

Staff Report

Subject: FY 2026 Budget Amendment
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Meeting Date: 8/5/25
Item Description: Consideration to approve an amendment to the FY 2026 budget.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval of an amendment to the FY 2026 budget.

Executive Summary:

Each year the Board of Commissioners proposes a tentative budget. During the year, the Board receives requests from agencies and department heads to adjust the budget. Additionally, other factors, such as revenue, may fluctuate thereby allowing the Board to direct that additional expenditures be made. Therefore, a formal budget resolution incorporating these factors is made to adjust the budget accordingly.

Background:

Georgia Law 6-81-3. Requires the establishment of fiscal year; requirement of annual balanced budget; adoption of budget ordinances or resolutions generally; budget amendments; uniform chart of accounts. Section (b)(1) notes that each unit of local government shall adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund, and each debt service fund in use by the local government. The annual balanced budget shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution and administered in accordance with this article.

The budget amendment attached reflects the following changes:

1. Moving some budget out of the Clerk of Courts and into the Board of Equalization to keep these two functions budgetarily separate. These were originally combined into the Clerk of Courts the FY 2026 budget but the State requires we keep them separate.
2. Add back in \$5,391 in personnel expenses for Board of Equalization.
3. In FY 2025, a grant was approved for EMA to purchase an aluminum river boat and enclosed equipment trailer for about \$31,700 with approximately half of this funded by the State. The items are arriving in FY 2026. This amendment covers these items.
4. Funding of \$80,000 for an EMS station generator.
5. Funding of \$241,000 for tractor and rotary cutters for roadside mowing.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the resolution to amend the budget for FY 2026.

2. Do not approve the resolution.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the resolution to amend the budget for FY 2026.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review:

Finance

Funding Source:

Multiple

Attachments:

FY 2026 budget amendment resolution