



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting  
Minutes for Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 8:30 AM  
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Alison G. Couch, Chairman  
Michael W. Carraway, Vice Chairman  
Member Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.  
Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr.  
Commissioner Connie M. Melear  
County Manager Scott Johnson  
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy  
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter  
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley  
County Attorney Chris Driver

Division Directors:

Leanne Reece - Internal Services  
Paul Scarbary - Development Services  
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services  
Scott Sterling - Planning Services  
John Luton - Community Services  
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services  
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services  
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services  
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman Couch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.*

**B. INVOCATION**

*Chairman Couch gave the invocation.*

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.*

**D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM**

*Chairman Couch declared a quorum with three members of the Committee present.*

**E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(E1) July 23, 2024**

*Member Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Vice Chairman Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Chairman Couch presented the agenda.*

**G. PRESENTATION**

*Chairman Couch welcomed some of the participants of 2024 Leadership Columbia County.*

**H. CONSENT AGENDA**

**I. DEBATE AGENDA**

**(I1) New Business**

**(I1a) Deputy County Manager**

**(I1a1) Award Bid and Service Agreement to DISYS Solutions, Inc. for Cisco Equipment & Services**  
*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda awarding the bid and service agreement to DISYS Solutions, Inc. for Cisco Equipment & Services.*

**(I1b) Community Services**

**(I1b1) Animal Services Donations**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Animal Services donations in the amount of \$785 for spay/neuter and medical needs of animals.*

**(I1b2) Renewal Agreement with CivicPlus for CivicRec Management Software**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the renewal agreement for CivicRec Management Software for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.*

**(I1c) Fire and Emergency Services**

**(I1c1) Memorandum of Understanding with Augusta Technical College**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda a Memorandum of Understanding with Augusta Technical College.*

**(I1c2) Addition of Section 5 Hazardous Materials Response to the Fire Services Standard Operating Guideline**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the addition of Section 5 Hazardous Materials Response to the Fire Services Standard Operating Guideline.*

**(I1c3) Award Bid and Agreement to Bennett Fire Services for Personal Protective Equipment**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda awarding the bid and agreement to Bennett Fire Services for personal protective equipment in the amount of \$243,845.30; 522100.23204/522070.23204.*

**(I1c4) Master Subscription and License Agreement with EPR Systems USA, Inc. for Fireworks Software**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Master Subscription and License Agreement with EPR Systems, USA, Inc. for Fireworks Software in the amount of \$53,769.57; 533035/522100.*

**(I1c5) Request to purchase (16) Scott X3 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus from Municipal Emergency Services.**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the request to purchase 16 Scott X3 self-contained breathing apparatus from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$103,340.96; 601081.*

**(I1c6) Request to purchase (25) Scott 4500 45-minute Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinders and (5) Scott 4500 60-minute Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinders from Municipal Equipment Services**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the request to purchase 25 Scott 4500 45-minute self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders and five Scott 4500 60-minute self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders from Municipal Equipment Services in the amount of \$41,355.70; 601081.*

**(I1c7) EMT Clinical Instruction Memorandum of Agreement with Thomson-McDuffie County Fire and EMS**

*Approved forwarding to the September 03, 2024 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the EMT Clinical Instruction Memorandum of Agreement with Thomson-McDuffie County Fire and EMS.*

**(I1d) Other Committees**

**(I2) Items Added at the Meeting**

**J. LEGAL MATTERS**

**K. STAFF REPORTS**

**(K1) Fire and Emergency Services**

**(K1a) Fire Response Summary Report**

*Chief Wallen presented the Fire Response Summary Report.*

**(K1b) Fire Response Monthly Report**

*Chief Wallen presented the Fire Response Monthly Report.*

**(K1c) Year to Date Budget Report**

*Chief Wallen presented the Fire Services Year to Date Budget Report.*

**L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION**

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.*



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Alison G. Couch, Chairman



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Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk