

**2026 Budget  
of the County of Essex for the fiscal year 2026**

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2026	2025
1. Surplus	36,000,000.00	36,000,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	401,189,909.47	484,583,882.71
3. Amount to be raised by taxation - County Purpose Tax	468,435,000.00	460,435,000.00
Total General Revenues	905,624,909.47	981,018,882.71

Summary of Appropriations	2026 Budget	Final 2025 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	353,688,608.00	328,057,744.00
Other Expenses	380,891,611.91	472,519,455.66
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	83,513,079.56	77,809,891.05
3. Capital Improvement	0.00	1,500,000.00
4. Debt Service ( Include for School Purposes)	87,531,610.00	101,131,792.00
Total General Appropriations	905,624,909.47	981,018,882.71
Total Number of Employees	3,620	3,564

Balance of Outstanding Debt - 12/31/2025				
	General	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Utility - Other
Interest	180,424,044.00			
Principal	618,848,337.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Outstanding Balance	799,272,381.00			

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the County Board of Commissioners for the County of Essex on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

A hearing on the budget and tax Resolution will be held at the Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd, Newark, NJ, on Wednesday March 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM at which time and place objections to the budget and tax Resolution for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of the Clerk of the Board at the Hall of Records, Room 558, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Newark, NJ, (973)621-4486, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Electronic copies are also available.