

# A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Fiscal year 2008-2009 was one of the most challenging I have seen during my twenty-five years in government. The economic slowdown curtailed revenues, especially in sales tax and development fees. The fuel shortages of the summer of 2008 required an even greater commitment to fuel conservation. Growing demands for service in Human Services and Law Enforcement stretched those resources thin. All the while pressures from both Federal and State government actions continued to chip away at our ability to serve our constituents. But through it all Henderson County government not only met these challenges but continued to establish our position as a leader among North Carolina's one hundred counties.

Overcoming this adversity, we improved the county's financial standing by reducing operational costs, conservative financial forecasting and setting high expectations within each county agency. New energy efficient elementary schools at Mills River and Hillandale neared completion at substantial savings. A county-wide Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) program was implemented by the Sheriff's Department. Emergency Medical Services provided urgent medical assistance to thousands of county residents. Social services continued to protect our most vulnerable population, the young and the elderly, and the list goes on.

All of these accomplishments are ever more notable given the fact that Henderson County property owners had the 18<sup>th</sup> lowest tax rate in the state during 2008-2009 and the lowest in the region. No property tax increase will occur in 2009-2010. Again no small accomplishment given the times in which we live.



**Steve Wyatt, County Manager**

## 2009 REPORT TO THE CITIZENS



Henderson County Government  
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Hendersonville, NC 28792

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### COUNTY PROFILE

**Total Population - 102,367**

**2020 Projected Population - 126,628**

**Municipalities - Hendersonville, Flat  
Rock, Mills River, Fletcher & Laurel Park**

**Area - 375.1 square miles**

**Median Household Income - \$47,634**

**Median Age - 43.77 years**

**Henderson County Property Tax Rate -  
\$.462 (Per \$100 value)**

**Public School Enrollment - 13,322**

**County Manager - Steven Wyatt**

**Assistant County Manager -  
Selena Coffey**

**Board of County Commissioners:**

**William Moyer, Chairman**

**Charles Messer, Vice Chairman**

**Chuck McGrady**

**Larry Young**

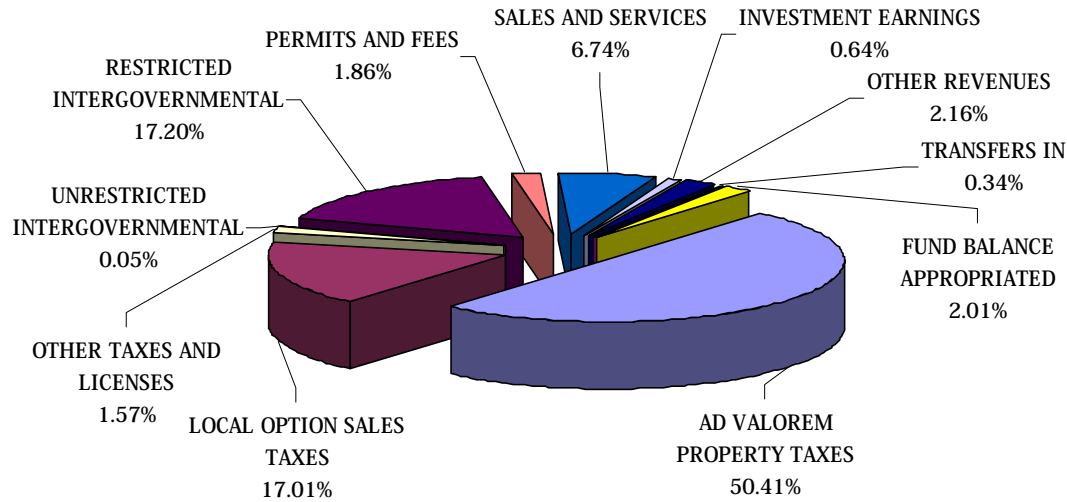
**Mark Williams**

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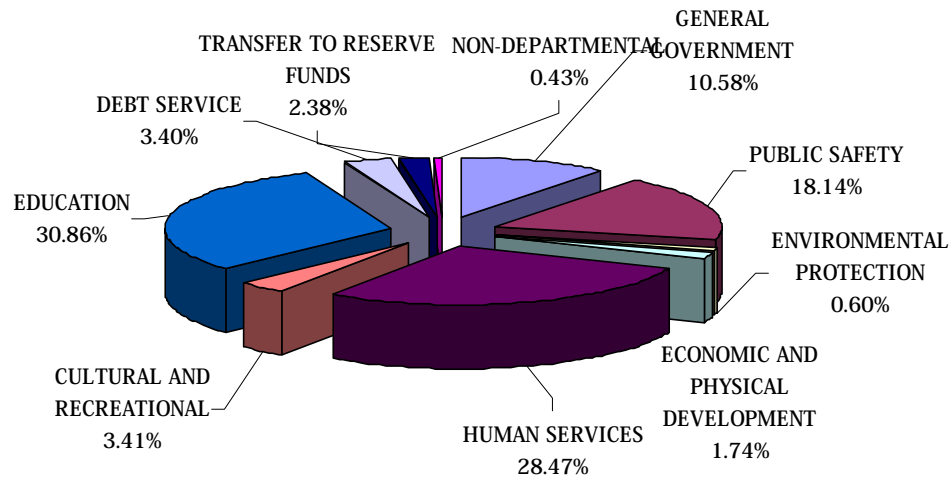
# BUDGET IN BRIEF

## FY 08-09 GENERAL FUND - \$ 117,084,157

### REVENUES: WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...

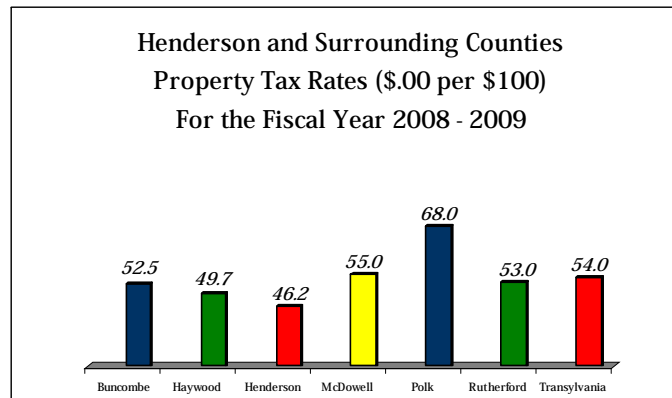


### EXPENDITURES: WHERE THE MONEY GOES...



# FY 08-09 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ No property tax increase
- ◆ Lowest property tax rate among surrounding counties (please refer to graph below)
- ◆ Expanded and upgraded the E911 center by adding 2 more dispatching consoles and upgrading all software and 911 equipment
- ◆ Animal Services volunteer program was presented with a National Association of Counties (NACo) award
- ◆ Received a \$380,000 grant to implement programs to prevent childhood obesity
- ◆ Booked 2,210 individuals into the Detention Center
- ◆ Implemented Immigration and Customs Enforcement Program (ICE)
- ◆ Neared completion of construction of Hillendale and Mills River Elementary Schools, as well as an addition to Dana Elementary



### YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Emergency Services	
Annual EMS Dispatches	9,584
Sheriff	
Phones calls to/from 911	276,252
Volunteer Service Hours	17,200
Solid Waste	
Tons of Waste Received	82,656
Tons of Recycling Processed	4,253
Elections	
Registered Voters	74,586
Library	
Annual Circulation	953,596
Branches	6
Animal Services	
Animals Adopted	1,543
Animals Spayed/Neutered	975
Parks & Recreation	
Acreage of County Parks	249
Youth Sports Participation	3,400
Social Services	
Responses to Abuse & Neglect	2,212
Register of Deeds	
Real Estate Records Recorded	21,546
Birth Certificates Issued	936
Death Certificates Issued	1,176
Marriage Licenses Issued	707
Veteran's Services	
Veteran Contacts	3,542
Environmental Health	
Wells Permitted	222
Planning	
Development Applications	151