FORSYTH COUNTY **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BRIEFING DRAFT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 15, 2021

12 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FROM UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE FOR YOUTH **DETENTION COSTS**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:	X YES	NO		
SIGNATURE:	cc	DUNTY MANAGER	 DATE:	

FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AMENDMENT TO 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE

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EXPLANATION:

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE

FISCAL YEAR 2	020-2021 BUDGET ORDINAL	NCE IS HEREBY AMEND	ED AS FOLLOWS:
INCREASE:	SECTION 1. REVENUES / FUND BALANCES. GENERAL FUND UNRESERVED FUND BAL		<u>\$500.000</u>
INCREASE:	SECTION 2. APPROPRIAT GENERAL FUND YOUTH SERVICES	TIONS.	<u>\$500,000</u>
NATURE OF TRANS [] Additional Reve [] Transfer within Same fund [X] Other: Appropri	nue Available	APPROVED BY BOARD COMMISSIONERS AND MINUTES DATED AGENDA ITEM NUMBE	ENTERED ON