

State of South Carolina)

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-24-003

County of Edgefield)

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"An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2024-2025 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Economic Development Fund, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims' Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Road Maintenance, Tri-County Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, School Resource Officer #1-9, Event Security, Sheriff Discretionary, Clerk of Court Discretionary, Pre Trial Intervention, and Criminal Domestic Violence."

WHEREAS:

1. The Edgefield County Council, in accordance with § 4-9-30 (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, has the authority to prepare an annual budget for all Departments and Agencies of the County Government; and
2. The annual County budget shall be based upon estimated revenues and shall provide appropriations for County operations and debt service for all County Departments and Agencies; and
3. Pursuant to state statutes, total funds appropriated in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the above purposes shall not exceed estimated revenues and funds available for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. The Edgefield County Council hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 County Budget for Edgefield County, South Carolina, of which a detailed copy is herein incorporated.

Section 2. The Edgefield County Council hereby authorizes and directs the Edgefield County Auditor to levy upon the taxable property in Edgefield County, South Carolina ad valorem taxes necessary to meet all budget requirements, except as provided for by other revenues, for county operations and debt service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2025.

Section 3. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to collect said ad valorem taxes and all other revenues which may accrue to Edgefield County from all sources, pursuant to law, during Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Section 4. The Edgefield County Council approves Revenues and Appropriations for FY 2024-2025 for County operations below:

Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Operating Budget total \$15,816,500. Sources of funding include the following categories:

General Fund Revenues

Accommodations Tax	176,265
Animal Control	52,500
ARPA funds	45,000
Bond Revenue	100,000
Building & Planning	467,000
Clerk of Court	394,100
County Archives	700
Current Year Property Tax	5,150,000
Other Taxes	237,000
Federal Detention Reimbursement	350,000
Fund Transfers	136,730
Homestead Exemption	390,000
Local Government Fund	1,550,000
LOST Property Tax Credit	1,800,000
LOST Revenue	700,000
Magistrate's Office	475,500
Manufacturer's Exempt	240,000
Other Revenues	652,100
Motor Carrier	95,000
Probate Court	37,650
Recreation	105,500
Rent & Reimbursements	23,000
Sheriff's Office	4,600
Tax Assessor	1,200
Tax Collector	375,000
Treasurer	260,000
Unrestricted Reserves	871,655
Vehicle Tax	1,100,000
Veteran's Affairs	5,000
Voter Registration	20,000

Worthless Check	1,000
Total General Fund Revenues	15,816,500

General Fund Expenditures

ABBE Regional Library	230,000
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	75,000
Animal Control	294,820
Auditor	177,710
Beckman Center	2,000
Building & Planning	538,650
Building Maintenance	
Fuel Site	4,100
Courthouse	70,500
Council Chamber	9,150
Auditor's Building	2,500
Department of Social Services	27,500
Administration Building	10,300
Agriculture Building	12,780
Health Department	3,000
Magistrate Building	7,980
Edgefield County Park (Bettis)	17,025
Sheriff's Department	37,500
Detention Center	53,650
Sweetwater Community Center	23,000
County Maintenance Garage	4,100
Kneece Building	26,000
Circuit Judge	400
Clerk of Court	696,180
Coroner	216,395
County Administration	694,005
County Agent	1,500
County Archives	54,025
County Council	678,900
County Jail	1,883,900
County Maintenance	158,890
Court Cost	28,550
Delegation Secretary	6,835
Department of Social Services	500
Dispatch	737,885
Edgefield Health Department	6,500
Eleventh Judicial Solicitor	302,441
Emergency Management	219,207
Employment & Social Security	232
GIS/ Special Projects	106,795
Information Technology	280,650
Magistrate's Office	795,445
Medical Indigent	38,000
Miscellaneous	10,000
Countywide	1,900,000
Piedmont Tech	90,000
Probate Court	294,030
Probation Officer	100
Recreation	358,297
Registration & Election	230,600
Risk Management	500
Senior Citizens	3,000
Sheriff's Office	3,402,735
Soil & Water Conservation	7,000
Tax Assessor	384,580
Tax Collector	147,565
Treasurer	255,570

Tri-County Public Defender	60,025
Tri-County Solicitor Maintenance Contract	250
Tri-County Youth Services	3,456
Upper Savannah COG	18,852
Veteran's Affairs	115,440
Total General Fund Expenditures	15,816,500

Section 5. The FY 2024-2025 General Operating Budget provides for the per diem rate at \$34.00 per day and the mileage rate as per current IRS rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

ANCILLARY FUNDS

Maintenance of Roads & Bridges

Revenues:	
Road Maintenance Fee	800,000
Unrestricted Reserves	
Other	27,000
Total Maintenance of Roads & Bridges Revenues	827,000
Total Expenditures	827,000

EMS

Revenues:	
Property Taxes	1,050,000
Delinquent Property Tax	53,000
Vehicle Tax	165,000
User Charges	1,058,500
Grant Fees	7,500
Other	50,500
Unrestricted Reserves	80,750
Total EMS Revenues	2,465,250
Total Expenditures	2,465,250

E911

Revenues:	
E911 Surcharges	33,000
State Reimbursement	95,000
Other State Funds	-
Unrestricted Reserves	-
Other	16,963
Total E911 Revenues	144,963
Total Expenditures	144,963

Economic Development

Revenues:	
Property Taxes	83,900
Multi-County Ind. Park	104,000
Other	7,500
Unrestricted Reserves	-
Total Economic Development Revenues	195,400
Total Expenditures	195,400

Solid Waste Fund

Revenues:	
Solid Waste User Fees	1,327,000
McCormick County Site Rental	10,000
Other	1,000

Unrestricted Reserves
Total Edgefield Solid Waste Fund Revenues 1,338,000

Total Expenditures 1,338,000

Tri-County Solicitor

Revenues:
Edgefield County 302,441
Saluda County 241,953
McCormick County 127,697
Total Tri-County Solicitor Revenues 672,091

Total Expenditures 672,091

Assistant Solicitor

Revenues:
Misc income 1,364,034
Restricted Funds 454,000
Total Assistant Solicitor Revenues 1,818,034
Total Expenditures 1,818,034

Victim's Bill of Rights Fund

Revenues:
Assessments 23,000
Other 2,000
Transfer 60,505
Unrestricted Reserves -
User Charges 16,000
Total Recreation Revenues 101,505

Total Expenditures 101,505

School Resource Officer #1 Strom Thurmond HS

Revenues:
Miscellaneous income 19,309
Edgefield County School District 77,234
Total School Resource Officer #1 Revenues 96,543

Total Expenditures 96,543

School Resource Officer #2 JET Middle School

Revenues:
Miscellaneous Income 15,000
Edgefield County School District 82,885
Total School Resource Officer #2 Revenues 97,885

Total Expenditures 97,885

School Resource Officer #3 Fox Creek HS

Revenues:
Miscellaneous Income
Fox Creek High School 96,318
Total School Resource Officer #3 Revenues 96,318

Total Expenditures 96,318

School Resource Officer #4 Merriweather Middle School

Revenues:

Miscellaneous Income - Grant	106,811
Edgefield County School District	
Total School Resource Officer Grant Revenues	106,811
Total Expenditures	106,811

School Resource Officer #5	Merriweather Elementary School
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Revenues:	
Miscellaneous Income - Grant	107,725
Edgefield County School District	
Total School Resource Officer #5 Revenues	107,725
Total Expenditures	107,725

School Resource Officer #6	Douglas Elementary School
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Revenues:	
Edgefield County School District	18,500
Miscellaneous Income - Grant	120,087
Total School Resource Officer #6 Revenues	138,587
Total Expenditures	138,587

School Resource Officer #7	Bettis Academy Prep
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Revenues:	
Edgefield County School District	109,838
Total School Resource Officer #7 Revenues	109,838
Total Expenditures	109,838

School Resource Officer #8	Storm Thurmond CTC
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Revenues:	
Miscellaneous Income - Grant	100,345
Total School Resource Officer #8 Revenue	100,345
Total Expenditures	100,345

School Resource Officer #9	Johnston Elementary
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Revenues:	
Miscellaneous Income - Grant	97,808
Total School Resource Officer #8 Revenue	97,808
Total Expenditures	97,808

Event Security

Revenues:	
Edgefield County School District	31,600
Total Event Security Revenues	31,600
Total Expenditures	31,600

Sheriff Discretionary Fund

Revenues:	
Discretionary Funds	11,700
Other	5,800
Sheriff's Child Support	3,000

Stimulus/Discretionary Funds	1,000
Unrestricted Reserves	6,700
Balance Brought Forward	28,200
Total Sheriff Discretionary Revenues	28,200
Total Expenditures	-

Clerk of Court Discretionary Funds

Revenues:	
Fund Transfer Income	13,559
Discretionary Funds	3,552
Special Account	43,544
Total Clerk of Court Discretionary Revenues	60,655
Total Expenditures	60,655

Pre Trial Intervention

Revenues:	
11th Circuit Solicitor's Office	122,604
Total Pre Trial Intervention Revenues	122,604
Total Expenditures	122,604

Domestic Violence

Revenues:	
Misc Income	166,469
Total Criminal Domestic Violence Revenues	166,469
Total Expenditures	166,469

Opioid Settlement Grant

Revenues:	
Grant	97,000
Total Opioid Grant Revenues	97,000
Total Expenditures	97,000

Fire Tax Fund

Revenues:	
Tax Revenues	880,000
Total Fire Tax Revenues	880,000
Total Expenditures	880,000

Grand Total Ancillary Funds **9,900,631**

Section 6. All of the foregoing appropriations are maximum and conditional, and are subject to reduction by action of County Council in the event that the county's revenues shall fail to meet the budgeted levels approved in this ordinance. Generally, the council authorizes transfers among line items within a department unless restricted herein or elsewhere by ordinance or council authorizes transfers among line items within a department unless restricted by ordinance or administrative directive. By majority vote of County Council, may affect transfers from Council's contingency to organizational departments.

Section 7. In order to assure the proper expenditure of monies appropriated to outside agencies, the agencies receiving monies shall supply annual financial statements to the County.

Section 8. In the event that the state reduces the funding for the salary supplement for any elected official below the funded level of the previous year, the County will retroactively make up the difference for that elected official until such time in which the state restores the supplement to its regular funding level.

Section 9. If for any reason, a court of competent jurisdiction declares any sentence, clause or provision in this ordinance invalid such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

Section 10. This ordinance is effective July 1, 2024.

Adopted this 4th day of June 2024.

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Dean Campbell, Chair

Areatha Eubanks, Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Andrew Marine, County Attorney

Ordinance No. Adoption History

Advertise First Budget reading	3/20/2023
First Budget Reading	4/2/2023
Advertise Public Hearing	4/17/2023
Public Hearing	5/7/2023
Second Budget Reading	5/7/2023
Advertise Third Budget Reading	5/15/2023
Third and Final Budget Reading	6/4/2023
Publicize adopted Budget in paper	6/12/2023