# PICKENS COUNTY FY 2026 BUDGET



# PICKENS COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

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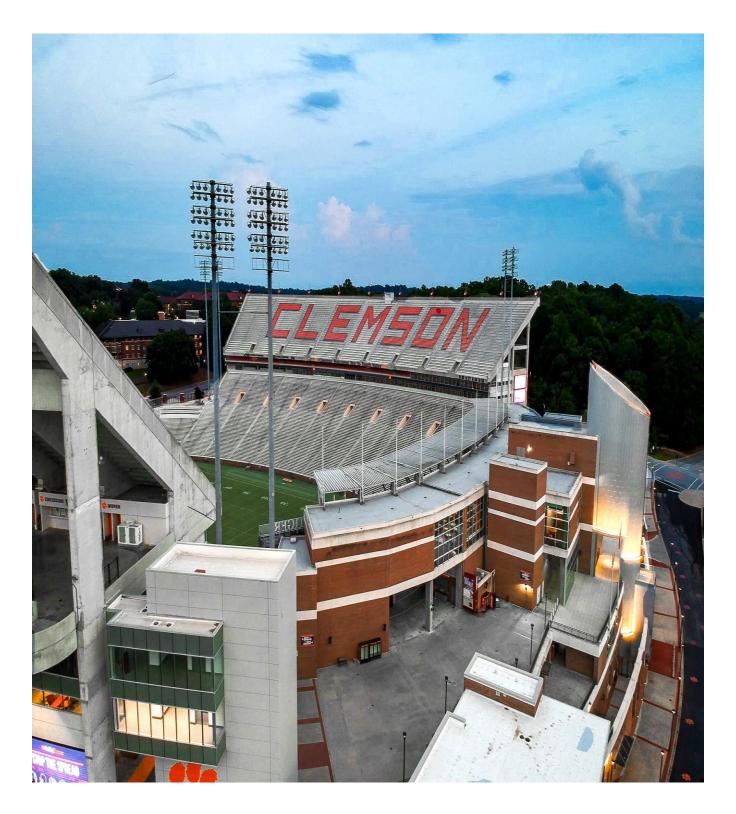
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## FY 2026

### A Brief History of Pickens County

Pickens County, named for Revolutionary War hero Andrew Pickens, was Indian Territory until after the American Revolution. The first European settlers to the region were Indian traders. The present day counties of Pickens, Greenville, Anderson and Oconee were originally part of the Washington District created by the state legislature in 1791. Seven years later, the Washington District was divided into the Greenville and

Pendleton Districts. In 1826, in response to the increasing population and poor transportation facilities, the legislature divided the Pendleton District into Anderson and Pickens Districts. After the Civil War, the South Carolina Constitutional Convention changed the term District to County and split the Pickens District in 1868. The western portion of the District became Oconee County.

The first Pickens District Courthouse was built on the Keowee River in what is now Oconee County. When the County was divided, a second Courthouse was built about 14 miles east of Keowee on forty acres of land donated by Elihu Griffin which became the town of Pickens, the County Seat. In 1892, a third Courthouse was built and with several renovations and additions, is still in use today.



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During the 1870s, the County voted to issue bonds to construct 27 miles of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railroad (later called the Southern Railway) through the southern portion of the County. The towns of Easley, Liberty and Central grew up around the railroad and this southern portion is still the most densely populated part of the County. The nine miles of track from Pickens to Easley was completed in 1898.

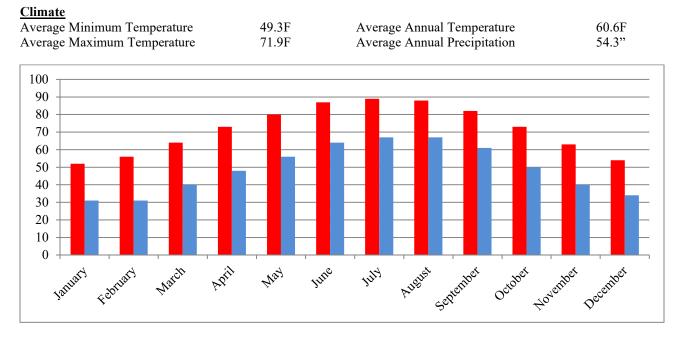
In 1895, the County's first modern cotton mill was established in Cateechee. By 1900, Pickens County had two railroads, three cotton mills, four brickyards, two banks and thirty-seven sawmills. Until 1940, Pickens County remained primarily an agricultural and rural county, with most citizens involved in the growing of cotton or the making of cloth. By the end of World War II, manufacturing had replaced agriculture as the leading source of employment. By 1972, there were 99 manufacturing plants and the number of persons employed in manufacturing continued to increase throughout the 1970s. Although textiles continue to account for a large part of manufacturing employment, Pickens County has attracted other types of industry in an attempt to diversify the local economy. Since 1985, capital investments of over \$406 million have created over 2,800 new jobs in Pickens County. The County has recently constructed two new wastewater treatment plants in order to provide capacity for additional economic growth; also, an Industrial Park has been developed, attracting new industry.

In addition to manufacturing, education and tourism have contributed to the economic growth of Pickens County. Clemson University, founded in 1889 by a bequest of Thomas Green Clemson as an agricultural college, has an enrollment of over 24,000 students and employs over 5,200 staff and faculty. Lakes Jocassee, Keowee and Hartwell, as well as the mountains in the northern section of the County, provide numerous opportunities for recreation and attract a growing number of tourists. Several upscale communities have been developed around the lakes. For those interested in outdoor activities, Pickens County offers golfing, hunting, fishing, boating, horseback riding, camping and hiking. Due to the variations in climate and terrain, the County hosts an incredible variety of plants and animals. The Department of Natural Resources lists over 140 rare, threatened or endangered species within Pickens County.



#### **Pickens County**

Established – 1868 County Seat – City of Pickens Form of Government – Council – Administrator Area – 497 Square Miles



#### **Elevation**

Range: Average: 600-3,548 feet above sea level 1,200 feet above sea level

#### **Population Trends and Projections**

2000	110,757
2010	119,224
2010	119,224
2015	121,521
2020	127,983
2025	131,255

#### **Population by Municipality (2020)**

Central	5,247
Clemson	17,681
Easley	22,921
Liberty	3,366
Norris	741
Pickens	3,388
Six Mile	759
Unincorporated	77,298

Rank: 14 out of 46 counties in South Carolina Population Density: 264.4 per square mile

#### Elections

Elections	
Registered Voters	77,237
Number of Voters-Last General Election	40,541
Percentage Voting	53.4%
Voter Precincts	61
Number of Representatives-State	5
Number of Senators-State	2

Land Use	Square Miles	
Rural	425	86%
Urban	72	14%

#### Households (2021)

Family	32,064	61.7%
Non-Family	19,932	38.3%
With Children under 18 years	13,519	26.0%
With Persons over 65 years	15,910	30.6%

Average Household Size Owner Occupied:	2.49
Average Household Size Renter Occupied:	2.24
Average Family Size:	3.0

Gender Composition (	2020)		Housing Units (2021)	
Males	63,591	49.6%	Owner Occupied 36,709	70.3%
Females	64,392	50.4%	Renter Occupied 15,287	29.7%
Age Composition (202	<u>0)</u>		Vacant-Seasonal Use 563	10.4%
Under 5 years	6,149	4.8%	Vacant-For Rent 1,074	19.9%
5-19 years	25,086	19.6%	Vacant-For Sale 580	10.7%
20-24 years	15,380	12.1%	Vacant-Other 2,567	47.5%
25-44 years	29,003	22.7%		
45-64 years	30,395	23.8%	Homeowner Vacancy Rate:	1.5%
65 and older	21,970	17.2%	Rental Vacancy Rate:	6.4%
Age Composition (202	<u>1)</u>		Index Crime Rate	
0-17 years	24,707	18.7%	Pickens South	
18 and over	107,522	81.3%	<u>Year</u> <u>County</u> <u>Carolina</u>	
			2018 3,472.7 3,648.0	
<u>Median Age (2020)</u>			2019 3,235.3 3,497.0	
United States		38.6 years	2020 2,851.5 3,368.5	
South Carolina		39.7 years	2021 2,864.0 3,108.9	
Pickens County		36.4 years	(Per 100,000 of F	Population)

## **Education**

#### **Public Schools**

The Pickens County School District is South Carolina's fifteenth largest district with an enrollment of 16,310 students in 14 elementary, 5 middle, 4 high schools and 1 career and technology center. Test scores are consistently above the state and national average on most measures. All public schools are fully accredited and all teachers are fully accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Post-Secondary Enrollment (Fall 2022)		Private and Parochial Schools (2022)	
Clemson University	28,466	Number of schools	7
Southern Wesleyan University	1,175	Kindergarten Enrollment	39
Tri-County Technical College	5,617*	Grades 1-8 Enrollment	217
*Based on 2021 Report		Grades 9-12 Enrollment	46

<u>Highest Educational Attainment (Adults over 25)</u>		Pickens County Library System (2022)		
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4.0%	Headquarters	1	
Attended High School	8.8%	Branches	3	
High School Diploma	24.3%	Number of Registered Users	102,990	
Attended College	19.5%	Library Holdings	249,868	
College Degree	26.0%	Annual Public Service Hours	11,735	

## **Public Safety**

Pickens County operates EMS stations in Easley, Liberty, Pickens, Central, Dacusville, Six Mile and Holly Springs. The County's Emergency Management Department prepares and maintains Emergency Operations Plans to cope with potential problems such as natural disasters, hazardous material release and terrorist events.

<b>Emergency Medical Services (2022)</b>		Sheriff's Office (2022)	
EMS Stations	8	Sworn Employees	157
Employees (full-time)	67	Non-Sworn Employees	32
Employees (part-time)	44	Total Calls for Service	108,418
Advanced Life Support Calls	11,084	Criminal Calls Dispatched	84,001
Basic Life Support Calls	5,793	Inmates Processed	3,323
Cancelled/False Calls	1,130	Warrants Issued	3,066

Emergency Management (2022)		<u>Fire Service</u>	
Rescue Stations	4	Fire Stations	16
Rescue Personnel (Volunteers)	51	Volunteers (approx.)	76
Rescue Calls	555	Paid Firefighters	93
HazMat Team Members	20		
Water Response Team	31	Clerk of Court's Office (2022)	
CERT Team Members	0*	Criminal Court Cases	4,366
*No CERT Team this year		Civil Court Cases	2,504

<u>Fire District</u>	ISO Rating
Crosswell	3/3X
Dacusville	3/3Y
Pumpkintown	5/9
Holly Springs	8/8X
Shady Grove	3/3X
Pickens Rural	4/4X
Six Mile	5/5Y
Keowee Springs	3
Keowee Vineyards	3
Easley Rural	2/9
Rocky Bottom	9
Liberty	3/3X
Central Rural	3/3X

## **Public Works**

The County operates eight recycling centers. Items recycled include plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, metal, clothes, petroleum products, batteries and tires.

Solid Waste	Tons	Percent	<b>Transportation</b>	
Household	46,465	57%	County Roads	654 miles
C&D Landfill	22,380	27%	State Primary Highway System	234 miles
Recycled	12,981	16%	State Secondary Highway System	477 miles
			County Bridges	75
			Pickens County Airport Runway	5,002 feet

2022

392

40,300,000

## **Economic Characteristics**

Economic growth in Pickens County is generated by three major sources: manufacturing, education and tourism. Manufacturing is the primary growth source, particularly in Easley, Liberty and Pickens, with approximately 130 manufacturing plants. Clemson University plays a major role in the local economy employing over 5,200 faculty and staff.

Annua	<u>Annual Average Non-Agricultural Labor (2021)</u>		Buildi	ng Permits Issu	he			
	acturing	<u>n-Agricultura</u>	6,917	18%	Year	Num		Value
	g & Constructi			8%	$\frac{1  \text{cal}}{2018}$	<u>987</u>		\$ 75,905,512
			3,240					
	ortation & Pul		1,918	5%	2019	2,16		\$ 99,901,787
	sale & Retail 7		4,609	12%	2020	2,11		\$109,135,722
	e, Insurance &		1,926	5%	2021	2,41		\$203,732,900
Service			8,435	46%	2022	2479		\$325,450,047
Govern	nment		1,997	5%				
Media	n Family Inco	ome			Taxes			
2016			5	\$43,531	State P	ersonal Income	Tax Range	3%-7%
2017				\$45,332		orporate Income		5%
2018				\$47,024		Sales & Use Tax		6%
2019				\$52,944		Option Sales Tax		1%
2020				\$54,588		modations Tax	-	3%
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						sions Tax		5%
Per Ca	apita Income					on Inventories	or Intangibles	570
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Year	<u>County</u>	Carolina		States	110 510	te i toperty i ux		
$\frac{10a1}{2016}$	<u>34,835</u>	<u>39,527</u>	_	<u>19,204</u>				
2010	36,936	41,633		51,640	Basa (	County Property	Tay Millaga	Rata 2023
2017	38,344	43,702		54,446			Tax Williage	63.7
2018	39,845	49,455		56,047		County Operations County Bonds		
2019	41,770	48,021		59,510	County Bonds County Sewer			2.8 1.1
2020	41,770	40,021		59,510	Tri-County Tech		2.4	
<u>Unemployment Rates</u>			s County Library	7	5.1			
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Year	<u>County</u>	<u>Carolina</u>		States	1 55055	ed Property Va	1106	
$\frac{1  \text{car}}{2018}$	3.5	<u>3.8</u>	<u>r</u>	3.9	Tax	Real	Personal	Total
2018	2.8	2.9		3.7	Year			<u>Value</u>
2019	2.8 5.3	6.2		8.1	$\frac{1  \text{car}}{2017}$	<u>Property</u> 373,537,003	<u>Property</u> 126,949,196	500,486,199
2020	5.5 2.6	0.2 3.9		8.1 4.6	2017 2018	397,808,536	126,949,196	
2021	2.0	5.9		4.0				524,103,928
					2019	444,168,227	125,810,926	569,978,153
					2020	465,429,090	144,308,079	609,737,169
Gross	Retail Sales				2021	474,319,214	152,303,509	626,622,723
2018	Iteran Suites		2,570,001	285				
2019			2,520,351		Ten Lø	argest Taxpayer	∙s 2021-2022 F	'iscal Vear
2019			2,537,823					iscui i cui
2020			2,740,364		<ol> <li>Duke Energy Carolinas</li> <li>Blue Ridge Electric Coop., Inc</li> </ol>			
2021			2,740,504	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	3. Reliable Automatic Sprinkler			
						SHP Clemson Ll		
Now of	nd Expanded	Industry				co Partnership I		
Year		tal Jobs	Total Invo	estment		Ridge Clemson		
$\frac{1  \text{car}}{2018}$		55	18,600,0			SF Corporation		
2018		67	53,500			J Hwy 76 Clems	on LLC	
2019		68	10,200,			ude Medical Car		on Inc
2020		72	8,800,			ttages of Clemso		
2021		12	8,800, 40,200		10. Co	hages of Clemso	II DE LLC	

## Fees & Charges

<u>Sheriff</u>			
	Civil Process	\$15.00	
	Execution of Judgments & Foreclosures	\$25.00	
	Sheriff's Sale Fee	7 ½% 1	<sup>st</sup> \$500.00, 3% thereafter
	Scrap Metal Permits	\$10.00	(If permit lost and replacement needed)
	Sex Offender Registry		)/year (SLED \$50.00; County \$100.00)
	Additional Hours for Events (per hour)		(Clemson games \$40.00)
	Housing of Prisoners	\$37.40	(chemboli games \$10.00)
	riousing of t risolicis	Φ57.40	
<u>Probate</u>	Court		
	Marriage License	\$50.00	
	Marriage Ceremony	\$50.00	
	Warnage Ceremony	φ.0.00	
Emerge	ncy Medical Services		
	Basic Life Support Transport (Urgent Response)		\$ 663.66
	Advanced Life Support Level 1		\$ 788.08
	Advanced Life Support Level 2		\$1,140.64
			\$ 125.00
	Basic Life Support Non-Transport Charge		
	Advanced Life Support Non-Transport Charge		\$ 185.00
	Advanced Life Support – Helicopter Transfer		\$ 500.00
	Loaded Transport Mileage Per Mile Charge		\$ 14.16
Mile Cr	eek Park		
	Visitor Parking Fee (Per Day Per Vehicle)		\$ 5.00
	Annual Pass (Per Vehicle)		\$35.00
			¢55.00
	Picnic Shelter Fee (All Day Rental)		\$55.00
	Camping Fee (Per Night)		
	Waterfront Sites		\$25.00
	Interior Sites		\$20.00
	Primitive Tent Sites		
			\$12.50
	Group Camping Area	1	\$30.00
	Discount for Seniors (65 & Older) & Disabl	ed	\$ 3.00
	Cabin Rental Fee (Per Night)		
	Large Cabins (6 Person)		\$130.00
	Small Cabins (4 Person)		\$115.00
	Dock Rental (Nightly)		\$ 15.00
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<u>Register</u>	r of Deeds		
	Microfilm (All Sizes)		\$ .25 pg
	Photocopy (All Sizes)		\$ .25 pg
Valetal	Maintenance		
venicle	<u>Maintenance</u>		¢50.00
	Hourly Maintenance Charge		\$50.00
Informe	ntion Systems		
<u></u>	Cama Data (Microsoft Access Format)		\$ 60.00
	Annual Lender Payment Files (ASCII Format)		\$250.00
			φ230.00
	Fees for County Hardcopy Report Products		¢ 25
	Report (Letter Size)		\$ .25 pg

<u>Stormwater</u>		
Plan Review Fee	\$850.00 base pl	us a disturbed acre fee of \$200/acre
Stop Work Order Re-Inspection Fee	\$250.00	
Grading Permit Reinspection Fee	\$25.00	
Planning Department		
Sign Application Fee		\$ 20.00 plus \$5.00 for permit decal
Billboard Sign Fees		
Initial permit fee for relocating ex		\$200.00
Annual renewal fee for billboards		\$100.00
<b>Communications Tower Permit Fee</b>		\$200.00
Site Plan Review Fee		\$ 40.00 minimum plus \$10.00 per 1,000 square feet of
gross floor space over 2,000 squar	re feet with a maxi	mum of \$1,000.00
Junkyard Permit Fees		
Initial permit fee		\$125.00
Annual renewal permit fee		\$100.00
Sexually Oriented Business Fees		
Application fee		\$250.00
Annual License fee		\$1,000.00
Annual Employee Registration fee	e	\$500.00 per employee per year
Appeal fee		\$ 50.00
Preliminary Plat Review Fee		\$350.00
Final Plat Review		\$150.00
Revision to Preliminary Plat Review Fee		\$150.00
Site Plan Revision Review Fee		\$ 50.00
Variance Request Fee		\$ 50.00
Development Standards Ordinance		\$ 20.00
Pickens County Comprehensive Plan		\$ 20.00

#### **Building Codes**

Commercial Building/manufactured homes/electrical/gas/mechanical/plumbing permits

Total Value	Fee
\$1 - \$ 8,000	\$75.00
\$8,001 - \$ 50,000	\$10.00 per thousand for each \$1,000 over the minimum fee
\$50,001 - \$ 100,000	\$300.00 for first \$50,000 plus \$4.00 per each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$100,001 - \$500,000	\$500.00 for first \$100,000 plus \$3.00 per each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
Over \$500,000	\$2,000.00 for first \$500,000 plus \$2 per each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof

For single family residential permits, these factors apply in determining project valuation

Heated	\$132.52 per square foot
Garage, Utility, Miscellaneous	\$51.35 per square foot
Unfinished	\$25.20 per square foot
Porches	\$51.35 per square foot

For permitting fee determination, the higher of the contractor's valuation or valuation using the factors listed above will apply.

Re-inspection Fee	\$50.00
Moving Fee (for the moving of any building or structure)	\$100.00
Demolition Fee (per structure)	\$75.00
Manufactured Home Decal	\$20.00
Manufactured Home Moving Permit	\$100.00

#### **Building Codes, continued**

Plan Review/Plan Checking Fees:

When the valuation of the proposed construction exceeds \$1,000 and a plan is required to be submitted, a plan review fee shall be paid to the Building Codes Department at the time of submitting plans and specifications. The plan review fee shall be equal to one-half of the building permit fee as set for in the table above. The plan review fee is in addition to the building permit fee.

Penalties:

Where work for which a permit is required is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

#### **GIS Mapping**

Items Processed through the Open Data Site	No Charge
Items Processed Manually:	
Planimetric Layers, e.g. Streets, Hydrology	\$ 25.00
Topography – Digital Terrain Models	\$100.00
Parcel Layer	\$ 60.00
Black and White Digital Orthophotography	\$100.00
Black and White Digital Orthophotography (Single Tile)	\$ 5.00
True Color Digital Orthophotography	\$300.00
True Color Digital Orthophotography (Single Tile)	\$ 15.00
Color or High Density Plots of "Whole County" or "Partial	
County" Type Maps	
Letter or Legal Size	\$ 3.00
Ledger Size (11 x 17)	\$ 5.00
Large Format Paper (Greater than 11 x 17)	\$ 8.00
Color or High Density Plot of Tax Map	
Large Format only (30 x 36)	\$ 8.00
Copies From Existing Hardcopies (Aerials Included)	\$ .50 per square foot
Custom Services/Analysis	\$ 80.00 per hour

#### Solid Waste

\$ 47.00 per ton
\$ 5.00 each
\$ 47.00 per ton
\$ 29.50 per ton
\$10.00 per yard
No Charge
No Charge
No Charge up to 400 lbs
\$47.00 per ton over 400 lbs
\$ 1.50 each
\$ 80.00 per ton
\$ 8.75 per month
\$ 17.50 per month
\$1,137.50 per month
\$1,219.17 per month
\$4,687.09 per month

#### **Public Service Commission**

Wastewater Impact Fee 18-Mile Creek Basin 12-Mile Creek Basin

Volume Charges (billed monthly) Base Charge (metered potable water) Administrative Fee Collection System Charge

Septage Receiving Fee First 1,000 gallons Additional Septage **Testing Fee** Neutralization Fee

Industrial Pretreatment Program Administrative Fee Significant Industrial User Commercial High-Strength Waste Surcharge

#### **Airport**

Box Hangar **T-Hangar** Tie-Down After Hours Call-Out Ramp Fee Fuel (below prices as of 2-10-20) JetA 100LL Full Service Self Serve Oil

#### Museum

Tuition for Classes/Workshops Gift Shop Items

#### Library

Photocopy Black & White \$0.15 pg. Incoming Fax Late Fees **DVDs** Other Materials Replacement Library Cards Out of County Library Cards

#### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

\$1.00 for first page, \$0.25 each additional page Copy Staff Research \$5.00 minimum (Additional research, as needed: gross hourly rate of the staff member required to adequately perform the search for and copying of records.)

\$5.83 per 1,000 gallons \$0.58 per 1,000 gallons \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons

\$2,340.00 per 400 gpd

\$2,340.00 per 400 gpd

\$98.00 \$9.80 per 100 gallons \$10.00 per load \$100.00

\$884.00 per quarter \$0.31 per pound of BOD/COD

\$825.00-\$850.00/month \$260.00-\$350.00/month \$ 30.00/month \$120.00/\$60.00 day \$ 60.00/hour

based on market conditions based on market conditions based on market conditions 5% above cost

Prices Vary by Class Prices Vary by Item

Color

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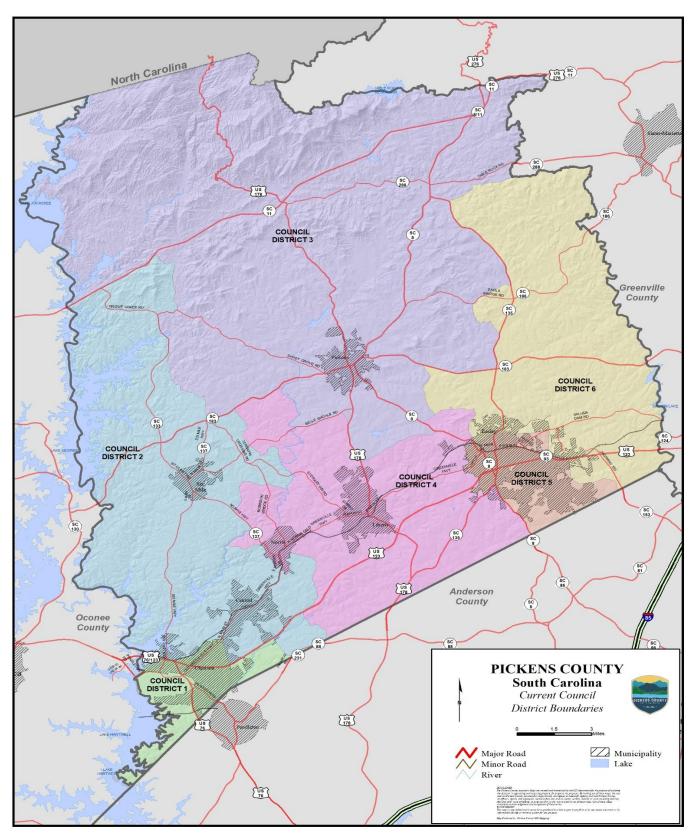
## Adoption Fe

Adopt	ion Fees			
	Dogs/Puppies	\$65.00	Public Microchip	\$15.00
	Cats/Kittens	\$35.00	Heartworm Treatment	\$250.00
Rescue	e Fees			
	Rescue Pull Fee	\$35.00	Rescue Vetted Dog/Puppy	\$65.00
	Rescue Vetted Cat	\$35.00		
Return	to Owner			
	Animal Intake Fee	\$10.00	Animal Vaccination	\$35.00
	Boarding (per day)	\$20.00		
In the event an animal is injured or sick and requires prompt treatment in order to stabilize that animal's condition, the animal owner will be responsible for all accrued expenses.				

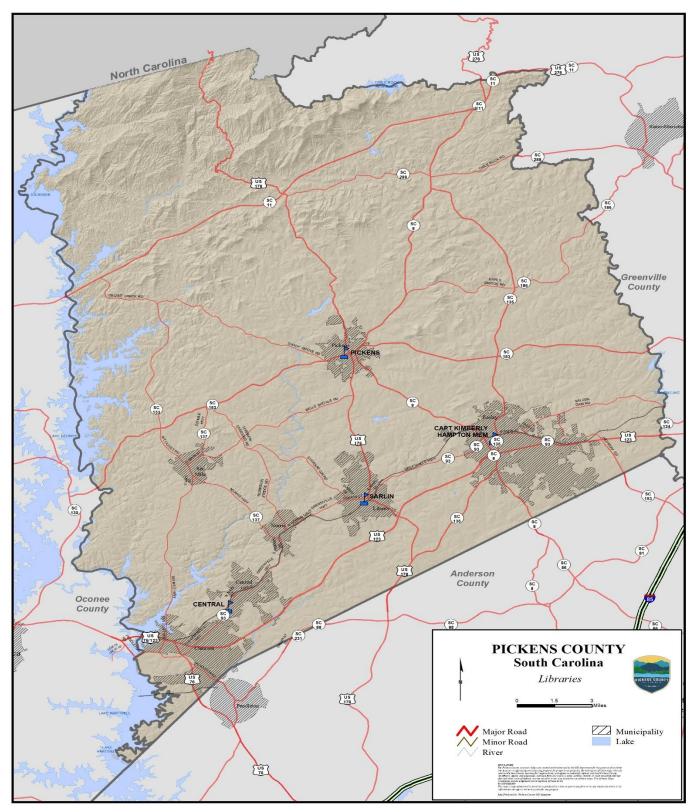
#### Coroner

Burial, Routing and Transit Permit (after hours & weekends)	\$ 10.00
Cremation Permit (additional \$15 after hours & weekends)	\$ 45.00
Autopsy Request	\$100.00

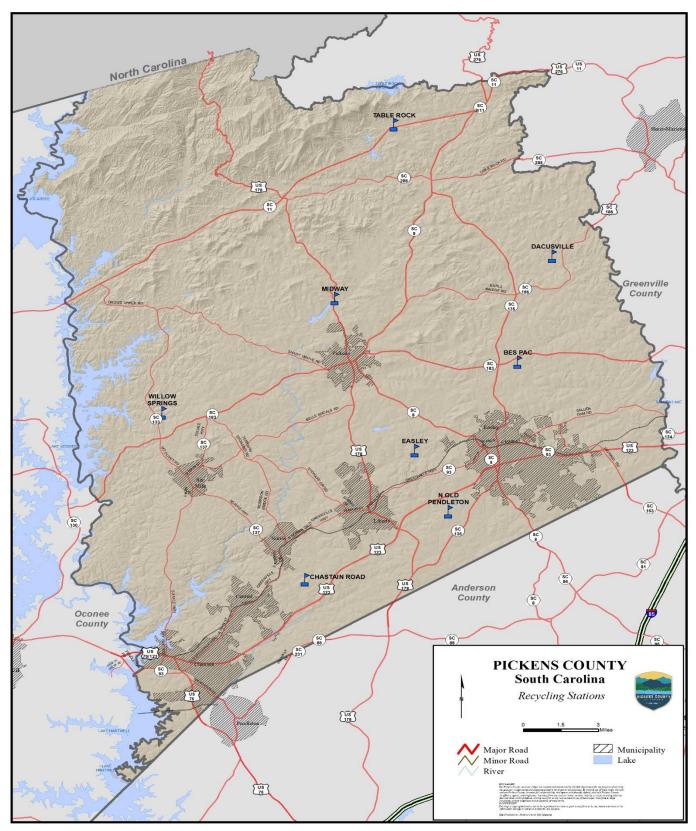
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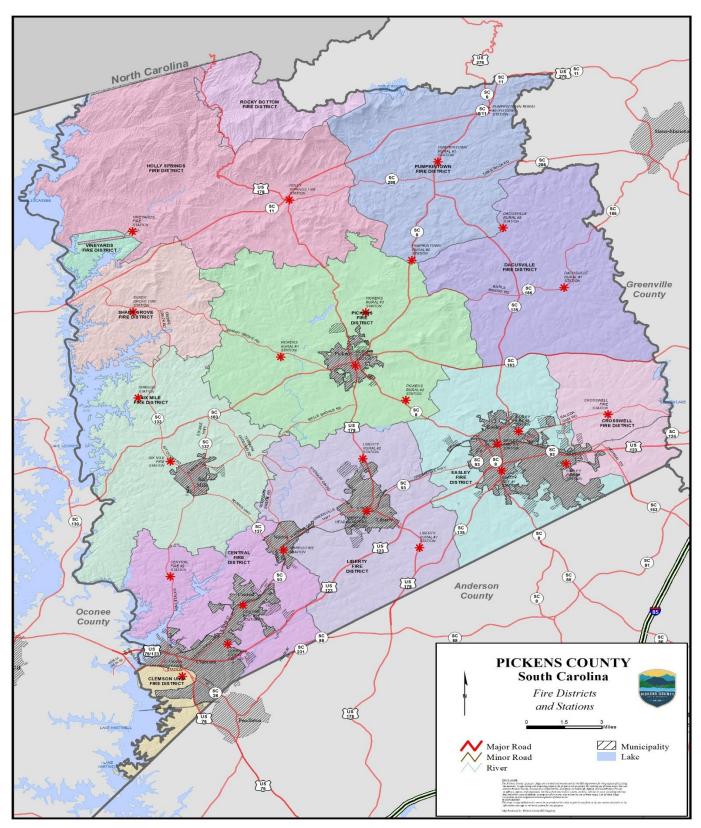
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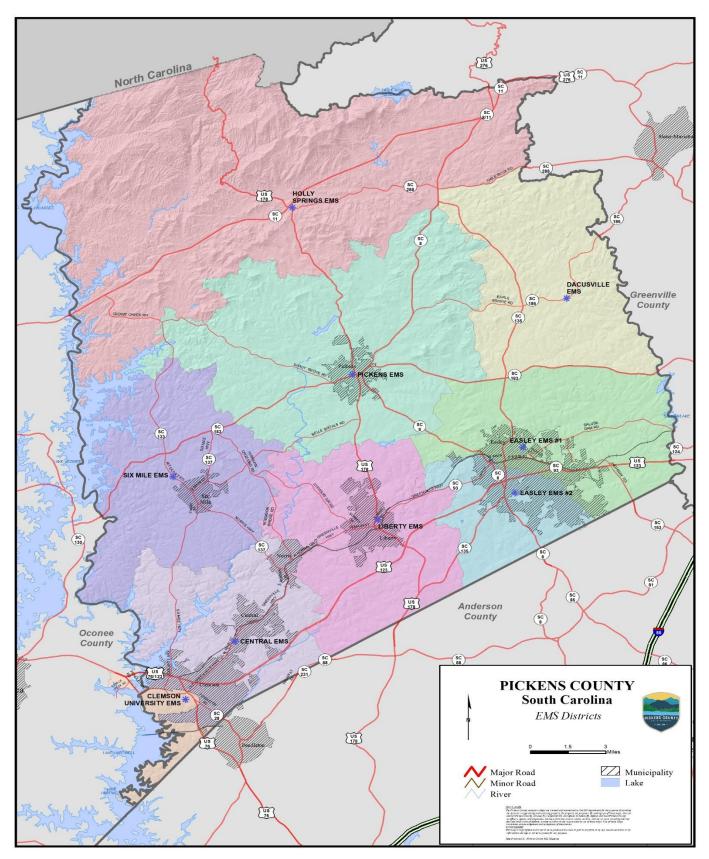
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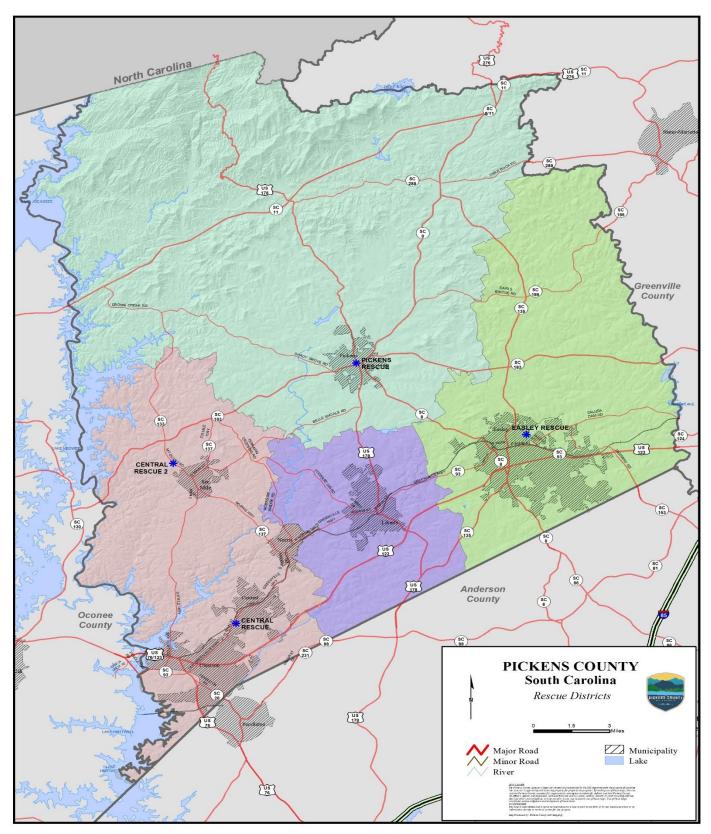
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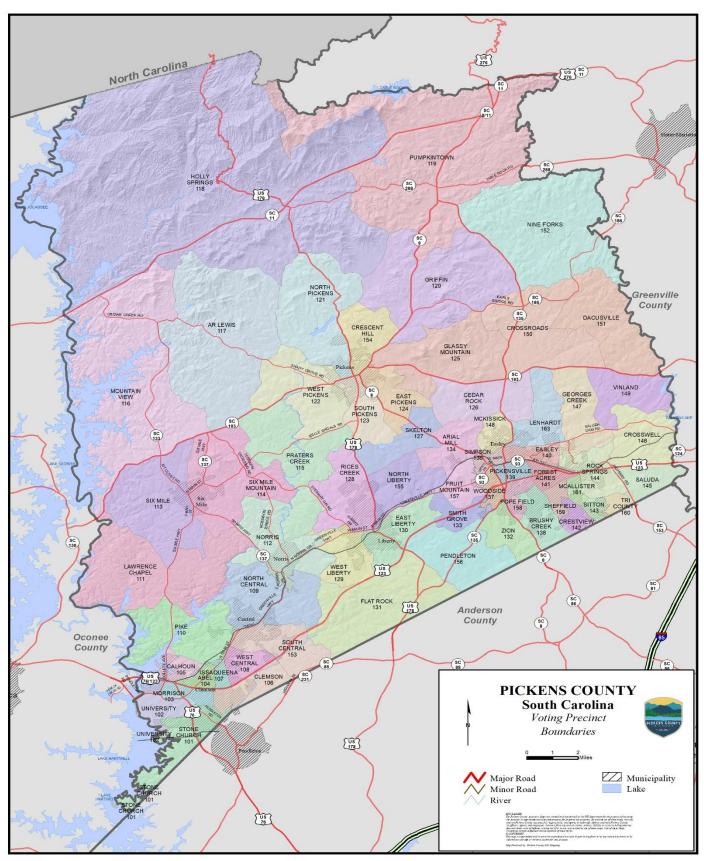
## **EMS STATIONS**



## **RESCUE SQUAD STATIONS**

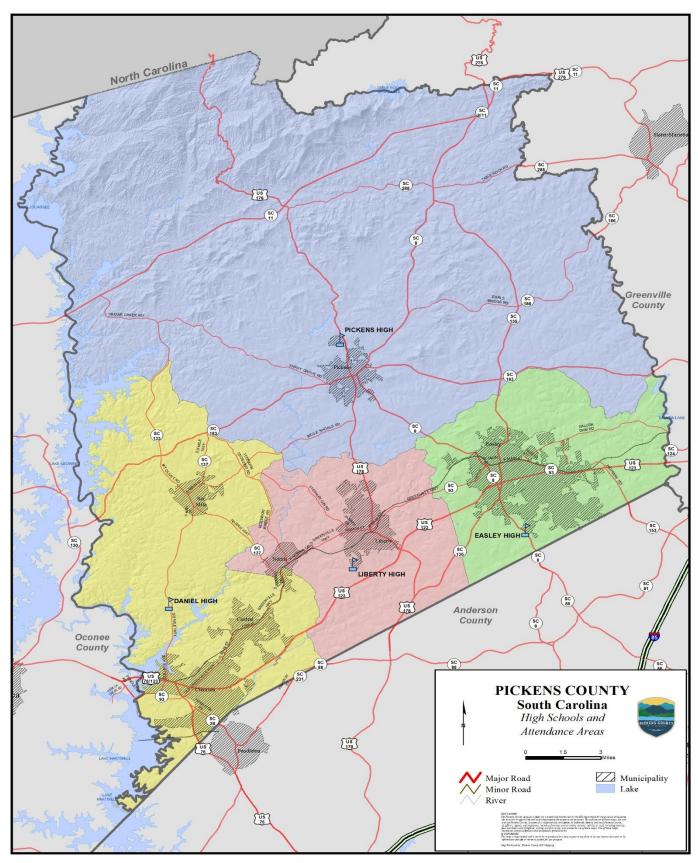


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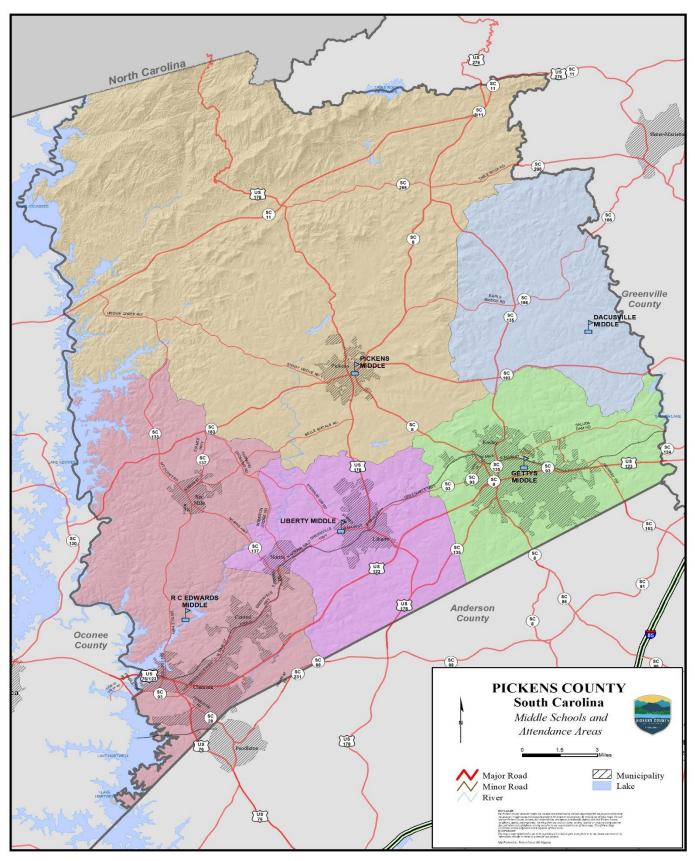
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## SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL AREAS



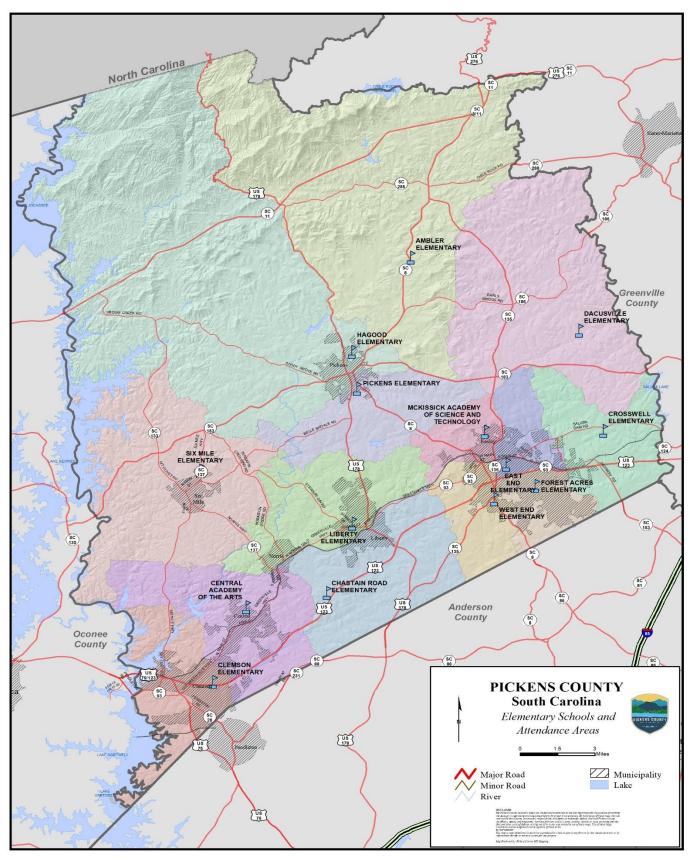
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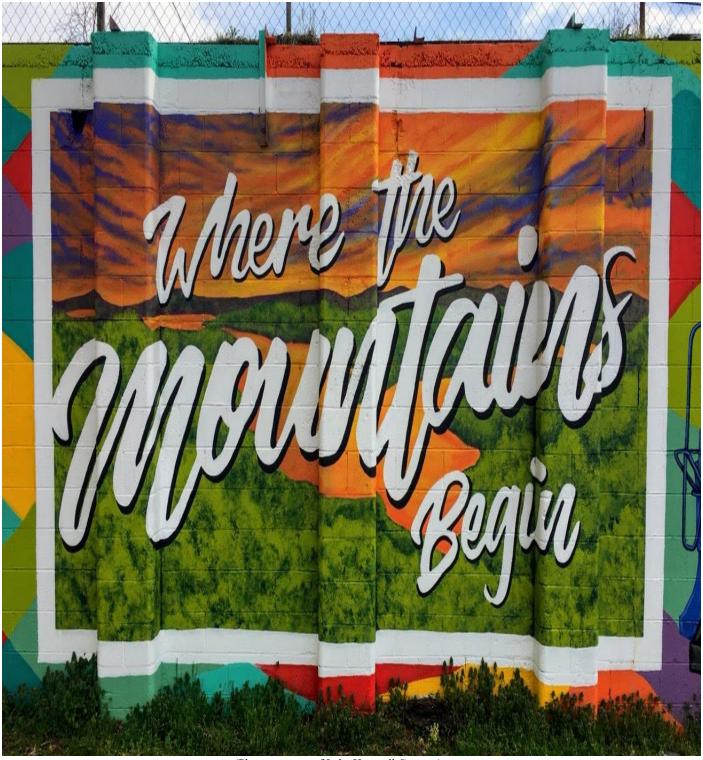
## SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL AREAS



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## SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREAS





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### THE BUDGET PROCESS

**Viewed as an annual financial plan for the County,** the purpose of this document is to detail the appropriations necessary with respect to the county services provided and to accurately reflect the sources of revenue used to fund those activities. To that regard, all funds that receive annual appropriations by the County Council have been accounted for through this document. The County's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, with the official fiscal year taken from the year ending date. As an example, this document is prepared for the year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, thereby being the fiscal year 2026 Budget.

Responsibility for the authorization and approval of funding rests with the Budget Team comprised of the County Administrator, Accountant and the Director of Finance. The Budget Team maintains the primary responsibility for ensuring that County Council's objectives are examined for available funding and departments' requests to fund initiatives are in alignment with the mission and goals of the County. Further, this team performs a detailed review of both revenue and expenditures in order to produce a recommended budget for County Council to review and approve.

Budget preparation, analysis and reporting is managed and facilitated on an annual basis by the Department of Finance. Included within those responsibilities is the annual budget process which eventually results with the publication of the budget document consisting of the Annual Operating and Capital Budget.

The County's budget process begins in January with the disbursement of information to each respective department and outside agencies. This process is conducted by the Department of Finance providing the budget calendar, necessary documentation, training and information to each department. During the month subsequent to the disbursement of information to each department, departments submit their budget request including personnel requests, operating costs and capital items to the Department of Finance by the end of the month. The data is completed and assembled into a central repository. Distribution of this information is sent to each member of the Budget Team.

From this point, a series of meetings occur starting with the Budget Team meeting with each department. The Budget Team meets to discuss the initial budget requests. During this time, department directors present any new budget requests, initiatives or programs and discuss any new potential revenue sources from their department. In early March, the Director of Finance analyzes previous and current revenue trends for recommendations on the following year revenue estimates. In early April, workshops are held with Council and the Council debates and requests revisions to budget requests with the entire process ending in presentations to the citizenry through public hearings and final Council adoption via an ordinance in June.

The budgetary level of control resides at the departmental level; therefore, after appropriation, reallocation of appropriated budgets is allowable within the respective departments with a few exceptions. In order to amend the budget, a department director submits a budget adjustment form to the Department of Finance. Finance staff reviews the adjustment for policy compliance and forwards to the County Administrator's office for final approval. Items budgeted under machinery and equipment cannot be used for purposes other than those specified when the budget was adopted.

Transfers between departments within the same fund require County Council approval by ordinance. Transfers between funds require County Council approval by ordinance. Increases in total appropriations require County Council approval by ordinance.

#### **Capital Budgeting**

The Capital Project Fund is used to accumulate resources available and expenditures approved for items that have an estimated life of five or more years and with an anticipated cost of \$75,000 or more. In providing additional detail on the criteria of operating vs. capital, projects that are appropriated may be continuations of previously completed projects. Projects resulting in improvements to enterprise or funds are paid directly from those funds.

The majority of the County's capital projects are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The financing mechanism for pay-as-you-go capital is an inter-governmental fund transfer originating from the General Fund. Appropriations for the transfers are made primarily from undesignated/unreserved fund balance. Additional revenue sources include State Department of Transportation funds for qualified street/highway improvements, grants and interest earnings. As a matter of practice, the County does not customarily enter into contracts creating improvement districts for citizens whereby a re-payment is required for capital work to be completed. These types of projects customarily are qualified as the responsibility of the appropriate party.

Newly identified capital projects are accumulated throughout the year and are added to the "unfunded" project list. Each of these unfunded projects is prioritized on an on-going basis to allow for direct funding when available. The annual budget process appropriates project-specific items, as funding is available. When funded capital projects are completed, any remaining balance is transferred to an unallocated capital project account. Routinely, Council discussions apply unfunded budgetary appropriations to projects with the highest priority for the funding available. The annual budget document includes a summary page for each newly funded capital project in fiscal year 2023, providing a project scope, financial operating impact and specific funding source.

#### **Budgeting by Funds**

In the early 1900's, state and local governments often used separate bank accounts, commonly known as funds, to control resources set aside for specific purposes. This has evolved into modern day fund accounting used for the purposes of controlling governmental monetary resources that are legally restricted or earmarked for special purposes. Financial reporting treats each government as a collection of separate funds rather than one single entity. For this reason, government budgets are prepared using the fund structure. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board defines a fund as:

A fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of account recording cash and other financial transactions, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

There are basically three groups of funds in governmental accounting:

- Governmental Funds accounts for activities supported by taxes, grants and similar resources and include most governmental functions; fund types include general, special revenue, capital projects, debt service and permanent.
- Proprietary Funds accounts for activities similar to those often found in the private sector; fund types include enterprise and internal service funds.
- Fiduciary Funds accounts for assets not available to support the government's programs that are held in a trustee or agent capacity; fund types include private-purpose trust, pension and other employee benefit trust, investment trust and agency funds.

#### **General Fund**

The General fund is a fund type of its own. It is the principal operating fund of a government and is typically used to account for most of a government's operations unless there is a compelling reason to report them in some other fund type. The General fund uses the modified accrual basis of accounting and budgeting.

#### **Debt Service Funds**

Debt Service funds are used to account for accumulations of resources that will be used to pay debt obligations of the general government. Pickens County has eight Debt Service funds, which uses the modified accrual basis of accounting and budgeting.

#### **Capital Projects Funds**

Capital Projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities. The County has one Capital Project fund to account for all general capital projects. Appropriations in the Capital Projects fund are presented in the Capital Projects Section.

#### **Special Revenue Funds**

Special Revenue funds are used to account for specific revenue sources that can only be legally spent for designated purposes. All Special Revenue funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting and budgeting. The County uses 21 Special Revenue funds, which are discussed below:

<u>Fixed Nuclear Fund:</u> This fund is used to account for monies received by Duke Energy to offset the cost of preparing for a major event at Lake Jocassee.

<u>Library Fund:</u> This fund accounts for the levy and collection of a millage upon all taxable property within the County. Funds received are used to help fund operations of the four Libraries within the County.

<u>Victim Advocate Fund:</u> This fund accounts for revenues received from a state-mandated fee and for the activities mandated by the statute that established the fee. These include services provided to the victims and witnesses of crime perpetrated in the County.

<u>Emergency 911 Fund:</u> Established to account for funds received from users of the Emergency 911 System, these funds are to be used for expenditures necessary to maintain the County's emergency call center. Operationally, this fund is a department within Public Safety, specifically the Sheriff's Department and collects revenues from wired and wireless communication providers monthly.

<u>Rural District Fire Funds</u>: Established to account for monies collected from citizens to provide fire protection in the unincorporated areas of the County. Currently there are four fire districts located within the County. There is one district charging a fire fee on each dwelling within the fire district and three fire districts charging a tax on all assessed property within each fire district.

<u>Accommodation Tax Fund:</u> This fund accounts for the County's receipts from the two percent (2.0%) tax levied on rental of transient accommodations within the County limit. According to statutory provisions these funds are used for the promotion of tourism and the arts.

<u>Tourism Fee Fund:</u> This fund is used to account for the County's portion of a fee imposed locally on hotels, motels, etc. for promotion of tourism. The fee is equal to one percent, one and one half percent or three percent depending on the location of the establishment for the "the rental or charges for any rooms, campground spaces, lodgings or sleeping accommodations furnished to transients by any hotel, inn, tourist court, Bed and Breakfast, tourist camp, motel, campground, residence or any place in which rooms, lodging or sleeping accommodations are furnished to transients for consideration in the County. This fee does not apply to any facilities consisting of less than 6 sleeping rooms, contained on the same premises, which is used as an individual's place of abode. The gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of sleeping accommodations supplied to the same person for a period of ninety continuous days is not considered proceeds from transients."



<u>Recreation Fund</u>: This fund is used to account for monies that are transferred from the General Fund to be used for capital improvements to each of the Recreation departments within the County. Each recreation organization must acquire the County's recognition as a qualified recreation department to be eligible.

<u>Prison Fund:</u> This fund is used to account for monies the State mandates that "profits from the canteen/commissary shall be used for overall inmate welfare. The Facility Administrator or designee shall have final authority on expenditures."

#### **Enterprise Funds**

Enterprise funds are used to account for "business-type" activities whose operations are primarily financed by fees collected from customers. All Enterprise funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting for budget purposes. Pickens County currently has two Enterprise funds:

<u>Public Service Commission</u>: This fund accounts for the activities of the Public Service Commission Sewer System in providing sewer collection and treatment services to residents and businesses within the system's service area.

<u>Airport Fund</u>: This fund accounts for the operations of the County's airport. Subsidies are made from the General Fund as needed.



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Sassafras Tower

The following chart details Pickens County's fund structure:

				Appropriated
Fund	Category	Туре	Fund	by Council
General Fund	Governmental	General	01	Yes
School District	Fiduciary	Agency	05	No
Tri-County Technical College	Governmental	Special Revenue	06	Yes
Municipal	Fiduciary	Agency	07	No
Fire Districts	Fiduciary	Agency	08	No
Mini-Bottle	Fiduciary	Agency	09	No
Fixed Nuclear	Governmental	Special Revenue	10	Yes
Capital Projects	Governmental	Capital Projects	12	Yes
Drug Seizure	Fiduciary	Agency	13	No
Library	Governmental	Special Revenue	15	Yes
Victim Advocate	Governmental	Special Revenue	17	Yes
Emergency Phone System	Governmental	Special Revenue	19	Yes
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	Governmental	Special Revenue	34	Yes
Accommodation Tax	Governmental	Special Revenue	36	Yes
Public Service Commission	Proprietary	Enterprise	37	Yes
C-Fund	Governmental	Special Revenue	38	No
Fire Districts	Governmental	Special Revenue	40	Yes
Tourism Fund	Governmental	Special Revenue	50	Yes
Tourism Fee	Governmental	Special Revenue	51	Yes
Airport	Proprietary	Enterprise	52	Yes
Recreation	Governmental	Special Revenue	54	Yes
Prison Fund	Governmental	Special Revenue	56	Yes
Road Tax Fund	Governmental	Special Revenue	57	Yes
Road Reserve Fund	Governmental	Special Revenue	58	Yes
Escheatment Fund	Governmental	Special Revenue	59	Yes
Conservation Fund	Governmental	Special Revenue	60	Yes
Alliance Pickens	Governmental	Special Revenue	92	Yes
Debt Service	Governmental	Debt Service	70-85	Yes

### THE BUDGET DOCUMENT

The budget document is intended to provide a comprehensive review of the County's financial position with respect to goals and objectives of the budget year. In addition, as a communication tool, significant impacts to the budget process and figures contained herein are detailed to fully disclose information which is necessary in order for staff to provide a true and accurate financial picture. The annual budget document is organized into four primary sections as follows:

<u>Community Profile</u>: Included within the Community Profile is A Brief History of Pickens County, statistics of the County and maps showing locations of Council Districts, voting precincts, libraries, recycling stations, elementary, middle and high schools and Rural Fire Districts.

<u>Budget Summary</u>: Included within the budget summary is a presentation of the budget calendar, elected officials and administrative staff. The budget summary section also gives an overview of the budget process, budget ordinance for the subsequent fiscal year and the financial policies that govern fiscal operations of the County are also detailed.

<u>Financial Summaries</u>: A total financial summary of revenue and expenditure appropriations is presented at the beginning of this section. Following are Statements of Revenues and Expenditures by fund with historical data, current budget, estimate for the current budget and the approved budget.

<u>Funds Detail</u>: After the financial summaries, each fund's appropriations are presented in detail. Each department is listed within each fund with the mission, goals, accomplishments, budget highlights, workload indicators, department summary, number of positions and organizational chart presented to give readers a more informed understanding of the day-to-day operations of each department. Within the departmental summary, expenditures are summarized by six major classifications.

- Personnel Services consists of wages, FICA, retirement, workers compensation, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance and overtime.
- Supplies and Materials consists of office supplies, advertising, printing, postage, software, dues, subscriptions, travel, safety items, fuel, repairs to equipment, small hand tools, food, uniforms, cleaning supplies, medical supplies, training, books, computer equipment and minor equipment.
- Contractual Services consists of juror fees, electricity, heating fuel, landline telephones, data lines, cellular telephones, water and sewer, maintenance and service contracts, insurance, bonds, licenses, rent and consulting services.
- > Other consists of direct assistance to outside agencies and contingency expenditure.
- Debt Service consists of payments for principal and interest on capital leases, bonds and other debt type instruments.
- Capital consists of tangible items with a life greater than two years and a cost of \$5,000 or more. Examples include vehicles, computer equipment, heavy equipment, buildings, land, copiers, etc.

## **Elected Officials and Administrative Staff**

Administrator	Kenneth Roper
Airport Director	Carlos Salinas
Alliance Pickens Director	Ray Farley
Animal Shelter Director	Stacey Kelley
Auditor	Brent Suddeth
Building Maintenance Superintendent	Tim Owens
Chief Building Official	Joey Aiken
Chief Magistrate	Ben Dow
Clerk of Court	Pat Welborn
Clerk to Council	Meagan Nations
Coroner	Andrew Wilson
Delinquent Tax Manager	April Carman
E911 Director	David Wagner
Emergency Management Director	Interim Andy Childs
Emergency Services Coordinator	Billy Gibson
Finance Director	Ralph Guarino Jr.
GIS Mapping Manager	Brian Ritter
Human Resources Manager	Samantha Greer
Information Systems Director	Robert Furr
Library Director	Stephanie Howard
Park Director	Tyler Merck
Community Development Director	Allison Fowler
Probate Judge	David Allison
Public Service Director	Clint Dickey
Purchasing Manager	Ralph Guarino Jr.
Registrar of Deeds	Paul McGuffin
Registration & Elections Director	Dr. Amy Sams
Roads and Bridges Director	Michael Clark
Sheriff	Rick Clark
Solicitor	W. Walter Wilkins
Solid Waste Director	Steve Raines
Storm Water Director	Kyle Bennett
Tax Assessor	Laura Yates
Tourism & Marketing Director	Tyler Merck
Treasurer	Dale Looper
Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent	•
Veterans Affairs Officer	Walter Carter

## Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026

October	Distribution of budget package sent to Elected and Appointed Officials, Department Heads, Agencies and Fire Districts.	
October - December	Budget requests prepared by individual departments; separated by operational and capital improvements.	
January	Departments submit individual budget requests to Finance Department.	
January	Finance Department submits departments' requests to Budget Committee.	
January 31	Recreation Funding Applications due.	
January 31	30% Accommodations Tax Applications due.	
February	Outside Agencies budget requests are due to Finance Department.	
February	Budget Committee meets to make recommendation to the Administrator	
February	Recreation Funding Committee meets to review applications and interview applicants.	
February	Accommodations Tax Committee meets to review 30% applications.	
February 28	65% Accommodations Tax applications due.	
March	Recreation Funding Committee meets to vote on applications and submit final recommendations to County Council.	
March	Finance Director completes preparation of revenue estimates for the new budget year with assistance from Department Heads and County Auditor.	
March	Administrator reviews recommendations from the Budget Committee	
March	Accommodations Tax Committee meets to review 65% applications.	
April	Accommodations Tax Committee meets to finalize recommendations to County Council.	
April 1st	Submission of Administrator's budgetary recommendation to County Council for <b>First Reading</b>	
April and thereafter	Council work session(s) on budget.	
Мау	Notice of advertisement of Public Hearing to appropriate media.	
Мау	Public Hearing and Second Reading of budget.	
June	Third Reading and adoption of Budget Ordinance.	
June July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Finance Department prepares account ledgers and payroll information. Begin new fiscal year with implementation of adopted budget.	

First Reading:	April 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Second Reading:	May 5 <sup>th</sup> 2025
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	May 5 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Third Reading:	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2025

#### (STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

#### (COUNTY OF PICKENS)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PICKENS COUNTY FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND TO DIRECT EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

Be it enacted by the County Council, Pickens County, South Carolina:

SECTION 1. A tax of so many mills as is necessary is hereby levied on all taxable property in Pickens County for ordinary County purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for the amounts and purposes hereinafter mentioned. The millage levy shall not exceed that number of mills necessary to raise the sums herein appropriated. After deducting the expected revenues herein stated, such millage shall be determined by the County Auditor, subject to the approval of a majority of the Pickens County Council. Furthermore, there is levied a tax of educational mills to provide approximately \$2,009,331 local funding for Tri-County Technical College. All materials, equipment and supplies which are paid for from the public funds of the County, to be used by the County or any officer of any department thereof, shall be purchased by the Purchasing Department under the authority of the County Administrator. Purchases shall be in accordance with procedures outlined in the County Procurement Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The County operation appropriations have been detailed by the County Council into line-item accounts for each department. The detailed appropriation by account and budget narrative contained in this document is hereby adopted as a part of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3. No bills or claims against Pickens County shall be approved for payment and no check will be issued for same unless such bills or claims are properly itemized showing the supplies or articles purchased, the services rendered with the proper dates of such purchases and rendering of such services and duties, and bearing signature of person receiving such supplies or services.

SECTION 4. The County Administrator shall be authorized to expend up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Contingency Fund as a supplemental appropriation for a special purpose not anticipated when the original budget appropriation was approved.

SECTION 5. The County Administrator is permitted to transfer appropriations between object classification codes within departmental budgets. Unemployment insurance, capital and training may be transferred within object codes and between department and non-departmental accounts.

SECTION 6. All dependent boards, agencies, commissions, etc., fully or partially funded by Pickens County Council, are required to furnish a complete audit to County Council not later than six (6) months after the close of each individual fiscal year and to supply to the County Administrator, upon his request, any and all accounting records, reports and documents necessary for him and the County Council to supervise the financial condition of the County.

SECTION 7. All service charges, fees, fines, etc. received by County departments shall be deposited with the County Treasurer as soon as possible after collection, but in no case shall the time lapse between collection and depositing with the Treasurer exceed five (5) business days. These receipts shall be used to finance the general obligations of the County and will not be returned to the various departments. Unexpended budgetary appropriations of and monies received by County departments and existing at the close of the fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund of Pickens County.

SECTION 8. The County Council is authorized to carry forward unexpended funds in accounts existing at the end of June 30, 2025, to complete the purpose of the original appropriation approved by Council for fiscal year 2026.

SECTION 9. The County Administrator, in consultation with the County Treasurer and based on financial conditions and cash flow considerations, shall determine the proper rate of disbursement of funds appropriated during the fiscal year.

SECTION 10. The Pickens County Planning Commission and Pickens County Economic Development Alliance, upon approval of County Council, may enter into agreements and contracts with governmental agencies or private concerns to accomplish authorized planning programs, studies and surveys, provided that the Commission shall have no authority to obligate County funds in excess of the amounts appropriated herein or authorized by County Council.

SECTION 11. The revenue generated by a separate levy of millage to provide \$2,358,705 is appropriated to defray the principal and interest payments on all County bonds and on any lease-purchase agreements authorized to cover other capital expenditures.

SECTION 12. The standard mileage rate reimbursed to County employees for use of their personal vehicles will be equal to the amount set by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 13. The rate reimbursed to County employees for meals during official County business will be breakfast \$12.00, lunch \$15.00 and dinner \$23.00.

SECTION 14. The revenue generated by a separate levy of millage on the unincorporated area to provide \$272,591 is appropriated to defray the principal and interest payments on the Roper Plant and Cramer plant.

SECTION 16. The revenue generated by a separate levy of millage to provide \$11,901,693 as is necessary is hereby levied on all taxable property in the Pickens County Fire District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for the amounts and purposes hereinafter mentioned. The millage levy shall not exceed that number of mils necessary to raise the sums herein appropriated.

SECTION 17. The County Administrator is authorized to declare surplus items and/or fixed assets as surplus once such items have become obsolete or exhausted their useful life and may dispose of same in a manner deemed (in the Administrator's discretion) to be in the best interest of the County.

#### APPROVED UPON THIRD READING THIS THE XX<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025

Alex Saitta, Chairman Pickens County Council

Attest:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

#### EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions are provided by South Carolina law to qualified real property owners to reduce the value of property subject to taxation. Some of the more frequently used exemptions are:

\***Homestead** – The first \$50,000 of the value of an owner-occupied residence is exempt for all legal residents of South Carolina who have resided in the state for at least one year on or before December 31st of the year prior to exemption and are one of the following:

- 65 on or before December 31st, preceding the tax year in which you wish to claim exemption.
- certified totally and permanently disabled by State or Federal agency.
- legally blind
- surviving spouse of a qualified homestead recipient and meet the ownership and residency requirements.
- hold complete fee simple title or life estate to primary residence.

\*Legal Residence – For all permanent residents of South Carolina, a four percent assessment ratio on an owner-occupied legal residence applies.

\*Widows – Residences for qualified spouses of law enforcement officers or servicemen killed in action or 100% totally and permanently disabled service-connected veterans are exempt.

\*Disability – Residences for all totally and permanently disabled or blind service-connected veterans are exempt.

\*Institutional – All properties of non-profit organizations used for literary, scientific, educational, and charitable purposes are exempt.

\*Subject to approval by Auditor and Department of Revenue.

#### **COMPUTING REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

The following information is needed to compute property tax on a parcel:

- the appraised value as determined by the property appraiser.
- the amount of the value which is not subject to the tax due to the application of exemptions.
- the millage rate authorized by a taxing authority.

WITH HOMESTE	EAD	WITHOUT HOMESTEAD
\$ 200,000	Appraised Property Value	\$ 200,000
50,000	Less Homestead Exemption	0.00
150,000	Adjusted Appraised Property Value	200,000
.04	Multiplied by the Legal Residence Assessment Ratio	.04
6,000	Total Assessment	8,000
	(Multiplied by the combined millage using the FY 2024 ad	dopted rate)
.0740	County millage rate *	.0740
444.00	Total Property Tax Due for Pickens County	592.00
	Less County Government Sales Tax Credit (before a	djustment for
(202.50)	reassessment) x Appraised Value (.001350 x 100,000	(270.00)
\$ 241.50	Tax Amount Due	\$ 322.00

\* Note: Does not include those living in a public service district or municipality.

#### FINANCIAL POLICY

The overall goal of the County's financial policy is to establish and maintain effective management of the County's financial resources. Formal policy statements and major objectives provide the foundation for achieving this goal. In addition, the rationale which led to the establishment of the financial policy statements, is also identified.

#### BUDGETING

- 1. A comprehensive annual budget will be prepared for governmental and enterprise funds expended by the County. *Rationale:* State law provides that "*County Council shall adopt annually and prior to the beginning of the fiscal year operating and capital budgets for the operation of County government and shall in such budgets identify the sources of anticipated revenue including taxes necessary to meet the financial requirements of the budgets adopted. Council shall further provide for the levy and collection of taxes necessary to meet all budget requirements except as provided for by other revenue sources." Inclusion of all funds in the budget enables the Council, the Administration and the public to consider all financial aspects of County government when preparing, modifying and monitoring the budget, rather than deal with the County's finances on a "piece meal" basis.*
- 2. The budget will be prepared in such a manner as to facilitate its understanding by citizens and elected officials. *Rationale:* One of the stated purposes of the budget is to present a picture of the County government operations and intentions for the year to the citizens of Pickens County. Presenting a budget document that is understandable to the citizens furthers the goal of effectively communicating local government finance issues to both elected officials and the public.
- 3. In addition to required public hearings, the Council will hold work sessions on the budget that will be open to the public.

*Rationale:* Work sessions provide all citizens with a forum for meaningful participation in the budget process. Work sessions enable citizens to obtain an understanding of the budget that cannot be acquired by the document itself, to provide public input to the proposed budget and to monitor the Council's changes to the proposed budget.

- 4. Copies of the proposed budget will be made available to citizens and elected officials prior to the work sessions. *Rationale:* Providing citizens with copies of the proposed budget in advance of the work sessions enables the public to become better informed on the issues facing the Council and Administration during the budget work sessions.
- 5. Budgetary emphasis will focus on providing those basic County services which provide the maximum level of services, to the most citizens, in the most cost-effective manner, with due consideration being given to all costs--economic, fiscal and social.

*Rationale:* Adherence to this basic philosophy provides the citizens of Pickens County assurance that government and elected officials are responsive to the basic needs of the citizens and that its government is operated in an economical and efficient manner.

6. The budget will provide for adequate maintenance of capital, plant and equipment and for their orderly replacement. *Rationale:* All governments experience prosperous times as well as periods of economic decline. In periods of economic decline, proper maintenance and replacement of capital, plant and equipment is generally postponed or eliminated as a first means of balancing the budget. Recognition of the need for adequate maintenance and replacement of capital, plant and equipment, regardless of the economic conditions, will assist in maintaining the government's equipment and infrastructure in good operating condition.

7. The County will estimate revenues in a realistic and conservative manner.

**Rationale:** Aggressive revenue estimates significantly increase the chances of budgetary shortfalls occurring during the year--resulting in either deficit spending or required spending reductions. Realistic and conservative revenue estimates, on the other hand, will serve to minimize the adverse impact of revenue shortfalls and will also reduce the need for mid-year spending reductions.

8. The County will give highest priority in the use of one-time revenues to the funding of capital assets or other non-recurring expenditures.

**Rationale:** Utilizing one-time revenues to fund on-going expenditures results in incurring annual expenditure obligations, which may be unfunded in future years. Using one-time revenues to fund capital assets or other non-recurring expenditures better enables future administrations and councils to cope with the financial problems when these revenue sources are discontinued, since these types of expenditures can more easily be eliminated.

- 9. The County will maintain a budgetary control system to help it adhere to the established budget. *Rationale:* The budget passed by the Council establishes the legal spending limits for the County. A budgetary control system is essential in order to ensure legal compliance with the County's budget.
- The County will exercise budgetary control (maximum spending authority) through County Council approval of appropriation authority for each appropriated budget department.
   *Rationale:* Exercising budgetary control assists the Council in monitoring current year operations and acts as an early warning mechanism when departments deviate in any substantive way from the original budget.
- 11. Reports comparing actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted amounts will be prepared monthly. *Rationale:* The County's budget is ineffective without a system to regularly monitor actual spending and revenue collections with those anticipated at the beginning of the year. Monthly reports comparing actual revenues and expenditures to budget amounts provide the mechanism for the Council and the Administration to regularly monitor compliance with the adopted budget.

#### REVENUES

- The County will seek to maintain a diversified and stable revenue base.
   *Rationale:* A County dependent upon a few volatile revenue sources is frequently forced to suddenly adjust tax rates or alter expenditure levels to coincide with revenue collections. Establishment of a diversified and stable revenue base, however, serves to protect the County from short-term fluctuations in any one major revenue source.
- The County will pursue an aggressive policy of collecting revenues.
   *Rationale:* An aggressive policy of collecting revenues will help to ensure the County's revenue estimates are met, all taxpayers are treated fairly and consistently, and delinquencies are kept to a minimum.
- 3. The County will aggressively pursue opportunities for Federal or State grant funding. *Rationale:* An aggressive policy of pursuing opportunities for Federal or State grants provides citizens assurance that the County is striving to obtain all state and federal funds to which it is entitled--thereby reducing dependence upon local taxpayers for the support of local public services.
- 4. User fees and charges will be used, as opposed to general taxes, when distinct beneficiary populations or interest groups can be identified.

**Rationale:** User fees and charges are preferable to general taxes because user charges can provide clear demand signals, which assist in determining what services to offer, their quantity and their quality. User charges are also more equitable, since only those who use the service must pay--thereby eliminating the subsidy provided by nonusers to users, which is inherent in general tax financing.

5. User fees will be collected only if it is cost-effective and administratively feasible to do so. *Rationale:* User fees are often costly to administer. Prior to establishing user fees, the costs to establish and administer the fees will be considered to provide assurance that the County's collection mechanisms are being operated in an efficient manner.

#### **EXPENDITURES**

- On-going expenditures will be limited to levels which can be supported by current revenues.
   *Rationale:* Utilization of reserves to fund on-going expenditures will produce a balanced budget; however, this practice will eventually cause severe financial problems. Once reserve levels are depleted, the County would face elimination of on-going costs in order to balance the budget. Therefore, the funding of on-going expenditures will be limited to current revenues.
- 2. Minor capital projects or recurring capital projects, which primarily benefit current residents, will be financed from current revenues.

**Rationale:** Minor capital projects or recurring capital projects represent relatively small costs of an on-going nature, and therefore, should be financed with current revenues rather than utilizing debt financing. This policy also reflects the view that those who benefit from a capital project should pay for the project.

- Major capital projects, which benefit future as well as current residents, will be financed with revenues as well as other financing sources (e.g. debt financing).
   *Rationale:* This policy reflects the view that those who benefit from a capital project should pay for the project.
- Major capital projects, which benefit future residents, will be financed with other financing sources (e.g. debt financing).
   *Rationale:* Major capital projects represent large expenditures of a non-recurring nature, which primarily benefit future residents. Debt financing provides a means of generating sufficient funds to pay for the costs of major projects. Debt financing also enables the costs of the project to be supported by those who benefit from the project, since debt service payments will be funded through charges to future residents.
- 5. Construction projects and capital purchases of \$ 25,000 or more will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); minor capital outlays of less than \$ 25,000 will be included in the regular operating budget. *Rationale:* The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) differentiates the financing of high cost long-lived physical improvements from low cost "consumable" equipment items contained in the operating budget. CIP items may be funded through debt financing or current revenues while operating budget items are annual or routine in nature and should only be financed from current revenues.

#### **DEBT MANAGEMENT**

- The County will limit long-term debt to capital improvements which cannot be financed from current revenues. *Rationale:* Incurring long-term debt serves to obligate future taxpayers. Excess reliance on long-term debt can cause debt levels to reach or exceed the government's ability to pay. Therefore, conscientious use of long-term debt will provide assurance that future residents will be able to service the debt obligations left by former residents.
- 2. The County will repay borrowed funds, used for capital projects, within a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the project.

**Rationale:** This policy reflects the view that those residents who benefit from a project should pay for the project. Adherence to this policy will also help prevent the government from over-extending itself with regard to the incurrence of future debt.

- 3. In accordance with State law, the County will not issue general obligation bonds for any purpose in an amount, which, with all general obligation bonds outstanding and unpaid indebtedness, will exceed 8% of the taxable value of the property therein subject to taxation, to be ascertained by the last assessment for County taxes. *Rationale:* Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895 places this restriction on counties.
- 4. The County will not use long-term debt for financing current operations. *Rationale:* This policy reflects the view that those residents who benefit from a service should pay for the service. Utilization of long-term debt to support current operations would result in future residents supporting services provided to current residents.
- Pickens County will adhere to a policy of full public disclosure with regard to the issuance of debt.
   *Rationale:* Full public disclosure with regard to issuance of debt provides assurance that the incurrence of debt, for which the public is responsible, is based upon a genuine need and is consistent with underwriter's guidelines.

#### RESERVES

- Reserves will be established for funds, which are not available for expenditure or are legally segregated for a specific use, in accordance with Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GAFR).
   *Rationale:* The County's policy is to manage and account for its financial activity in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). This policy is consistent with GASB requirements.
- 2. The County will maintain one undesignated general fund reserve. The undesignated reserve will be used for: cash flow requirements, equipment acquisition and replacement, and to enable the County to meet unexpected expenditure demands or revenue shortfalls.

The undesignated general fund reserve will be between 10% and 15% of the current year operating budget, excluding capital items. When the undesignated general fund reserve is projected to decrease below 10% of the general fund budget, the Administrator shall initiate one of the following measures to ensure that the year-end general fund balance for the budget year in question does not fall below 10%:

- Generate additional revenue
- Hiring freeze on non-critical positions
- Reduce expenditures through a budget cut

When the undesignated fund balance of the general fund is projected to increase above 15% of the general fund budget, the Council may use funds to fund the following items:

- One-time capital expenditures, which do not increase on-going County costs
- Other one-time costs
- Unexpected expenditure demands or revenue shortfalls

*Rationale:* Property taxes represent the County's primary source of general fund revenue. Property taxes are collected beginning in October of each fiscal year. Since the County's fiscal year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, the County must maintain an adequate cash balance in order to meet its expenditure obligations between July 1<sup>st</sup> and the commencement of the collection of property taxes in October.

The County is subject to revenue shortfalls and unexpected expenditure demands during the fiscal year. An undesignated general fund reserve will be maintained to offset these revenue shortfalls or meet unexpected demands occurring during the year, without suddenly increasing revenues or reducing expenditures.

#### ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

- The County will manage and account for its financial activity in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).
   *Rationale:* GASB is recognized as the authority with respect to governmental accounting. Managing the County's finances in accordance with GAAP and in accordance with the rules set forth by GASB, provides Pickens County citizens assurance that their public funds are being accounted for in a proper manner.
- 2. The County will maintain its accounting records for general governmental operations on a modified accrual basis, with revenues recorded when available and measurable, and expenditures recorded when services or goods are received and liabilities incurred. Accounting records for proprietary fund types and similar trust funds will be maintained on an accrual basis, with all revenues recorded when earned and expenses recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, without regard to receipt or payment of cash.

*Rationale:* Adherence to this policy will enable the County to prepare its financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

- The County will ensure the conduct of timely, effective and annual audit coverage of all financial records in compliance with the Local, State and Federal law.
   *Rationale:* Audits of the County's financial records provide the public assurance that its funds are being expended in accordance with Local, State and Federal law, and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Audits also provide management and the Council with suggestions for improvement in its financial operations from independent experts in the accounting field.
- 4. Pickens County will maintain a policy of full and open public disclosure of all financial activity. *Rationale:* Full and open public disclosure of all financial activity provides the public with assurance that its elected officials and Administrator communicate fully all financial matters affecting the public.
- Pickens County will mail all vendor checks through the United States Postal Service or through an Automated Clearing House system (ACH). An exception for this policy will be if the Administrator notifies in writing a detailed explanation the reason the check must be picked up by an individual. *Rationale:* This will limit the possibility of fraud or embezzlement for the County.
- 6. Pickens County will issue accounts payable checks on a weekly basis for disbursement. Invoices for payments must be received in the Finance Department at least two weeks prior to the date the check will be issued. Invoices must include the purchase order number, signature from the authorized department representative, and date the item(s) or service(s) were received. An exception for this policy will be if the Administrator states in writing a detailed explanation the reason the check must be issued at a time other than the usual weekly schedule.

Rationale: This will ensure the financial statements are recorded in a timely and efficient manner.

 Travel and training reimbursements for County employees must be turned in within 90 days from the date of the travel and/or training event. All reimbursements after this date will not be reimbursed by the County.
 *Rationale:* This will ensure the financial statements are recorded in a timely and efficient manner.

The financial policies were approved by Council on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003 and amended on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2017.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

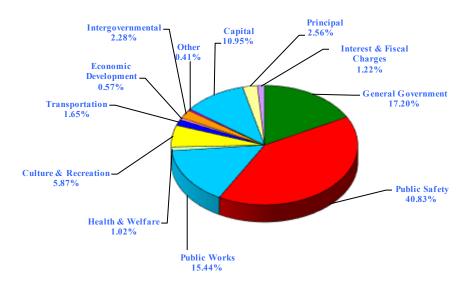
	GENERAL	DEBT				
	FUND	SERVICE	SPECIAL REVENUES	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TO TAL FY 2026	TO TAL FY 2025
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$48,335,198	\$ 2,631,296	\$ 18,755,577	\$ -	\$69,722,071	\$65,749,878
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,486,783	-	945,045	-	2,431,828	2,097,000
Intergovernmental	9,087,785	-	392,648	2,495,386	11,975,819	8,317,348
Charges for Services	10,070,224	-	-	3,441,200	13,511,424	12,398,204
Fines & Forfeitures	545,750	-	110,000	-	655,750	576,750
Investment Income	2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
Contributions	26,000	-	-	-	26,000	20,000
Miscellaneous	38,200	-	-	-	38,200	249,720
	72,089,940	2,631,296	20,203,270	5,936,586	100,861,092	91,908,900
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	18,163,567	-	-	-	18,163,567	15,717,625
Public Safety	33,205,555	-	9,904,322	-	43,109,877	37,630,330
Public Works	9,421,512	-	4,294,553	2,580,773	16,296,838	18,494,568
Health & Welfare	1,075,630	-	-	-	1,075,630	874,841
Culture & Recreation	5,188,537	-	1,006,175	-	6,194,712	6,024,955
Transportation	-	-	-	1,743,441	1,743,441	1,358,965
Economic Development	-	-	598,446	-	598,446	842,430
Intergovernmental	440,534	-	1,963,200	-	2,403,734	2,186,622
Other	431,600	-	-	-	431,600	3,343,721
Capital	5,421,633	-	3,813,360	2,326,722	11,561,715	7,955,111
Debt Service						
Principal	-	1,978,056	566,699	158,181	2,702,936	2,596,382
Interest & Fiscal Charges	-	1,257,997	-	34,235	1,292,232	1,370,146
	73,348,568	3,236,053	22,146,755	6,843,352	105,574,728	98,395,696
REVENUES OVER						
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,258,628)	(604,757)	(1,943,485)	(906,766)	(4,713,636)	(6,486,796)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE	S (USES)					
Transfer In (Out)	(966,091)	927,783	818,678	(30,370)	750,000	750,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	25,000	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
Fund Balance/Equity	2,199,719	(323,026)	1,124,807	937,136	3,938,636	5,711,796
	1,258,628	604,757	1,943,485	906,766	4,713,636	6,486,796
REVENUES & OTHER SOURC	ES					
O VER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$-	<b>\$</b> -
Beginning Fund Balance:	41,671,859	2,722,633	9,855,176	32,740,636	86,990,304	

# **SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS**

## **REVENUES BY SOURCE**



## **EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION**



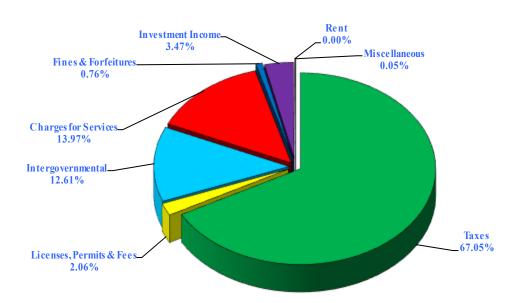
## FY 2026

DEPARTMENT	FY 2026 BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Building M aintenance	
Truck	\$ 65,000
Information Systems	+,
Van	65,000
Core Switch Replacement	80,000
GIS Server	85,000
SAN Server	100,000
Magistrate Court	
Surveillance Camera System	49,633
Vehicle M aintenance	
Heavy Duty Tire Machine	30,000
	\$ 474,633
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Sheriff	
Vehicle	630,000
Truck	60,000
Lawmower	14,000
Body Worn/ Vehicle Camera's	300,000
Fire Districts	
Pumper	950,000
Tanker	600,000
Truck	80,000
Utility Task Vehicle	40,000
Fire Station at Rocky Bottom	300,000
Rennovation at Holly Springs Fire District	650,000
Emergency Medical Services	
Medic 1	1,500,000
Ambulance (4)	1,460,000
QRV Truck	65,000
Z-Vents (2)	30,000
Generators for M2, M3, M4, and M8	78,000
	\$ 6,757,000
PUBLIC WORKS	
Roads & Bridges	
4x4 Crew Cab Truck	80,000
Dump Truck (2)	300,000
Flat Bed Dump Truck	150,000
Solid Waste	
Roll Off Truck	280,000
	\$ 810,000

DEPARTMENT	 FY 2026 BUDGET
HEALTH & WELFARE	
Public Service Commission	
Truck	 65,000
	\$ 65,000
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Mile Creek Park	
Kayak Launch at Mile Creek Park	77,908
Truck	65,000
Utility Upgrade to Campground Sites (phase 3)	 1,050,452
	\$ 1,193,360
TRANSPORTATION	
Airport	
Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation Project	 2,261,722
	\$ 2,261,722
TOTAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 11,561,715
SOURCE OF REVENUE	
General Fund Operations	5,421,633
Public Service Commission	65,000
Fire Districts	2,620,000
Airport	2,261,722
Local Accommodation Fee	 1,193,360
TOTAL SOURCE OF REVENUE	\$ 11,561,715

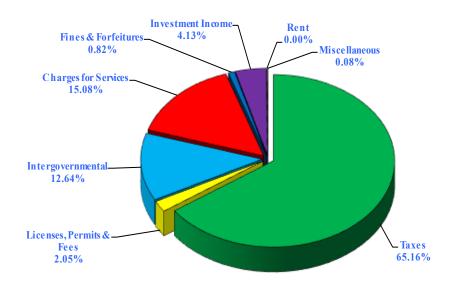
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Taxes       \$ $36,283,202$ \$ $37,730,850$ \$ $39,434,737$ \$ $48,335,198$ Licenses, Permits & Fees $1,315,498$ $1,643,026$ $1,242,000$ $1,486,783$ Intergovernmental $7,028,666$ $8,507,394$ $7,050,876$ $9,087,85$ Chargs for Services $9,435,575$ $9,837,404$ $9,125,224$ $10,070,224$ Fines & Forfeitures $449,776$ $615,834$ $495,750$ $545,750$ Investment Income $2,187,639$ $4,480,425$ $2,500,000$ $2,500,000$ Rent       (19,200)       -       -       -       -         Contributions $812,669$ $52,354$ $20,000$ $26,000$ Miscellaneous $828,983$ $87,815$ $47,800$ $38,200$ EXPENDITURES       General Government $13,275,935$ $15,034,125$ $15,655,705$ $18,163,567$ Public Safety $24,804,286$ $26,961,430$ $28,137,818$ $33,205,555$ Public Works $7,375,344$ $7,767,469$ $8,907,238$ $9421,512$ Ibit Works $7,375,344$ $7,767,469$ $8,902,238$ $9421,512$										
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	OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	408,838	\$	1,460,739	\$	-	\$	-	
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## "WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM"



## FISCALYEAR 2026

FISCAL YEAR 2025



	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	% CHANGE
SOURCE OF REVENUE	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	25-26
TAXES					
Taxes	\$ 35,730,256	5 \$ 37,148,597	\$ 38,910,797	\$ 47,726,258	22.7%
Merchant Inventory	123,940		123,940	123,940	0.0%
F.I.L.O.T./ Motor Carrier	429,000		400,000	485,000	21.3%
	36,283,202		39,434,737	48,335,198	22.6%
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
Alcohol Permits	50	200	-	-	
Building Permits	829,882	1,060,677	762,000	1,002,000	31.5%
Mobile Home Licenses	58,573	61,061	55,000	60,000	9.1%
Coroner Fees	73,759	72,749	75,000	74,783	-0.3%
Cable TV Franchise	353,234	448,339	350,000	350,000	0.0%
	1,315,498		1,242,000	1,486,783	19.7%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL					
State Aid to Subdivision	5,345,324	5,615,241	5,854,702	6,215,300	6.2%
State Aid to Subdivision-Library	-	-	-	329,445	
SCPEBA Rebate	173,271	216,155	215,000	215,000	0.0%
School Resource Officers	536,000	632,000	664,000	1,312,000	97.6%
Tax Discount	883	675	600	600	0.0%
State Comptroller General	48,150	) 121,626	115,000	115,000	0.0%
State Election Commission	10,900	6,279	10,500	10,500	0.0%
Election Reimbursement	120,040	5 232,714	179,782	268,696	49.5%
Pollution Control Rebate	2,000	1,632	-	-	
Veterans Affairs	5,784	6,073	5,476	6,210	13.4%
Federal Financial Assistance	77,203	33,816	26,000	26,000	0.0%
Sheriff Reimbursement	22,400	) 14,575	20,000	20,000	0.0%
Grants - Other	341,013	1,084,751	37,758	37,758	0.0%
911 Dispatch	-	143,400	143,400	143,400	0.0%
Solicitors Reimbursement	345,692	398,457	378,658	387,876	2.4%
	7,028,660	8,507,394	7,650,876	9,087,785	18.8%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Delinquent Collection Cost	100,995	97,793	70,500	70,500	0.0%
Planning Sales	4,745	3,441	7,000	7,000	0.0%
Register of Deeds Fees	1,903,238		1,750,000	1,750,000	0.0%
Judge of Probate Fees	324,882	2 279,504	275,000	275,000	0.0%
Marriage Ceremony Fees	5,675	6,625	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Family Court Fees	197,199		200,000	200,000	0.0%
Worthless Check	369	) -	-	-	
Sheriff Fees	10,282	2 10,735	7,500	7,500	0.0%
Extra Duty Reimbursement	59,692	2 23,991	30,000	30,000	0.0%
E.M.S. Fees	4,507,490	4,978,501	4,500,000	5,400,000	20.0%
Landfill User Fees	893,112	898,863	850,000	870,000	2.4%

**MIS CELLANEOUS** Returned Check Fee

Other Revenue

F.O.I.A. Request

Rebate

Pay Phone Commission

Insurance Reimbursement

Vending Machine Commission

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

		FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025		FY 2026	% CHANGE
SOURCE OF REVENUE		ACTUAL		ACTUAL		BUDGET		BUDGET	25-26
CHARGES FOR SERVICES, contin	nuad								
Sale of Recyclables	s s	395,398	\$	527,221	\$	420,000	\$	400,000	-4.8%
Vehicle Maintenance Service	Ψ	3,068	Ψ	1,342	Ψ	1,000	Ψ	1,000	0.0%
Storm Water		263,558		315,656		200,000		200,000	0.0%
Commerce Park		66,358		66,358		62,783		62,783	0.0%
Sales at Performing Art Center		-		1,100		-		-	0.070
Library Collections		-		-,		-		45.000	
Mile Creek Park		545,008		564,671		600,000		600,000	0.0%
Animal Shelter		7,516		2,885		3,500		3,500	0.0%
Data Processing Fees		125,665		128,473		122,441		122,441	0.0%
Sale of Materials & Supplies		319		1,853		500		500	0.0%
Housing of Prisoners		21,006		26,547		20,000		20,000	0.0%
C		9,435,575		9,837,404		9,125,224		10,070,224	10.4%
FINES & FORFEITURES									
Magistrate Fines		323,874		400,470		325,000		375,000	15.4%
Master in Equity		-		50,682		50,000		50,000	0.0%
Clerk of Court Fines		125,902		160,912		120,000		120,000	0.0%
Restitution		-		3,770		750		750	0.0%
		449,776		615,834		495,750		545,750	10.1%
INVESTMENT INCOME									
Interest on Investments		2,187,639		4,480,425		2,500,000		2,500,000	0.0%
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RENT									
Rent from Property		(19,200)		-		-		-	0.0%
		(19,200)		-		-		-	
CONTRIBUTIONS									
E.M.S. Donations		150							0.0%
Donations		792,063		- 34,165		-		- 6,000	0.0%
Animal Control Donations				,		20.000			0.0%
Aminal Control Donations		20,456		18,189		20,000		20,000	0.0%

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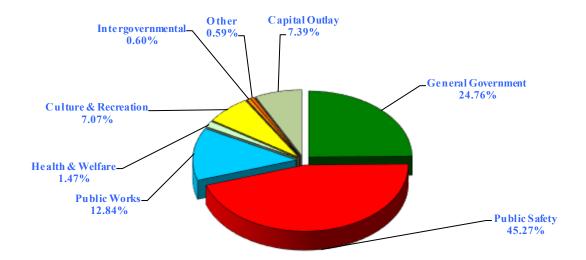
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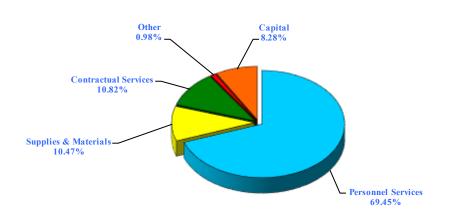
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## **EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION**

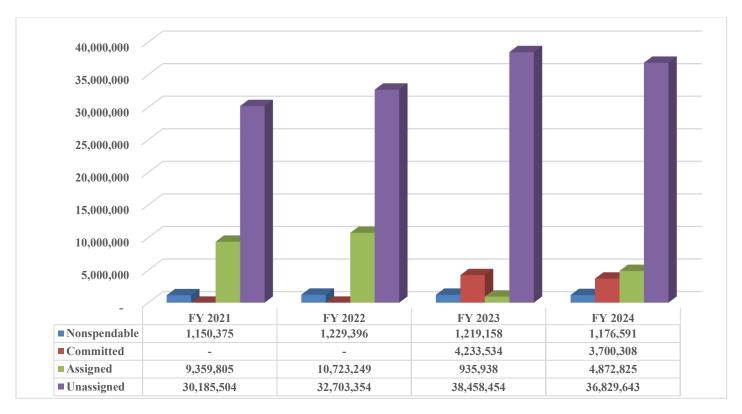


## **EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY**



DEPARTMENT	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	% CHANGE 25-26
DEIAKIMENI	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGEI	BUDGEI	23-20
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Council	\$ 288,958	\$ 302,021	\$ 314,021	\$ 307,300	-2.1%
Attorney	151,357	177,505	101,500	220,094	116.8%
State Solicitor	1,157,779	1,301,564	1,296,741	1,383,531	6.7%
Public Defender	303,234	353,171	353,173	353,173	0.0%
Master in Equity	2,548	474,212	292,513	308,909	5.6%
Probate Court	458,932	291,535	491,585	563,028	14.5%
Register of Deeds	285,261	321,203	349,841	351,438	0.5%
Clerk of Court	828,678	875,933	899,132	1,074,869	19.5%
Administrator	347,705	380,809	392,423	422,998	7.8%
Purchasing	59,522	-	-	-	
Finance	665,234	763,742	735,267	902,331	22.7%
Building Maintenance	2,269,595	2,313,695	2,509,355	2,999,274	19.5%
Human Resources	436,594	429,096	472,931	560,779	18.6%
Delinquent Tax	203,208	231,098	226,513	255,950	13.0%
Risk Manager	6,155	6,140	6,754	6,754	0.0%
Circuit Judge *	246	248	250	250	0.0%
Treasurer	564,760	609,965	627,009	733,918	17.1%
Auditor	436,531	459,038	475,874	540,094	13.5%
Tax Assessor	861,946	944,442	1,137,217	1,191,348	4.8%
Board of Appeals *	-	_	2,500	2,500	0.0%
GIS Mapping	446,627	480,426	507,387	499,757	-1.5%
Registration & Elections	481,399	740,675	743,359	1,012,215	36.2%
Planning Commission	213,629	329,292	276,846	285,304	3.1%
Community & Resource Management	-	-	-	179,932	
Information Systems	1,111,055	1,335,004	1,510,856	1,549,538	2.6%
Magistrate Court	804,885	867,422	910,640	987,622	8.5%
Vehicle Maintenance	815,265	954,934	923,525	1,041,996	12.8%
Public Relations	74,832	90,955	98,493	428,665	335.2%
	13,275,935	15,034,125	15,655,705	18,163,567	16.0%
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Building Codes	567,554	510,413	618,980	671,565	8.5%
E-911		373,751	380,477	472,396	-
Environmental Enforcement	113,725	275,272	312,076	320,303	2.6%
Sheriff's Office	16,222,623	16,898,802	17,485,647	20,207,082	15.6%
Emergency Management	295,337	327,107	324,588	341,761	5.3%
Rescue Squad	295,557	68,896	49,250	51,340	4.2%
Coroner	397,533	541,165	529,643	609,328	15.0%
Emergency Medical Services	7,174,516	7,961,651	8,432,897	10,527,330	24.8%
Fire Department	4,917	4,373	4,260	4,450	24.8% 4.5%
r ne Department	24,804,286	26,961,430	28,137,818	33,205,555	<u> </u>
PUBLIC WORKS	27,007,200	20,201,730	20,107,010	55,205,555	10.0 /0
Roads & Bridges	2,162,795	2,366,265	2,748,985	3,097,504	12.7%
Engineering	106,833	161,146	209,967	280,451	33.6%
Solid Waste	5,105,716	5,240,058	5,548,286	6,043,557	8.9%
20114 (14010	7,375,344	7,767,469	8,507,238	9,421,512	10.7%

	FY 202		FY 20			FY 2025		FY 2026	% CHANGE
DEPARTMENT	ACTU	AL	ACTU	AL		BUDGET		BUDGET	25-26
HEALTH & WELFARE									
Storm Water	\$ 18	9,246	\$ 20	6,734	\$	219,334	\$	271,589	23.8%
Health Department *	1	8,801	2	1,355		19,385		21,208	9.4%
Animal Shelter	40	4,048	39	8,982		459,529		472,503	2.8%
Veterans Affairs	17	3,266	16	2,120		176,593		310,330	75.7%
	78	5,361	78	9,191		874,841		1,075,630	23.0%
CULTURE & RECREATION									
Museum	9	2,157	10	7,776		117,101		133,597	14.1%
Hagood Mill		8,000		8,000		78,000		70,000	-10.3%
Tourism		7,827		7,021		76,601		832	0.0%
Performing Art Center		2,158		1,140		23,986		21,570	0.0%
Library		-		-		-		4,346,780	
Mile Creek Park	57	0,771	60	6,366		662,806		600,716	-9.4%
12 Mile Parks		4,961		-		5,000		7,402	
Scenic Highway Parks		5,467		-		7,640		7,640	
	85	1,341	89	0,303		971,134		5,188,537	434.3%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
Economic Development		1,349	13	3,459		-		-	-
		1,349		3,459		-		-	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL									
Legislative Delegation	2	0,651	2	7,405		26,599		26,431	-0.6%
Social Services *		9,258		4,765		43,752		45,032	2.9%
Mental Health *		0,000		0,000		20,000		20,000	0.0%
Medical Indigent *		5,369		4,275		195,000		195,000	0.0%
Appalachian COG *		1,631		1,631		61,631		61,631	0.0%
Clemson Extension *		4,239		4,168		74,190		74,190	0.0%
Soil & Water Conservation *		5,750		8,250		18,250		18,250	0.0%
		6,898		0,494		439,422		440,534	0.3%
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Contingency *		2,727		4,980		50,000		50,000	0.0%
South Carolina Association Dues *		9,025		9,025		19,025		19,025	0.0%
Bank Charges		8,942		4,799		10,000		5,000	-50.0%
Market Adjustment		-		-		2,993,406		-	21.00/
Retiree Health Insurance		4,290		3,106		271,290		357,575	31.8%
	88	4,984	96	1,910		3,343,721		431,600	-87.1%
CAPITAL									
Departmental Capital	8,88	7,627	7,57	4,751		5,891,649		5,421,633	-8.0%
		7,627		4,751		5,891,649		5,421,633	-8.0%
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 57,31	3,125	\$ 60,55	3,132	\$	63,821,528	\$	73,348,568	14.9%



#### **General Fund – Fund Balance Past 4 Years**

Fund balance is the difference between the assets and liabilities in a fund. Fund balance acts as a reserve or "rainy day" fund for unanticipated incidents or opportunities. Fund balance is available to help balance the County's budget in the event expenditures exceed revenues.

Under Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the County classifies fund balances as follows:

**Nonspendable** – Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in a spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state or federal laws or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.

**Committed** – Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by formal action (ordinance) of County Council. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the County Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by County Council, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – Amounts that are designated by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent items designated for capital projects, as well as items reserved for encumbrances.

Unassigned - All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

DEBT SERVICE FUND		FY 2023 ACTUAL	 FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$	2,314,267	\$ 2,466,118	\$	2,348,006	\$	2,631,296	
		2,314,267	2,466,118		2,348,006		2,631,296	
EXPENDITURES								
Debt Service								
Principal		1,406,258	2,606,732		1,887,331		1,978,056	
Interest & Fiscal Charges		913,122	 1,423,285		1,334,955		1,257,997	
		2,319,380	 4,030,017		3,222,286		3,236,053	
REVENUES OVER								
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(5,113)	 (1,563,899)		(874,280)		(604,757)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Proceeds from Bond Issuance		-	15,328,066		-		-	
Transfer In (Out)		177,783	(13,608,193)		927,783		927,783	
Budgeted Fund Balance		-	-		(53,503)		(323,026)	
		177,783	 1,719,873		874,280		604,757	
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>								
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	172,670	\$ 155,974	\$	-	\$	-	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	2,340,486	\$ 2,513,156	\$	2,669,130	\$	2,722,633	
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$	2,513,156	\$ 2,669,130	\$	2,722,633	\$	3,045,659	

Year	Funding		Re	maining	Maturity	Interest
Issued	Source	Purpose	Α	mount	Date	Rate
General O	bligation Bonds	5				
2008	Sp Tax District	Cramer Upgrade	\$	143,673	1-Oct-27	2.25%
2008	Sp Tax District	Roper Upgrade	\$	550,306	1-May-28	2.25%
2017	Gen Taxes	Detention Center *	\$ 1	8,285,000	1-Jun-38	2.96%
2017	User Fees	Middle/Upper Plant	\$ 2	2,750,000	1-Jun-36	2.91%
2023	Gen Taxes	Road Project *	\$ 1	1,175,000	30-Jun-43	3.73%
			\$ 3	2,903,979		
Revenue B	onds					
2012 A	User Fees	N. Central Plant A	\$	1,277,320	10-Feb-52	2.25%
2012 B	User Fees	N. Central Plant B	\$	267,269	10-Feb-52	2.25%
			\$	1,544,589		

The following chart and tables detail Pickens County debt obligation:

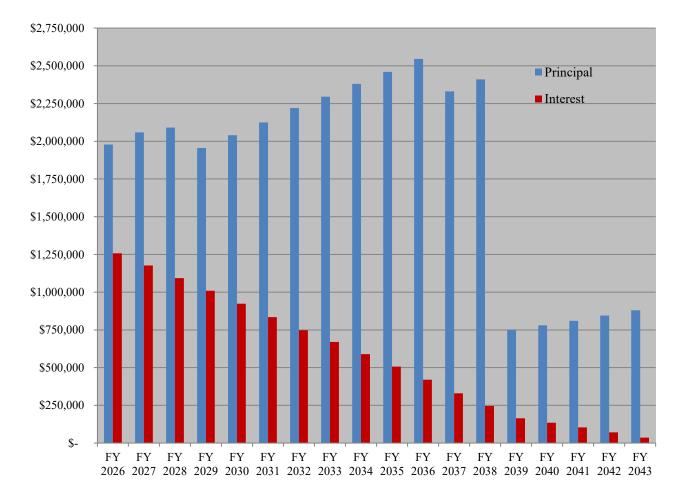
Entering into fiscal year 2025, Pickens County general obligation debt is projected to be \$30,915,000:

South Carolina law provides that general obligation debt be no greater than 8% of the County's total assessed value. This 8% minus general obligation bonds outstanding is classified as the government's legal debt margin. A computation of the County's legal debt margin follows:

Legal Debt Margin	<u>\$</u>	35,363,461
Debt Limit – 8% of Assessed Value Less General Obligation Bonds Outstanding	\$	64,823,461 29,460,000*
Net General Obligation Bond Tax Digest	<u>\$</u>	810,293,267

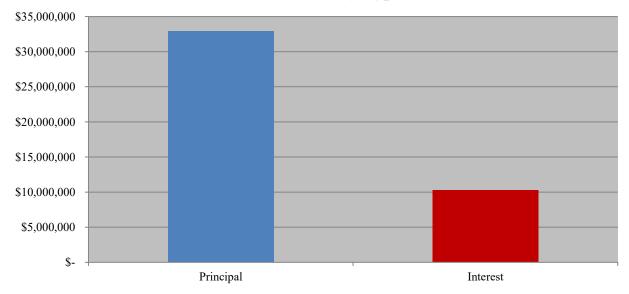
\*As it relates to the debt margin of the County, only the debt of the Detention Center is considered general obligation debt of County.

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## **Debt Service by Type**



## General Obligation Bond Debt Service Schedule

Fiscal	Roper U	pgrade	Cramer Upgrade				
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest			
2026	195,096	11,832	62,960	2,704			
2027	199,523	7,405	64,389	1,275			
2028	204,051	2,878	16,234	92			
TOTAL	\$ 598,670	\$ 22,115	\$ 143,583	\$ 4,071			

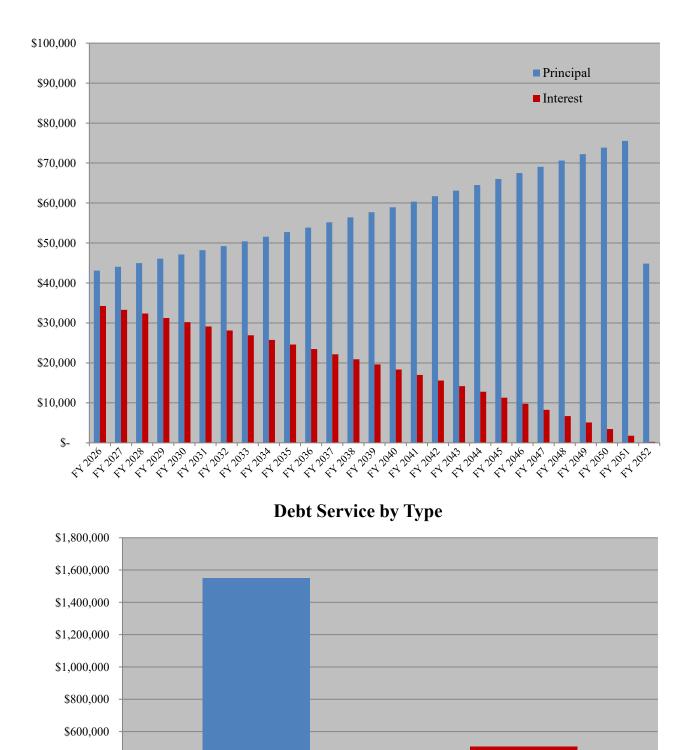
Fiscal	Upper/M	liddle	Detentio	n Center	183 Road	Project
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2026	200,000	105,225	1,120,000	624,913	400,000	513,056
2027	210,000	95,225	1,165,000	580,113	420,000	493,056
2028	220,000	84,725	1,210,000	533,513	440,000	472,056
2029	230,000	73,725	1,260,000	485,113	465,000	450,056
2030	240,000	62,225	1,310,000	434,713	490,000	426,806
2031	255,000	50,225	1,360,000	382,313	510,000	402,306
2032	265,000	42,575	1,415,000	327,913	540,000	376,806
2033	270,000	34,625	1,460,000	285,463	565,000	349,806
2034	280,000	26,525	1,505,000	241,663	595,000	321,556
2035	285,000	18,125	1,550,000	196,513	625,000	291,806
2036	295,000	9,219	1,595,000	150,013	655,000	260,556
2037	-	-	1,645,000	102,163	685,000	227,806
2038	-	-	1,690,000	52,813	720,000	193,556
2039	-	-	-	-	750,000	164,756
2040	-	-	-	-	780,000	134,756
2041	-	-	-	-	810,000	103,556
2042	-	-	-	-	845,000	71,156
2043	-	-	-	-	880,000	36,300
TOTAL	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 602,419	\$ 18,285,000	\$ 4,397,219	\$ 11,175,000	\$ 5,289,752

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## **Revenue Bonded Debt Service Schedule by Category**

Interest

Fiscal	North Cent	tral Plant A	North Cent	ral Plant B
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2026	35,602	28,310	7,469	5,923
2027	36,411	27,501	7,638	5,754
2028	37,166	26,746	7,797	5,595
2029	38,084	25,828	7,989	5,403
2030	38,950	24,962	8,171	5,221
2031	39,835	24,077	8,360	5,035
2032	40,677	23,235	8,533	4,859
2033	41,665	22,247	8,741	4,651
2034	42,613	21,299	8,939	4,453
2035	43,581	20,331	9,142	4,250
2036	44,519	19,393	9,339	4,053
2037	45,584	18,328	9,563	3,829
2038	46,620	17,292	9,780	3,612
2039	47,680	16,232	10,002	3,390
2040	48,723	15,189	10,221	3,171
2041	49,872	14,040	10,462	2,930
2042	51,006	12,906	10,700	2,692
2043	52,165	11,747	10,943	2,449
2044	53,323	10,589	11,186	2,206
2045	54,563	9,349	11,446	1,946
2046	55,804	8,108	11,706	1,686
2047	57,072	6,840	11,973	1,419
2048	58,355	5,557	12,242	1,150
2049	59,696	4,216	12,523	869
2050	61,053	2,859	12,808	584
2051	62,441	1,471	13,099	293
2052	37,078	204	7,778	34
TOTAL	\$1,280,138	\$ 418,856	\$ 268,550	\$ 87,457

#### **Revenue Bond Debt Service Schedule**

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S PECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	FY 2023 ACTUAL	 FY 2024 ACTUAL	 FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET		
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 14,296,861	\$ 16,034,321	\$ 23,967,135	\$	18,755,577	
Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,046,266	903,853	855,000		945,045	
Intergovernmental	777,527	761,474	666,472		392,648	
Charges for Services	56,818	49,408	-		-	
Fines & Forfeitures	77,065	114,822	81,000		110,000	
Investment Income	603	1,949	-		-	
Contributions	8,617	8,430	-		-	
Miscellaneous	 8,689	 9,481	 201,920		-	
	16,272,446	17,883,738	25,771,527		20,203,270	
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	-	-	61,920		-	
Public Safety	6,815,380	7,469,306	9,492,512		9,904,322	
Public Works	158,962	80,183	7,152,939		4,294,553	
Culture & Recreation	4,837,169	4,347,293	5,053,821		1,006,175	
Economic Development	608,436	640,609	842,430		598,446	
Intergovernmental	1,621,500	1,621,500	1,747,200		1,963,200	
Capital Outlay	1,900,193	2,068,161	1,527,462		3,813,360	
Debt Service						
Principal	-	-	554,636		566,699	
Interest & Fiscal Charges	 -	 -	 -		-	
	15,941,640	16,227,052	26,432,920		22,146,755	
REVENUES OVER						
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 330,806	 1,656,686	 (661,393)		(1,943,485)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfer In (Out)	741,597	844,400	948,079		818,678	
Budgeted Fund Balance	-	-	(286,686)		1,124,807	
C	 747,247	844,400	 661,393		1,943,485	
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>						
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,078,053	\$ 2,501,086	\$ -	\$	-	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 8,490,437	\$ 8,490,437	\$ 9,568,490	\$	9,855,176	
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 9,568,490	\$ 5,989,351	\$ 9,855,176	\$	8,730,369	
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TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	 FY 2023 ACTUAL	 FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 1,633,803	\$ 1,762,374	\$ 1,805,031	\$ 2,009,331
	 1,633,803	1,762,374	1,805,031	 2,009,331
EXPENDITURES				
Intergovernmental	1,621,500	1,683,000	1,747,200	1,963,200
	 1,621,500	1,683,000	1,747,200	 1,963,200
REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 12,303	 79,374	 57,831	 46,131
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Budgeted Fund Balance	-	-	(57,831)	(46,131)
-	 -	 -	 (57,831)	(46,131)
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>	 _		 	 
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,303	\$ 79,374	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 785,032	\$ 797,335	\$ 876,709	\$ 934,540
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 797,335	\$ 876,709	\$ 934,540	\$ 980,671

FIXED NUCLEAR FUND	Y 2023 CTUAL	FY 2024 CTUAL	FY 2025 SUDGET	TY 2026 UDGET
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 90,190	\$ 90,190	\$ 90,190	\$ 90,190
	90,190	90,190	90,190	90,190
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety	95,612	87,402	107,168	118,182
Capital Outlay	 -	 -	 -	 -
	95,612	87,402	107,168	118,182
REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 (5,422)	 2,788	 (16,978)	 (27,992)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfer In (Out)	19,657	15,927	21,067	23,776
Budgeted Fund Balance	-	-	(4,089)	4,216
	19,657	 15,927	16,978	27,992
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING			 	
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,235	\$ 18,715	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 48,741	\$ 62,976	\$ 81,691	\$ 85,780
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 62,976	\$ 81,691	\$ 85,780	\$ 81,564

COMMERCE PARK FUND	FY 2023 CTUAL	FY 2024 CTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 216,497	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
	-	216,497	200,000	200,000
EXPENDITURES				
Economic Development	58,001	58,000	63,000	58,000
Capital Outlay	 28,750	 -	 -	 -
	86,751	58,000	63,000	58,000
REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 (86,751)	 158,497	 137,000	 142,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Budgeted Fund Balance	 -	-	 (137,000)	(142,000)
	-	-	(137,000)	(142,000)
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>	 	 	 	 
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (86,751)	\$ 158,497	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 79,248	\$ (7,503)	\$ 150,994	\$ 287,994
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ (7,503)	\$ 150,994	\$ 287,994	\$ 429,994

LIBRARY	FY 2023 ACTUAL	 FY 2024 ACTUAL	]	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 3,481,956	\$ 3,734,001	\$	3,870,657	\$ -
Intergovernmental	321,379	303,394		295,659	-
Charges for Services	56,818	49,408		-	-
Contributions	-	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 8,689	 9,481		-	 -
	3,868,842	4,096,284		4,166,316	-
EXPENDITURES					
Culture & Recreation	3,704,463	3,684,149		4,078,259	-
Capital Outlay	 24,012	225,607		-	-
	3,728,475	3,909,756		4,078,259	-
REVENUES OVER					
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 140,367	 186,528		88,057	 -
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Budgeted Fund Balance	-	-		(88,057)	-
	 -	-		(88,057)	 -
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>					
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 140,367	\$ 186,528	\$	-	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,640,756	\$ 3,781,123	\$	3,967,651	\$ 4,055,708
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 3,781,123	\$ 3,967,651	\$	4,055,708	\$ 4,055,708

VICTIM ADVOCATE	FY 2023 CTUAL	FY 2024 CTUAL		FY 2025 UDGET	FY 2026 UDGET
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental	\$ 562	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Fines & Forfeitures	 77,065	114,822		81,000	110,000
	77,627	114,822		81,000	110,000
EXPENDITURES					
Public Safety	 104,183	 154,631	-	118,753	 140,098
	104,183	154,631		118,753	140,098
REVENUES OVER					
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 (26,556)	 (39,809)		(37,753)	 (30,098)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfer In (Out)	19,281	39,940		37,753	30,098
	 19,281	39,940		37,753	 30,098
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>					
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (7,275)	\$ 131	\$	_	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 5,495	\$ (1,780)	\$	(1,649)	\$ (1,649)
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ (1,780)	\$ (1,649)	\$	(1,649)	\$ (1,649)

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM	FY 2023 CTUAL	FY 2024 CTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 SUDGET
REVENUES				
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 334,685	\$ 332,396	\$ 340,000	\$ 340,000
Intergovernmental	 163,439	 206,869	 201,658	 240,000
	498,124	539,265	541,658	580,000
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety	 521,958	 508,687	 535,949	 549,453
	521,958	508,687	535,949	549,453
REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 (23,834)	 30,578	 5,709	 30,547
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Budgeted Fund Balance	 -	-	 (5,709)	 (30,547)
	-	-	(5,709)	(30,547)
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>				 
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (23,834)	\$ 30,578	\$ 	\$ 
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 929,568	\$ 905,734	\$ 936,312	\$ 942,021
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 905,734	\$ 936,312	\$ 942,021	\$ 972,568

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT	TY 2023 CTUAL	-	Y 2024 CTUAL	-	Y 2025 UDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental	\$ 42,587	\$	19,210	\$	22,000	\$	-
	42,587		19,210		22,000		-
EXPENDITURES							
Public Safety	\$ 42,587	\$	19,210	\$	22,000	\$	-
	42,587		19,210		22,000		-
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 _				-		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfer In (Out)	 -		-		-		-
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>	-		-		-		-
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ -	\$		\$		\$	_
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

RURAL FIRE DIS TRICTS	 FY 2023 ACTUAL	 FY 2024 ACTUAL	 FY 2025 BUDGET	 FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 8,864,482	\$ 10,126,044	\$ 10,588,508	\$ 11,901,693
Licenses, Permits & Fees	178,107	48,468	-	-
Intergovernmental	 97,281	 84,435	 -	 -
	9,139,870	10,258,947	10,588,508	11,901,693
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety	6,093,627	6,699,376	8,708,642	9,096,589
Capital Outlay	1,631,207	1,641,474	1,238,600	2,620,000
Debt Service				
Principal	 -	 -	 554,636	 566,699
	7,724,834	8,340,850	10,501,878	12,283,288
REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 1,415,036	 1,918,097	 86,630	 (381,595)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sale of Fixed Assets	5,650	-	-	-
Transfer In (Out)	(117,511)	(102,274)	(86,630)	(75,246)
Budgeted Fund Balance	 -	 -	 -	 456,841
	 (111,861)	(102,274)	(86,630)	381,595
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,303,175	\$ 1,815,823	\$ -	\$ 
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 13,203	\$ 1,316,378	\$ 3,132,201	\$ 3,132,201
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 1,316,378	\$ 3,132,201	\$ 3,132,201	\$ 2,675,360

ACCOMMODATION TAX	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 CTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 SUDGET
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 316,620	\$ 323,976	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
	316,620	323,976	350,000	350,000
EXPENDITURES				
Culture & Recreation	252,932	89,245	308,750	308,750
Other	 -	 -	 -	 -
	252,932	89,245	308,750	308,750
REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 63,688	 234,731	 41,250	 41,250
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfer In (Out)	 (39,581)	 (39,949)	 (41,250)	 (41,250)
	(39,581)	 (39,949)	(41,250)	(41,250)
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 24,107	\$ 194,782	\$ 	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 382,190	\$ 406,297	\$ 601,079	\$ 438,230
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 406,297	\$ 601,079	\$ 601,079	\$ 438,230

TO URIS M FUNDS	Y 2023 CTUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,126	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contributions	 617		430		-		-
	2,743		430		-		-
EXPENDITURES							
Culture & Recreation	 379		(184)		6,000		-
	379		(184)		6,000		-
REVENUES OVER							
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 2,364		614		(6,000)		-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Budgeted Fund Balance	-		-		6,000		-
	 -		-		6,000		-
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>							
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,364	\$	614	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,099	\$	5,463	\$	6,077	\$	77
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 5,463	\$	6,077	\$	77	\$	77

ACCOMMODATION FEE	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES							
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 527,150	\$	521,372	\$	515,000	\$ 605,045	
Intergovernmental	 676		-		-	 -	
	527,826		521,372		515,000	605,045	
EXPENDITURES							
Culture & Recreation	243,896		438,417		257,500	294,113	
Capital Outlay	 -		201,080		257,500	1,193,360	
	243,896		639,497		515,000	1,487,473	
REVENUES OVER							
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 283,930		(118,125)		-	 (882,428)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Budgeted Fund Balance	 -		-		-	 882,428	
	-		-		-	882,428	
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>							
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 283,930	\$	(118,125)	\$	-	\$ -	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 781,973	\$	1,065,903	\$	947,778	\$ 947,778	
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 1,065,903	\$	947,778	\$	947,778	\$ 65,350	

RECREATION FUND	FY 2023RECREATION FUNDACTUAL		FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES							
Charges for Services	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
		-	-		-		-
EXPENDITURES							
Culture & Recreation		635,499	 135,666		403,312		403,312
		635,499	135,666		403,312		403,312
REVENUES OVER							
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(635,499)	 (135,666)		(403,312)		(403,312)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfer In (Out)		407,749	407,210		403,312		403,312
		407,749	 407,210		403,312		403,312
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>						_	
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(227,750)	\$ 271,544	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	490,889	\$ 263,139	\$	534,683	\$	534,683
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$	263,139	\$ 534,683	\$	534,683	\$	534,683

PRISON FUND	7 2023 TUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES							
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
EXPENDITURES	-		-		-		-
Public Safety	-		-		-		-
	-		-		-		-
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 _		_		_		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Budgeted Fund Balance	 -		-		-		-
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>	-		-		-		-
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 102	\$	102	\$	102	\$	102
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 102	\$	102	\$	102	\$	102

ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND		FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$	3,443,927	\$	3,729,705	\$	3,833,220	\$	4,294,553
		3,443,927		3,729,705		3,833,220		4,294,553
EXPENDITURES								
Public Works		1,873,583		5,221,116		3,833,220		4,294,553
		1,873,583		5,221,116		3,833,220		4,294,553
REVENUES OVER								
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		1,570,344		(1,491,411)		-		-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Budgeted Fund Balance		-		-		-		-
		-		-		-		-
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>								
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	1,570,344	\$	(1,491,411)	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	2,954,722	\$	4,525,066	\$	3,033,655	\$	3,033,655
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$	4,525,066	\$	3,033,655	\$	3,033,655	\$	3,033,655

ROAD RESERVE FUND		FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET	
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$	2,987,439	\$	3,235,497	\$	3,319,719	\$	-
		2,987,439		3,235,497		3,319,719		-
EXPENDITURES								
Public Works		2,330,277		3,131,080		3,319,719		-
		2,330,277		3,131,080		3,319,719		-
REVENUES OVER								
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		657,162		104,417				-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Budgeted Fund Balance	_	-		-	_	-		-
		-		-		-		-
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>	_							
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	657,162	\$	104,417	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	2,662,557	\$	3,319,719	\$	3,424,136	\$	145,466
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$	3,319,719	\$	3,424,136	\$	145,466	\$	145,466

ES CHEATMENT FUND	FY 2023 ACTUAL		FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 SUDGET
REVENUES							
Miscellaneous	\$ 91,264	\$	61,920	\$	140,000	\$	-
	91,264		61,920		140,000		-
EXPENDITURES							
Economic Development	 17,443		-		140,000		-
	17,443		-		140,000		-
REVENUES OVER							
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 73,821		61,920		-		-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Budgeted Fund Balance					-		-
	 -		-		-		-
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>							
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 73,821	\$	61,920	\$	-	\$	_
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 65,447	\$	139,268	\$	201,188	\$	201,188
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 139,268	\$	201,188	\$	201,188	\$	201,188

PICKENS ALLIANCE	LLIANCE A		FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		FY 2026 BUDGET
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental	\$	59,287	\$ 57,376	\$	56,965	\$	62,458
Investment Income		603	1,949		-		-
Contributions		8,000	 8,000		-		-
		67,890	67,325		56,965		62,458
EXPENDITURES							
Economic Development		550,435	582,609		639,430		540,446
Capital Outlay		-	 -		31,362		-
		550,435	582,609		670,792		540,446
REVENUES OVER							
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(482,545)	 (515,284)		(613,827)		(477,988)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfer In (Out)		452,002	523,546		613,827		477,988
Budgeted Fund Balance		-	-		-		-
		452,002	523,546		613,827		477,988
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>							
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(30,543)	\$ 8,262	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	223,928	\$ 193,385	\$	201,647	\$	201,647
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$	193,385	\$ 201,647	\$	201,647	\$	201,647

CONSERVATION FUND	FY 2023 ACTUAL		FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET		7 2026 DGET
REVENUES							
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$	-	\$	61,920	\$	-
	-		-		61,920		-
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	 -		-		61,920		-
	-		-		61,920		-
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 _		_		_		_
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Budgeted Fund Balance					-		-
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING</b>	-		-		-		-
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Ending Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION		FY 2023 ACTUAL	 FY 2024 ACTUAL	 FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>					
Charges for Services	\$	3,044,876	\$ 2,074,601	\$ 2,048,000	\$ 2,048,000
Intergovernmental		3,253	 -	 -	 -
		3,048,129	 2,074,601	 2,048,000	 2,048,000
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
Personnel Services		535,306	553,142	620,712	646,340
Operating Expenses		1,591,350	1,670,650	2,213,679	1,934,433
		2,126,656	2,223,792	2,834,391	2,580,773
<b>OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME</b>		921,473	(149,191)	(786,391)	(532,773)
		,,	 (	 (100,022)	 (00_,0)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPI	ENSE	S)			
Debt Service - Principal		-	-	(42,113)	(43,071)
Debt Service - Interest		(37,040)	(36,224)	(35,191)	(34,235)
Capital		392,580	348,324	(525,000)	(65,000)
Fund Equity		-	-	1,390,419	676,803
Transfers In (Out)		(1,724)	(1,724)	(1,724)	(1,724)
		353,816	310,376	786,391	 532,773
NET INCOME (LOSS) -					
BUDGETARY BASIS	\$	1,275,289	\$ 161,185	\$ -	\$ -
ADJUS TMENT TO GAAP BAS IS INCREAS ES (DECREAS ES)					
Depreciation	\$	(1,012,480)	\$ (1,013,555)		
Change in Accounting Principal					
Repayment of loan		-	-		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					
GAAP BAS IS	\$	262,809	\$ (852,370)		
Beginning Fund Equity	\$	18,764,122	\$ 19,026,931		
Ending Fund Equity, June 30	\$	19,026,931	\$ 18,174,561		

AIRPORT		FY 2023 ACTUAL		FY 2024 ACTUAL		FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET		
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>									
Charges for Service	\$	918,869	\$	1,351,628	\$	1,224,980	\$	1,393,200	
Intergovernmental	Ψ	1,449	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	
		920,318		1,351,628		1,224,980		1,393,200	
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Personnel Services		246,444		203,616		240,789		259,162	
Operating Expenses		611,285		900,545		963,420		1,484,279	
		857,729		1,104,161		1,204,209		1,743,441	
<b>OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME</b>		62,589		247,467		20,771		(350,241)	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXP Debt Service - Principal Other nonoperating revenue Capital Fund Equity Transfer In/(Out)		- 5,967,076 - - (36,865) 5,930,211		- 2,023,682 - - (34,193) 1,989,489		(112,302) - (11,000) 175,527 (31,454) 20,771		(115,110) 2,495,386 (2,261,722) 260,333 (28,646) 350,241	
NET INCOME (LOSS) -									
BUDGETARY BAS IS	\$	5,992,800	\$	2,236,956	\$	-	\$	-	
ADJUSTMENT TO GAAP BAS IS INCREASES (DECREASES) Depreciation CHANGE IN NET ASSETS GAAP BAS IS	\$ \$	(174,049) <b>5,818,751</b>	\$ \$	(173,701) <b>2,063,255</b>					
Beginning Fund Equity	\$	6,684,069	\$	12,502,820					
Ending Fund Equity, June 30	\$	12,502,820	\$	14,566,075					

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS:**

Activity: Includes all capital improvements required to perform one type of service for the public. It may encompass one or more development programs and one or more projects.

Ad Valorem Tax: A tax levied on the assessed value (net of any exemptions) of real and personal property as certified by the property appraiser in each county.

Adopted Budget: The financial plan of revenues and expenditures for a fiscal year as approved by the County Council.

**Appropriation:** An authorization legislated by the County Council that permits the County to incur obligations and to make expenditures of resources.

**Assessed Property Value:** A value established by the County's property appraiser for all real or personal property for use as a basis for levying ad valorem (property) taxes.

**Audit:** A comprehensive review of the manner in which the County's resources were actually utilized. The main purpose of an audit is to issue an opinion over the presentation of financial statements and to test the controls over the safekeeping of assets while making any recommendations for improvement where necessary.

**Bonds:** A certificate of debt issued by an entity, guaranteeing payment of the original investment, plus interest, by a specified future date.

Budget: A financial plan for a given fiscal year showing revenues and expenditures for different funds of the County.

**Budget Document:** The instrument prepared by the Administration to present a comprehensive financial program to the County Council for consideration and adoption.

Budget Year: The fiscal year of the County that begins July 1 and ends June 30.

**Capital Outlay:** An expenditure for the acquisition of, or addition to, a fixed asset. Items acquired for less than \$5,000 are not considered capital outlay.

Contingency: Items that may become liabilities as a result of conditions undetermined at a given date.

**Debt Service:** An expenditure to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

**Department:** An administrative agency of the County having management responsibility for an operation or a group of related services within a functional area.

**Encumbrance:** Any commitment of funds against an appropriation. It may be in the form of a purchase order or a contract. Encumbrance accounting is formally integrated into the accounting system for expenditures control purposes. Until such time as the goods or services are received, the commitment is referred to as an encumbrance.

**Enterprise Fund:** A fund established to account for operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The County maintains two enterprise funds, the Public Service Commission and the Airport.

**Expenditure:** Decreases in net financial resources. Expenditures include current operating expenses requiring the present or future use of net current assets, capital outlays, intergovernmental grants, entitlements and shared revenues.

**Fiscal Year:** A 12 month period to which the Operating Budget applies and at the end of which the County determines its financial position and its results of operations. The County's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

**Fund:** A fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balance set of accounts in which cash and other financial resources, all related liabilities and residual equities, balances and change therein, are recorded and segregated to carry on specific activities or attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

**Fund Balance:** Refers to the excess of assets over liabilities and is, therefore, generally known as amount available for appropriations.

Funding Source: Identifies the source of revenue to fund both the operating and capital appropriations.

General Fund: The fund used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):** Uniform minimum standards and guidelines for financial accounting and reporting. The primary authoritative body on the application of GAAP to state and local governments is the GASB.

**Governmental Funds:** Funds used to account for the acquisition, use and balances of expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities - except for those accounted for in proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

**GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association):** An Association of public finance professionals that has played a major role in the development and promotion of GAAP for state and local governments since its inception in 1906.

**Intergovernmental Revenue:** The funds received from another governmental entity, such as the Federal, State and City governments.

Mil: A taxation unit equal to one dollar of tax obligation for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation of property.

Millage: The total obligation per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of property.

Non-Departmental: Refers to activities, revenues and expenditures that are not assigned to a particular department.

**Operating Budget:** A budget for general expenses as distinct from financial transactions or permanent improvements such as salaries and benefits, operating equipment/supplies, utilities, insurance, etc.

Ordinance: The formally adopted Council documents that provide the legal authority to levy taxes and expend funds.

**Personnel Services:** For the purpose of budgeting, this term refers to the County's costs of salary, health insurance, retirement contributions, social security contributions, life insurance premiums, workers compensations and unemployment costs.

**Public Hearing:** A special publicly noticed meeting conducted by the County to consider and adopt the annual budget.

**Real Estate Taxes:** The revenues from current taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interest on delinquent taxes. These taxes are levied on real and personal property according to the property's assessed value and tax rate.

Real Property: Land and the buildings or structures erected upon such land.

**Revenue:** Increases in the net current assets of a governmental fund type from other than expenditure refunds and residual equity transfers.

**Special Revenue Fund:** A fund used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes. GAAP only requires the use of special revenue funds when legally mandated.

**Taxes:** Compulsory charges levied by a government to finance services performed for the common benefit. Taxes levied by Pickens County are approved by the County Council and are within limits determined by the State.

Tax Levy: The resultant product when the tax rate per one hundred dollars is multiplied by the tax base.

**Tax Base:** The value of all taxable real property in the County as of January 1 each year, as certified by the Tax Assessors. The tax base represents net value after all abatements and exemptions.

**Tax Rate:** The amount of tax stated in terms of a unit of the tax base (e.g. 25 mils per dollar of assessed valuation of taxable property).

**Unemployment Compensation:** Amounts used to make unemployment compensation payments to former employees.

Worker's Compensation: Premiums and deductible amounts paid for Worker's Compensation coverage.