

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4

**SUBJECT:**

**AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR INMATE OFF-SITE MEDICAL CLAIMS (FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

On July 13, 2017, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution awarding a three-year contract to Correct Care Solutions, Inc., (whose successor is Wellpath LLC), for Inmate Health Care Delivery Services. The initial three-year term began September 1, 2017, and ends August 31, 2020.

The three (3) years of the initial term, as well as the current fiscal year budget, included estimates of certain variable expenses and established do-not-exceed amounts. One of these variable costs are off-site medical claims for inmates, which are paid 50% by the Provider and 50% by the County.

Off-site inmate medical claims are notoriously unpredictable. Often times, hospital stays for just 4-5 inmates can exhaust the provided funds for an entire one year. Since July 2019, the Detention Center has seen a sharp increase in the number severely and chronically ill inmates that have required extended hospital stays.

The Budget Ordinance Amendment increases Sheriff's Office revenues for State and Federal inmate housing costs by \$410,000, which have performed much better than expected, and uses these dollars to increase the expenditure budget for inmate health care costs.

For reference, the history of off-site medical costs (the County's share) is provided in the chart on the page that follows. The FY 2019-20 budgeted cost per month is approximately \$46,000, while the actual costs so far this fiscal year is approximately \$80,000 per month. This is one of the highest, if not the highest, in recent memory.



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

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**FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**

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**EXPLANATION:**

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

INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 1. REVENUES</u>	
	GENERAL FUND	
	JAIL FEES STATE	<u>\$205,000</u>
	JAIL FEES FEDERAL	<u>\$205,000</u>
INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	GENERAL FUND	
	SHERIFF	<u>\$410,000</u>

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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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