

AGENDA  
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
County Council Chambers  
March 7, 2023  
6:00 PM

Council's meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Council's Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, in the event Council's Rules do not cover the procedural issue at hand. This agenda may be modified prior to or during the meeting.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**  
Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
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| January 3, 2023  | Regular Monthly Meeting                              |
| January 10, 2023 | County Council Retreat                               |
| January 24, 2023 | County Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting |
| January 30, 2023 | Annual Intergovernmental Meeting                     |
| February 7, 2023 | Regular Monthly Meeting                              |

**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Agenda Items other than Public Hearing Matters**

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**V. REPORTS**

Monthly Reports 2022  
Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings

(SEE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS)

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

While developing the agenda, routine or noncontroversial items are placed on the consent agenda, which is a part of the regular agenda. If any member objects to including an item on the consent agenda, that item shall be moved to the regular agenda as an action item requiring discussion. The remaining consent items shall be adopted in a single vote without discussion.

**1. Consideration of Approval of County Council Committee, Commission, and Board**

Appointments for 2023

Recreation Committee	Kennion
Economic Development Committee	Campbell
Tri-County Solid Waste Authority Board	Talbert and Moody
3 Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board	Campbell
Upper Savannah Council of Governments Board	Talbert and Ireland
Augusta Regional Transportation Study Board	Moody and Ireland

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County Transportation Committee Liaison                      Kennion  
Hometown Grant Committee    Ireland and Kennion

Vice Chair Duties

- Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
- Oversee all performance evaluations of employees who report to Council

2. Consideration of Appointment to the GLEAMNS Board

Debra Barley ..... Appointment

3. Consideration of Appointment to the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Sandra Collier ..... Appointment

4. Consideration of Appointment to the Countywide Recreation Commission

Rodney Tillman ..... Appointment

5. Consideration of Reappointment to the Fire Board

Dexter Bowman ..... Reappointment

Bobby Allen ..... Reappointment

Richard Culver ..... Reappointment

Ricky Moxley ..... Reappointment

Tracy Freeman ..... Reappointment

6. Consideration of Reappointment to the Hospital Board

Alva Lewis ..... Reappointment

Kathleen Wates ..... Reappointment

Atlee Goodwin ..... Reappointment

7. Consideration of Appointment/Reappointment to the Library Board

Patricia Bryan ..... Reappointment

Deborah Hoffman ..... Reappointment

Leisa Long ..... Reappointment

Jean Covar ..... Reappointment

Gloria Bynum ..... Appointment

8. Consideration of Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Calvin Jackson ..... Reappointment

**Consent Agenda Ends Here**

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**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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1. Ordinance 21-22-792, **To replace section chapter 6, Animals in the Code of Ordinance.**
2. Ordinance 21-22-793, **An ordinance authorizing the delivery of an agreement of purchase and sale, and conveyance of certain properties between Edgefield County and John McCracking, his successors and assigns.**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of Approval of the Third Reading of Ordinance 21-22-792, to Replace Section Chapter 6 Animals in the Code of Ordinances.  
**The current Chapter 6, Animals in our Code of Ordinances is outdated and does not reflect the realities of operating an Animal Care and Control Facility. The newly developed chapter is more specific especially in regards to impoundment, redemption from impoundment, and adoptions. It is also more protective of animals with increased opportunities for adoption. We believe that replacing the old ordinance with this version is necessary to successfully operating the Animal Care and Control Facility.**

**Exhibit I**

2. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 21-22-793, an Ordinance Authorizing the Delivery of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, and the Conveyance of Certain Properties Between Edgefield County and John McCracking, his Successors and Assigns. This is parcel 137-06-02-030-000.  
**In 2018, Edgefield County Council approved advertising the building known as the Neighborhood Center at 400 Church St. in Edgefield. John McCracking offered to purchase the property for \$50,000. Last year, the County obtained a new appraisal of the property that established a value of \$100,000. The County asked a commercial contractor for an estimate for an asbestos assessment, removal, and demolition. The estimate was \$68,000. As the appraisal price minus the abatement estimate demonstrates that the original deal is appropriate, staff recommends that Council proceed with the sale to John McCracking, who has said he still wants to purchase this property.**

**Exhibit II**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of Resolution 21-23-1156, recognizing the Town of Edgefield as the safest City in South Carolina as reported by SafeWise, an independent national safety and security company.

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**In September 2022, SafeWise release a report based on crime statistics in South Carolina that designated the Town of Edgefield as the safest. From the SafeWise report of safest cities in South Carolina: “Edgefield, our number 1 this year, is new to the list—it reported the lowest violent and property crime rates in the state with a total of just 32 property crimes and only 2 violent crimes.”**

**Exhibit III**

2. Consideration of Approval for Edgefield County Government to Co-Sponsor the “March for Parks” event at Bettis Park on April 15, 2023.

**The Bettis Academy Heritage Preservation Team holds the March for Parks event annually at Bettis Park, located adjacent to the Bettis Academy Campus, to raise funds to sustain and maintain the Biddle Hall Museum.**

3. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 21-23-1155, a contract to acquire parcel 137-03-03-021-000 located at 225 Jeter St., currently the Edgefield County Council Chambers, consisting of the building and 0.24 acres for \$64,000.

**In 1999, Edgefield County entered into a lease-option agreement with the owner of the Council Chambers. This agreement stipulated terms for rent calculations and provided for a purchase option after twenty years. The agreement also established a formula for the calculation of sale price using current appraisals minus a substantial discount for all improvements implemented by the County. The sale price Council is asked to approve is \$64,000. The two current appraisals are \$280,000 and \$210,000.**

**Exhibit IV**

4. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 21-23-795, an ordinance to quitclaim reverted interest in the Manor House property to Christy Culbreath.

**In January 2019, Edgefield County sold the facility known as Manor House (parcel 114-00-00-050-000), consisting of 8.59 acres, to Christie Culbreath for redevelopment into an assisted living facility. That deed contained a reversion if the property was not completed as an assisted living facility within a two-year period. In 2021, Edgefield County consented to a 24-month waiver of the right of reversion to give Ms. Culbreath more time to develop the property. Ms. Culbreath now has a full set of plans and SCDHEC approval to move forward. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance, which contains several progress metrics to ensure that this project moves forward.**

**Exhibit V**

5. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 21-23-1153, approval of a formal agreement with Saluda County in the construction and operation of the Animal Care and Control Facility.

**On January 3, 2023, Edgefield County approved a new Memorandum of Understanding with Saluda County in the construction of the Animal Care and**

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**Control Facility. This formal agreement is based on that Memorandum of Understanding and details the responsibilities and obligations of both parties in this partnership.**  
**Exhibit VI**

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**All additional comments**

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**XI. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**XII. REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**XIII. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR**

**XIV. ADJOURN**