies
- Strict use and reporting requirements

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Enterprise Funds

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Total	\$27,264,039	\$30,125,485	10.50%

Fee Schedule Recommendations

- Increases to 600, 610 and 620 flow rates, connection fees, base rates, usage rates: WPCP and Public Utilities Tab 6, page 34 to 38, EMWD is Tab 6, page 44-47

Transfers into Capital Reserve: Total of \$324,634

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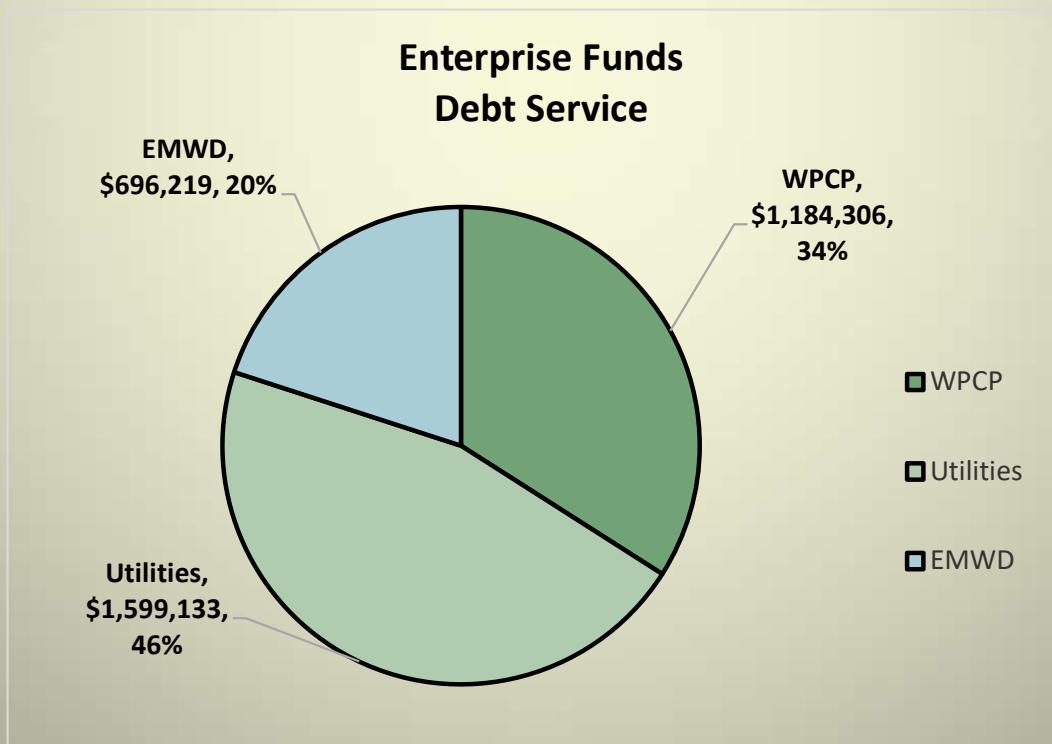
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- No change to Administration Fee: \$50

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Key Points of Each Fund: Enterprise Operations Debt Service

Enterprise Funds Debt Service Graph (P&I) FY25

Fund	Amount	%
WPCP	\$1,184,306	34.04%
Utilities	\$1,599,133	45.96%
EMWD	<u>\$696,219</u>	<u>20.00%</u>
Total	\$3,479,658	100.00%



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Key Points of Each Fund:

Fund 810: Risk Management

- Balanced at \$12,233,754
- Treated as an Internal Service Fund
- Expenditures include costs for Health Insurance, Wellness Works, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, and Unemployment Insurance, Liability and Property Insurance
- No proposed changes to premiums, copays, deductibles, out-of-pocket limits
- Continue to evaluate premiums, co-pays, deductibles, out-of-pockets for employee and dependent coverage

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Key Points of Each Fund:

Fund 260: Convention and Visitor's Bureau

- Balanced at \$3,806,500
- Decrease of \$295,585 compared to fiscal year 2024
- Includes \$300,000 appropriation from fund balance

Fund 640: Airport

- Balanced at \$6,227,103
- Increase of \$333,162 Compared to fiscal year 2024
- Includes an appropriation from retained earnings of \$706,353

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REMAINING SCHEDULE

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

- May 28, 2024
- Others TBD if necessary

REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING

- June 18, 2024 @ 5:30 PM at the Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioner's Meeting

ADOPTION

- June 20, 2024 @ 10:00 AM at Special Called Board of Commissioners' Meeting

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SUMMARY

- The fiscal year 2025 proposed budget is **balanced** at \$228,945,471 in revenues and expenditures
- The proposed budget provides a **fiscally sound** and responsible **blueprint** for administering the revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2025
- The proposed budget allows for the continued operations of the County and **for providing the highest level of services** in an efficient and effective manner
- **Thanks to everyone** who allocated time, effort, and expertise in developing the proposed budget
- The proposed budget is respectfully submitted

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Fund 620: East Moore Water District

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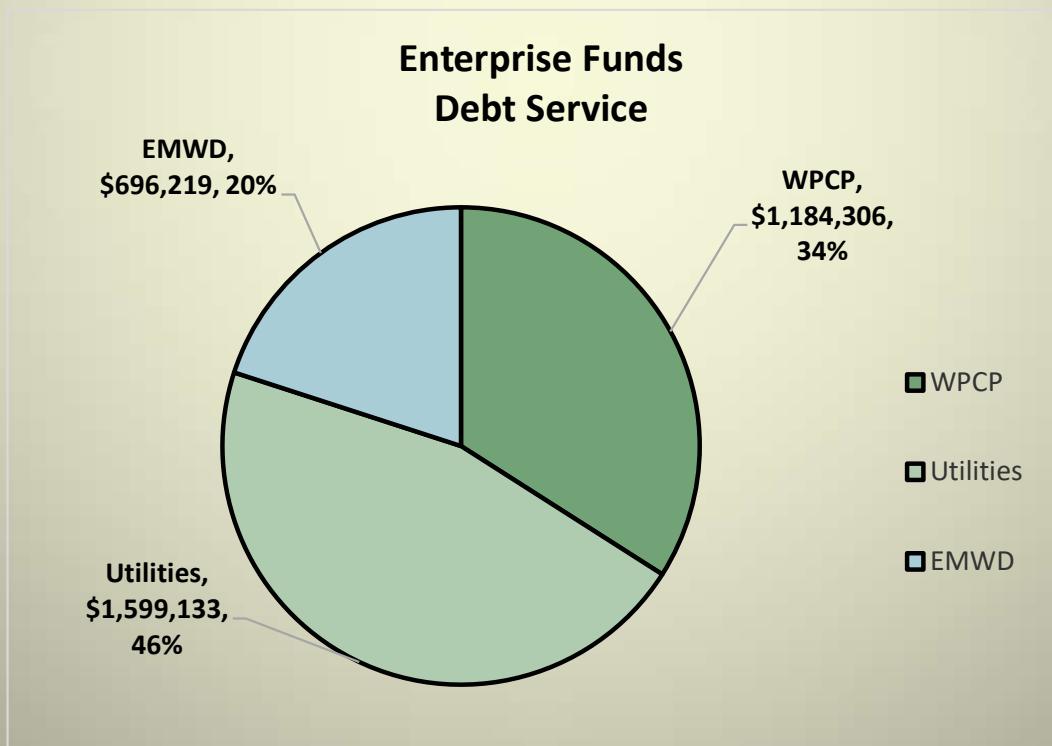
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Enterprise Funds Debt Service Graph (P&I) FY25

Fund	Amount	%
WPCP	\$1,184,306	34.04%
Utilities	\$1,599,133	45.96%
EMWD	<u>\$696,219</u>	<u>20.00%</u>
Total	\$3,479,658	100.00%



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REMAINING SCHEDULE

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

- May 28, 2024
- Others TBD if necessary

REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING

- June 18, 2024 @ 5:00 PM at the East Moore Water District Board of Directors' Meeting

ADOPTION

- June 20, 2024 @ 9:45 AM at Special Called Board of Directors' Meeting