Budget Revision # _____

Item No. _____

Date: _____

Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

BUDGET REVISION

Subject:

Background and explanation for the Budget Revision:
Additional funds are needed to cover the cost of debris removal post Helene. The costs should be reimbursed to the county by FEMA. See attached further details.

The Budget Ordinance is hereby amended by making a Supplemental Appropriation with appropriations and revenues being adjusted as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Line Item #	Title	I/D		Amount
41.4726.330000.10200	Other Grants	I	$	4,058,700.00
Total				**4,058,700.00**

Line Item #	Title	I/D		Amount
41.4726.444100.10200	Contractual	I	$	4,000,000.00
41.4726.412200.10200	Overtime	I	$	46,939.00
41.4726.418100.10200	FICA	I	$	3,402.00
41.4726.418200.10200	Retirement	I	$	6,430.00
41.4726.426000.10200	Supplies	I	$	1,929.00
Total				**4,058,700.00**

Attachments (Yes or No): Yes
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Staff Recommendation:

Board Action:

Department Head	Date	Finance Director	Date	County Manager	Date
			05/30/25		

Anthony (Tony) Helton

From: Suzette Bradshaw
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 6:23 PM
To: Anthony (Tony) Helton
Cc: Wayne Rash; Vic Misenheimer; Jeff Cardwell
Subject: Projected budget revision info through June 30

Tony,

To follow is my best estimate of projected costs/etc. that will be incurred under the Contractual Services line through June 30 for debris removal and debris monitoring for both Right-of-Way (ROW) and Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR).

Debris Removal/Monitoring:

- Invoices received but not yet paid nor in accounts payable - $1,551,140.68
- SDR ROW - May: $500,000 (Final push)
- DebrisTech ROW - May: $100,000 (Based on April preliminary invoices)
- SDR PPDR - May: $300,000 (Based on April preliminary invoices)
- DebrisTech PPDR - May: $125,000 (Based on April preliminary invoices)
- SDR ROW - June: $125,000 (Residual debris contingency)
- DebrisTech ROW - June: $50,000 Residual debris contingency)
- SDR PPDR - June: $300,000 (Based on April preliminary invoices)
- DebrisTech PPDR - June: $125,000 (Based on April preliminary invoices

Total estimate of projected Debris costs **$3,176,140.68**

In addition:

- Additional costs may be incurred for specialized equipment use or services for debris removal in conjunction with the future PPDR projects yet to be completed. This would include costs for cranes, more Senneboggen work, tree climbers, and etc. The cost for some equipment is nearly $900/hour, and there is no way at this time to accurately project what equipment may be required.

- We project additional on-going costs of approximately $4,000 per month for Specialized Consulting, LLC, for providing assistance with current FEMA projects and pending ones submitted to FEMA, particularly with the Wilson Creek multi-use area restoration and the Collettsville Park waterline extension.
- Temporary Warehouse Costs should be approximately $30,000/month through August 31, 2025 (lease and utilities/etc.)
- We have received a proposal for A&E for the Wilson Creek multi-use area of $275,000. This A&E project has been submitted to FEMA and is awaiting FEMA approval, and approval is expected. This expense may be incurred in June.
- Additional Helene mitigation costs can also be expected for pending FEMA projects, such as the Collettsville park project (well/waterline), and Wilson Creek multi-use area project for actual work to be performed there. However, these costs are not anticipated until after June 30.

Also to Consider:

- The above debris removal/monitoring costs were projected through June 30 with the understanding that the county would likely enter into an agreement with NC Emergency Management to participate in the S.M.A.R.T. debris removal/monitoring program for ROW, PPDR, and Waterway debris projects and begin work by July 1. No calculations were done to estimate costs for PPDR or Waterway debris projects past July 1.
- Additionally, if the debris removal costs remain with the county, and all PPDR projects stop and no waterways are cleaned, we would still need to estimate a minimum of an additional $2,000,000 in costs for the grinding and hauling out of debris currently stockpiled or anticipated to be generated and stockpiled at our temporary debris management site. However, it is our understanding that once the S.M.A.R.T. agreement is executed, the state would assume responsibility for any debris stockpiles remaining, as well as the associated costs of debris reduction and haul out of these stockpiles. Again, these costs are not included, due to our understanding the county will likely enter into the agreement with NCEM.
- Currently there is approximately $275,000 left in the Contractual Services line.

Due to the number of unknowns at this time, my overall suggestion to make sure that we have adequate funds approved in the budget to at least take us through June 30, is to request a budget amendment of $3,800,000 to $4,000,000. However, please review my above information and reasoning and I certainly defer to your judgement as to the actual budget amendment amount you request.

We are very cognizant of cash flow and continue to work with FEMA and NCEM on a daily basis to acquire cost reimbursements on all projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. If you need to call me on my cell, that number is 828-612-4810.

Thanks.

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