Coweta County is governed by a five-member, elected Board of Commissioners representing different geographic portions of the county.

The Board of Commissioners establishes ordinances and policies for County operations. The Board also acts on certain citizen requests such as zoning matters.

Day-to-day governmental operations are handled by the County Administrator’s office, however, the five elected members of the Coweta County Board of Commissioners are ultimately responsible for county activities and the annual budget.

The Coweta County Commission Chairmanship rotates among the elected commissioners every two years.

The Board typically meets twice a month for regular session and public hearings at 37 Perry Street (2nd floor) in Newnan.
Transportation Planning has always been at the forefront. A project that was first envisioned in 1996 had major completion in 2018. The Poplar Road/I-85 interchange, Exit 44, will ease the burden on Bullsboro Drive by offering another east-west corridor as well as a new entry point for citizens who travel on I-85 and added access to everyone who uses area shopping destinations.

Another vision is now underway and is designed to remove tractor-trailer traffic off of Exit 47. The new exit and the associated intersections, will connect the County’s largest industrial areas, Shenandoah, Creekside and Coweta Industrial Park. The new exit remains in the preliminary stages at this time with an interchange Justification Report (IJR) approved in 2012.

**What Does It Cost To Fix A Road?**

- Full Depth Reclamation (County Roads): $350,000 per mile
- Full Depth Reclamation (Subdivision Roads): $290,000 per mile
- Crack Relief Interlayer: $230,000 per mile
- Double Surface Treatment: $176,000 per mile

**Transit** - In addition to roadways, transportation planning also involves moving people who cannot or do not drive. Since 2009, Coweta County Transit has operated six shuttle vans within the County. Coweta County Transit is a “dial-a-ride” service providing door-to-door public transportation to anywhere inside Coweta as well as to the MARTA bus stop in Palmetto.

The service operates Monday-Friday from 8am to 5pm. 770.683.RIDE (7433) Call at least 24 hours in advance.

**Population:** 143,114  
**Population Growth (AVG):** 12.4%  
**Median Age:** 37.5  
**Median Household Income:** $65,244  
**Unemployment Rate (AVG):** 3.8%  
**Median House Value:** $182,300  
**County Employees:** 1,008  
**Square Miles:** 441  
**Municipalities:** 9  
**Commissioners:** 5

Coweta County Government Millage Rates  
**General Maintenance & Operations (unincorporated):** 6.64 mills  
**General Maintenance & Operations (incorporated):** 7.63 mills  
**Fire District (except Newnan, Palmetto & Chattahoochee Hills):** 3.65 mills  
**Fire Bond (except Newnan, Palmetto & Chattahoochee Hills):** 0.44 mills

**Budget:**  
$74,571,371 (unaudited)  
Balanced with revenues and expenditures.

*as of 12/31/2018
99.85% of calls to Coweta 911 in 2018 were answered in under 15 seconds.

Coweta County’s 2018 Tax Digest increased by over $381 million (at 40% Assessed Value). That is almost $1 billion at 100% (Fair Market Value)

The 2018 Annual Tax Digest was in excess of $5.8 billion (at 40% Assessed Value)

800 new parcels were added
266 Personal Property accounts were added
1,993 property improvements were added
Processed 8,211 property transfers (deeds, wills, etc.)

Coweta County’s Development Authority responded to 60 projects in 2018, with 33 of those companies visiting the County.

Located Projects:
- Corvaglia - 40 Jobs; $48M Capital Investment
- Saddlecreek – 150 Jobs; $50M Capital Investment
- Vintech – 60 Jobs; $5M Capital Investment

Expansions:
- Cargill – 120 Jobs
- Hitachi North America – 80 jobs

Community Development reports 2018 saw the largest case load in Zoning and Board of Zoning Appeals requests since these records have been maintained.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Residential Activity
- New Subdivisions (Submitted): 36
- New Lots (Proposed w/in Subdivisions): 1221
- New Lots (Approved/Recorded): 353
- Committed Subdivision Development: 1864 acres
- Proposed Open-Space: 451 acres
- Zoning Approvals (non-subdivision): 146

Rezonings - 20 cases
Board of Zoning Appeal Cases - 70 cases
Annexations - 5
(Newman 3; Palmetto 1; Turin 1)

Commercial Activity
- New Projects: 8
- New Square Footage: 253,295

Industrial Activity
- New Projects: 10
- New Square Footage: 370,262

Development Permits issued LDAs

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Coweta Cares, an innovative health care delivery system, cranked up in 2018. Initial efforts include behavioral health patients followed by post-stroke patients in Phase 2. Coweta Cares utilizes a Telehealth Program provided by the GA Department of Public Health and is staffed by a paramedic provided by the County’s Fire Rescue Department and a Licensed Professional Counselor provided by Pathways.

770.683.CARE (2273)
www.cowetacares.org

FIRE/RESCUE

- Coweta County Fire/Rescue (CCFR) became a certified instructional and testing site for the prestigious Blue Card Incident Command Officer certification program, one of only three such training sites in the State of Georgia.
- CCFR began an accreditation process by being accepted as an Applicant Agency by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). CFAI accreditation is a process of agency self-assessment.
- 2017 Georgia EMS Service of the Year award presented to CCFR.
- Georgia Fire Chief of the Year Award was presented to CCFR Chief Deron P. Wilson.

2018 crime stats reveal that major crimes were down from the previous year.

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Your Sheriff’s Office responded to a total of 29,745 calls in 2018

CRIME
A BALANCED BUDGET

County staff and the Board of Commissioners are committed to maintaining a balanced budget. Multiple controls help insure this including regular evaluation of expenditures, annual line-by-line review of all budget requests and public presentation to the Board of Commissioners and citizens for review and comment before adoption.

THE FUNDS

The County uses different funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. The County has three kinds of funds: Governmental, Proprietary (funds that reflect business-type activity for which the County charges customers a fee), and Fiduciary (activities of the Group Pension Plan for Employees of Coweta County).

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

GENERAL FUND - The General Fund represents the revenues and expenses required to run the day to day operations of county government. The General Fund receives the vast majority of its revenue from real and personal property taxes, sales tax, fines/forfeitures/court fees, charges for services, licenses/permits and other taxes.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - These funds are legally restricted to use only for particular purposes and are accounted for separately.

- Fire District Fund - monies received from a specific tax levy and for the operation of the fire department.
- SPLOST Fund - utilized to account for the proceeds from the 1% special purpose local option sales tax for various projects approved via referendum of the voters of Coweta County.
- E-911 Fund - fees charged to citizens via their phone bills, both land line and cellular and used to operate the E-911 Center.
- Hotel/Motel Tax Fund - sales tax charged for the rental of a hotel/motel room and used for tourism promotion.
- D.A.T.E. Fund - fines delivered via court order and are used for Drug Awareness Treatment and Education (D.A.T.E.)

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

EMS FUND - funds collected from charges for services, to cover the operations of EMS/Ambulance Service.

SOLID WASTE FUND – activity at the Construction & Demolition (C&D) Landfill, and the County Transfer Station.

FIDUCIARY FUND - resources for pension benefit payments to qualified governmental employees.

SPLOST

The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is approved by voters for a specific length of time and for specific capital projects.

SPLOST revenues must be spent on predetermined capital projects and not used for personnel or operations costs.

SPLOST is paid by anyone shopping in Coweta County.

 Voters approved SPLOST an eighth time in 2017 effective 2019 through 2024.

The 2019 SPLOST distribution agreement was based on population.

Coweta County is again placing its focus on transportation dedicating 74.75 ($71.3 million). Other areas receiving revenues will be E-911/Emergency Management, Fire, Parks & Recreation and Sheriff.

There are also projects funded before allocation. These projects benefit everyone and include 911 dispatch console upgrades, public safety radio upgrades and ambulance replacements and upgrades.

The 2013 SPLOST collections ended at the conclusion of 2018. Coweta’s share of the 2013 SPLOST was allocated in the following manner:

Transportation: $66.9 million; Recreation: $6.25 million; Sheriff: $4 million; Fire: $3.5 million and Emergency Management: $400,000.

Coweta County is honored to be the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association’s ‘Award of Financial Reporting Achievement’ for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to have met the high standards of the Association which include demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management.
How Are My Property Taxes* Used?

- Total Property Taxes $2,205.52*
- School Maintenance & Operations (M&O) $1,450.02, 66%
- County Maintenance & Operations (M&O) $464.80, 21%
- Fire District $255.50, 12%
- Fire Bond $35.20, 2%

Where Does Your M&O Go?

$465 of your annual tax bill helps fund all County operations except Fire.
The 21% received for M&O (Maintenance & Operations) is split in the following fashion:

- Public Safety 44% $203
- General Government 17% $81
- Judicial 13% $61
- Public Works 10% $48
- Recreation & Library 6% $30
- Housing & Dev. 4% $19
- Capital 4% $18
- Public Health & Welfare 1% $3
- Debt Service 1% $3

*Based on a Fair Market Value of $200,000 with homestead exemption and a total millage of 29.32 mills (unincorporated)

How Will The 2019-2024 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Be Used?

The latest SPLOST, approved in 2017 and effective January 1, 2019, is expected to collect $140 million in estimated revenue.

Here is the countywide breakdown of the project areas as approved by voters.

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