

Staff Report

Subject: 1st reading of draft FY 2026 budget and budget ordinance
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Meeting Date: 6/3/25
Item Description: 1st reading and public hearing of the draft Effingham County Board of Commissioners Fiscal Year 2026 budget

Summary Recommendation:

Consideration and review for comments on the Effingham County Board of Commissioner's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Executive Summary:

The fiscal year for the county begins on July 1st of each year and ends on June 30th of the following year.

1. Georgia law mandates that the Board of Commissioners have a budget in place for the new fiscal year.
2. The budget is adopted by ordinance and requires two public readings. The first and 2nd (final) reading are currently scheduled for 6/3/25 and 6/17/25.
3. The budgets must be made available to the public for review one week prior to each reading.
4. The 1st reading copy of the draft FY 2026 budget is attached.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the 1st reading of the FY 2026 budget
2. Do not approve the 1st reading
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the 1st reading of the FY 2026 budget

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

County Manager, Finance

Funding Source:

As noted in the budget

Attachments:

1. Draft FY 2026 budget