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Board Thanks Representative John R. Bell, IV

Wayne County, NC – The Wayne County Board of Commissioners has completed its review of the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. At the conclusion of the meeting Thursday, the Board took the opportunity to publicly thank North Carolina Representative John Bell.

Rep. Bell was instrumental in a budget fix to ensure Wayne County continued to receive low-wealth funding for schools. The state's budget allows for additional money to low-wealth counties that are home to a base of the Armed Forces of the United States. Wayne County lost low-wealth funding in last year's budget and a temporary fix was established to keep the benefits in the budget. The state's latest budget provides a permanent fix to the low-wealth formula to keep Wayne County from losing \$2 million in school funding.

The Board of Commissioners thanked not only Rep. Bell for his hard work but all delegates for not only Wayne County, but all of eastern North Carolina, for continuing to support the citizens in their districts.

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