

MAGISTERIAL COURT

Magistrates have criminal trial jurisdiction over all offenses that are subject to penalty or fine not exceeding \$500.00 or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. Magistrates have civil jurisdiction in matters not exceeding \$7,500 and landlord/tenant disputes of any amount. Magistrates are responsible for hearing transfer court cases, setting bail, conducting preliminary hearings, and issuing arrest and search warrants.

Financial Information

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9265	MAGISTERIAL COURT						
	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08	FY 07/08	\$ INC/DEC	% INC/DEC
EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	RECOMM	ADOPTED	FY 08 - 07	FY 08 - 07
Personnel Services Expenditures	2,017,090	2,074,856	2,198,702	2,269,302	2,360,160	161,458	7.3%
Operating Expenditures	98,760	79,746	69,860	78,590	78,590	8,730	12.5%
Capital Expenditures	30,641	2,543	0	41,000	41,000	41,000	
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$2,146,491	\$2,157,145	\$2,268,562	\$2,388,892	\$2,479,750	\$211,188	9.3%

Personnel Information

MAGISTERIAL COURT	GRADE	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	*FY 06/07	FY 07/08	FY 07/08	INC/DEC	EXEMPT
					RECOMM	ADOPTED	FY 08 - 07	(Y/N)
Chief Magistrate	Appt.	1	1	1	1	1	0	Y
Magistrate	Appt.	11	11	11	11	11	0	Y
Chief Administrative Assistant	22	1	1	1	1	1	0	N
Senior Magistrate Court Coordinator	20	2	4	4	4	4	0	N
Magistrate Court Coordinator	18	3	4	4	4	4	0	N
Administrative Assistant	18	3	3	3	4	4	1	N
Constable	15	5	6	6	6	6	0	N
Administrative Secretary	14	7	6	6	6	6	0	N
Court Clerk	12	8	8	8	10	10	2	N
Secretary	12	2	2	2	2	2	0	N
Other Positions	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	0	N
TOTAL, MAGISTERIAL COURT		45	46	46	49	49	3	

*Includes any changes made during FY 06/07

FY 08 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

The Magisterial Court's FY 08 Adopted Budget reflects the following changes and initiatives:

- Two (2) temporary Court Clerk positions are recognized as authorized positions in FY 08. There is no impact to the operating budget by recognizing these as authorized positions.
- One (1) Administrative Assistant position in reference to State Case Management System for the Magistrate Court as requested by the Chief Magistrate is recommended for funding in FY 08.
- Vehicle maintenance and fuel costs increase from \$15,780 to \$25,500 in FY 08. The increase is due to the rising cost of fuel, and historical vehicle expenditures in this department.
- Four (4) new copiers budgeted at \$15,000 (capital expenditure). Two of the machines are over five years old and two of the machines are over seven years old. All machines are in need of replacement.

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FY 08 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET**

(MAGISTERIAL COURT CONTINUED)

- Purchase and installation of a digital recording system for all four courtrooms of the Spartanburg Central Court, budgeted at \$26,000 (capital expenditure). The current analog recording system being used is failing; cannot be repaired due to the age of the system; and produces a very low quality recording that is often impossible to transcribe completely. The requested digital recording system will allow the court to make reliable, high quality recordings of trials and other critical hearings for the foreseeable future.

Ongoing Initiatives

- Comply with all Chief Justice and South Carolina Court Administration orders.
- Dispose of cases in a timely manner.
- Manage increasing caseloads and recognize new state mandates.

Vehicle and Capital Equipment Replacement

Funding for vehicle and capital equipment replacement is accounted for in the General Fund Vehicle and Capital Equipment project in the Capital Projects Fund. Vehicles and capital equipment to be replaced are noted here for informational purposes only, and are not included in the department budget.

Equip. Number	Recommend Replacing With	Repl. Cost
1253	Ford Ranger Compact or Similar	\$10,000