

MASTER-IN-EQUITY

The Master-In-Equity hears a broad range of non-jury civil cases which are referred by the Circuit Court. These cases involve real estate matters, such as mechanic liens, foreclosures, partitions, road closings, and condemnations. However, the majority of the cases referred are foreclosures. The Master-In-Equity conducts the foreclosure sale the first Monday of each month. These foreclosures are advertised and placed on the Spartanburg County website each month.

The Master-In-Equity is also assigned by the Supreme Court as a Circuit Court Judge for Spartanburg County to assist the Circuit Court with the docket.

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9259	MASTER IN EQUITY					
FUNDING SOURCE(S)	FY 2006/07 ACTUAL	FY 2007/08 ACTUAL	FY 2008/09 ACTUAL	FY 2009/10 BUDGET	FY 2010/11 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 11 - 10
General Fund	345,860	357,930	360,678	365,181	365,181	(0)
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel Services Expenditures	326,740	344,763	352,014	354,381	354,381	(0)
Operating Expenditures	8,106	7,564	8,663	10,800	10,800	0
Capital Outlay	11,014	5,604	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$345,860	\$357,930	\$360,678	\$365,181	\$365,181	(\$0)
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	5	5	5	5	5	0

FY 2010/11 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- Night/Traffic Magistrates line item was moved from the District Magistrates budget to the Magisterial Court budget decreasing personnel expenses by \$52,310.

Objectives:

- Continue to manage the increased volume of foreclosures and other referred cases in a cost-effective manner
- Keep all equipment updated and running efficiently
- Maintaining current four (4) employees without the necessity to add additional staff to handle the increasing caseload

Function or Division	Description	Percent of Budget
Court Cases	Handle all non-jury civil court cases such as mechanic liens, foreclosures (including foreclosure sales/deed preparation/lien releases), partitions, road closing, condemnations and all other matters referred for final hearing	100%