

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: _____

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 OF RESERVED FUND BALANCE TO ASSIST WITH THE COUNTY'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:-

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:-

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ATTACHMENTS:

YES

NO

SIGNATURE: _____

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: _____

**FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
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2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FORSYTH COUNTY THAT THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 1. REVENUES</u>	
	GENERAL FUND	
	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	
	Behavioral Health	<u>\$100,000</u>
INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.</u>	
	GENERAL FUND	
	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$100,000</u>

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

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED _____
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