

AGENDA  
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
County Council Chambers  
February 6, 2024  
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 - Minister Jameal Eubanks, Chalk Hill Baptist Church  
Pledge of Allegiance

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. GUEST SPEAKER**

Will Williams, President and CEO  
Western SC Economic Development Partnership

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

January 2, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting

**V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Agenda Items other than Public Hearing Matters**

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**VI. REPORTS**

Monthly Reports 2023  
Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings  
Planning Commission Work Session Minutes  
Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

(SEE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS)

**VII. 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 2024.**

Recreation Committee  
Economic Development Committee

Kennion  
Campbell

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| 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   |
| County Transportation Committee Liaison     | Kennion             |

Vice Chair Duties

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

**Consent Agenda Ends Here**

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**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of Approval of the Third Reading of Ordinance 21-23-786, to amend Chapter 24 Land Development Sections 24-248, 251, 252, 285 & 286 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances including Application, Major Subdivisions, Land Development other than a subdivision, County Planning Administrator, and County Planning Commission.

**The Edgefield County Planning Commission, based upon the recommendations of the Building and Planning Department staff, reviewed proposed changes to Chapters 24 of the Edgefield County Land Development Ordinance. The Planning Commission determined that the current Edgefield County Ordinances need to be updated to reflect the need for changes to the application and administration of the County land development regulations.**

**Exhibit I**

2. Consideration of Approval of the Third Reading of Ordinance 21-23-784, to amend Chapter 2 Administration Section 2-21 Compensation of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances.

**The changes consist of applying County cost-of-living increases that all County employees receive to the County Council as well. By state law, the effective date of any such cost-of-living raises for the Council would take place the first of January following a general election where two or more members of the Council have been elected. In addition, the cost-of-living increase for Council must be clearly indicated in the budget approval process. During second reading of the ordinance, Council approved an amendment to cap Council cost-of-living increases at 2% total every two years.**

**Exhibit II**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of Approval to award the contract to Lucas Refrigeration to replace the 10-ton gas pack HVAC unit at the Agriculture Building for \$21,548 to be paid from the County Building Bond Fund 034-001-01000-00100.

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**This unit is 28 years old and was down for over a week during Christmas. It was discovered at that time that replacement parts are difficult to source.**

**Exhibit III**

| Lucas Refrigeration | Cullum Services | Holsenback H&A |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| \$21,548            | \$24,565        | \$21,900       |

2. Consideration of Approval to award the contract to Lucas Refrigeration to replace the 14-ton split heat pump unit at the DSS/DHHS building for \$35,785 to be paid from the County Building Bond Fund 034-001-01000-00100.

**This unit is 32 years old and is in unstable condition. Replacement will require significant demolition and replacement of a portion of the ceiling.**

**Exhibit IV**

| Lucas Refrigeration | Cullum Services | Holsenback H&A |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| \$35,785            | \$48,290        | \$38,880       |

3. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 23-24-0003, An Inducement Resolution providing for a fee in lieu of tax agreement between Edgefield County and PAC TELL Group, Inc. D/B/A US Fibers.

**This Resolution provides a summary of proposed investments by the Company and incentives from the County for the fee in lieu of tax agreement between both parties.**

**Exhibit V**

4. Consideration of Approval of a revised County Recreation fee schedule.

**The County Recreation Committee has recommended changes to our registration fees, compensation for referees and umpires, and gate fees. This fee increase is necessary primarily due to the increase in uniform costs, umpire, and referee fees, which are increasing this year. Football gate fees are \$3 and will remain the same. Basketball gate fees are \$2.**

| Sport                 | Current Registration Fee | Proposed Registration Fee | Current Ref/umpire Pay | Proposed Ref/umpire Pay |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Basketball</b>     | \$50                     | \$60                      | \$30                   | \$35                    |
| <b>Baseball</b>       | \$50                     | \$60                      | \$30<br>\$35 12U       | \$40<br>\$45 12U        |
| <b>Girls Softball</b> | \$50                     | \$60                      | \$30                   | \$40                    |
| <b>Soccer</b>         | \$50                     | \$60                      | \$30                   | \$35                    |
| <b>Football</b>       | \$60                     | \$75                      | \$30                   | \$40                    |
| <b>Cheer</b>          | \$60                     | \$75                      | /                      | /                       |

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5. Consideration of Approval of Edgefield County entering into a lease with Piedmont Technical College Foundation – Edgefield Properties, LLC on the premises at 506 Main St., Edgefield, on behalf of the SC Department of Juvenile Justice for office space. The lease term is three years.  
**DJJ needs to move their office location from Saluda to Edgefield. McCormick, Saluda, and Edgefield counties share the cost of a DJJ office. The new total annual lease is \$7,400 to be shared based on population by Edgefield, McCormick, and Saluda counties. Edgefield County’s portion would be \$3,515. This cost is only a \$59 increase over last year.**

**Exhibit VI**

6. Consideration of Approval to authorize staff to solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a professional impact fee study.  
**The Edgefield County User Fee Committee has requested Council to approve putting an RFP out to see what the actual costs of a professional impact fee study are. This study is a minimum legal requirement under State law before any impact fees can be considered.**

7. Consideration of Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 23-24-001, to amend section 24-286 c 1 Planning Commission Terms of Office.  
**This amendment would set the term of office for at-large appointees to begin March 31 in even-numbered years and the term of office for council district appointees to begin March 31 in odd-numbered years.**

**Exhibit VII**

**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**

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