

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: MARCH 9, 2015 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 6

SUBJECT:

**AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2014-2015 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL VISITATION, FOSTER CARE, AND ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE
(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

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ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Audrey Clatts, Jr.* DATE: March 4, 2015
COUNTY MANAGER

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2014-2015 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

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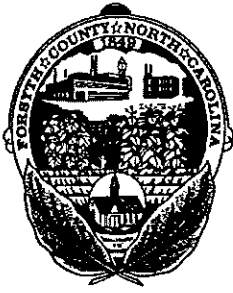
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FORSYTH COUNTY THAT THE 2014 – 2015 BUDGET ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

INCREASE: SECTION 1. REVENUE.
GENERAL FUND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL \$355,000

INCREASE: SECTION 2 APPROPRIATIONS.
GENERAL FUND
SOCIAL SERVICES \$355,000

NATURE OF TRANSACTION:
 Additional Revenue Available
 Transfer within Accounts of
Same fund
 Other:

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AND ENTERED ON
MINUTES DATED _____
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Forsyth County Budget & Management Department

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MEMORANDUM

To: Ronda Tatum, Assistant County Manager
From: Adam Fernbach, Budget & Management Analyst
Date: February 13, 2015
Subject: Social Services Budget Revision to Comply with Anticipated Court Orders and Increased Foster Care Child-Specific Placement Contracts

Forsyth County DSS is proposing a budget transfer and ordinance amendment to help it get through the 2014-15 fiscal year with no impact on the general fund. The department identifies two needs. First, due to court orders that could not have been foreseen during budget preparation, Forsyth County DSS anticipates expending \$450,000 over the budgeted amounts for Foster Care payments and supervised visitations. These costs are reimbursed at 70% and 35%, respectively. The second need is a 50% reimbursable expense to scan adoptions records and send the resulting microfilm to the State Department of Cultural Resources. This would free space in the records room at DSS. The proposed expenditures are shown below:

OCA-OL3	Description	Total Anticipated Need	Reimbursements	County Dollars
453005-2326	Foster Care visitation contract	\$100,000	\$35,000	\$65,000
453005-2720	Foster Care payments – AFDC	\$300,000	\$210,000	\$90,000
453005-2721	Foster Care payments – Regular	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$15,000
451001-2326	Scanning Adoptions Records	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Total		\$600,000	\$355,000	\$245,000

The department proposes to use 100% County dollar expenditures in Work First, Adoptions, and Special Assistance to fund the \$245,000 County dollars required and go to the Board for a budget amendment to recognize and appropriate the reimbursement revenues. The proposed decreases are shown below:

OCA-OL3	Description	County Dollars
452009-2326	Work First Other Contractual Services	\$55,000
452009-2738	Work First Transportation	\$15,000
452009-2741	Work First Food	\$20,000
452009-2744	Work First Transportation – Food stamp empl/training	\$25,000
452009-2752	Transportation – Vendor	\$30,000
452009-2753	Work First Transportation – Vendor	\$20,000
453003-2707	Adoptions – Adoption assistance payments	\$62,000
454004-2706	Special Assistance – Adults	\$18,000
Total		\$245,000

The Work First funds are budgeted for FCDSS TANF Maintenance of Effort. However, the department has already spent approximately \$3 million of the \$3.7 million required through workers' daysheet coding and will have no problem reaching the MOE without these funds. The Adoptions assistance payments and Special Assistance draft are 100% county funds and those OL3s will still have enough funds to cover the current year estimates. Budget preparation for FY16 will take the increased court orders for visitation services into account.