



Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Agenda for January 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia

Commissioners:

Chairman - Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.

District 1 - Connie M. Melear

District 2 – James E. Allen, III

District 3 – Michael W. Carraway

District 4 - Alison G. Couch

- A. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Duncan
- B. INVOCATION Commissioner Melear
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Duncan
- D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM Chairman Duncan
- E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Chairman Duncan
1. (E1) December 17, 2024
- F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Chairman Duncan
The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners shall prepare and present the agenda for each meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Sec 2-81(4) Columbia County Code of Ordinances
- G. ELECTION OF OFFICER Vice Chairman
1. (G1) Vice Chairman
- H. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION Chairman Duncan
Anyone desiring to speak before the Board on an agenda item is limited to five minutes and should stick to relevant information regarding (their) position and should avoid being repetitious. If a group wishes to speak, one person must be designated to speak for the group. Please speak into the microphone and adjust as needed. A speaker form must be completed. You may view the video of the Board of Commissioners meeting on our website www.columbiacountyga.gov.
- I. CONSENT AGENDA Chairman Duncan
The Board, upon a motion and second, shall vote on the items on the consent agenda collectively. A vote on the consent agenda shall constitute a vote on each and every item listed thereon. Upon a vote of a majority of the members of the Board present and voting approving the consent agenda items, each and every item shall stand approved as if voted on individually. Section 2-81(6) Columbia County Code of Ordinances.
1. Development and Planning Services Committee Commissioner Allen
- a. (I1a) Alcoholic Beverage License, Gateway Hospitality LLC dba Fairfield and Towneplace Suites by Marriott
- J. DEBATE AGENDA Chairman Duncan
The Chairman, after allowing sufficient time for debate and consideration, shall have the authority to call the question and when this is done, the question before the Board shall be immediately voted upon. Section 2-81(7) Columbia County Code of Ordinances.
1. Unfinished Business Chairman Duncan
- a. Community and Emergency Services Commissioner Carraway
1. (J1a1) Resolution 24-48 Evans Market Vendor Fees - **Second Reading**
2. New Business Chairman Duncan
- a. Management and Internal Services Committee Commissioner Melear
1. (J2a1) 2025 Board and Committee Appointments
2. (J2a2) Discussion of the Impacts of House Bill 581 Homestead Exemption

b. Development and Planning Services Committee Commissioner Allen

1. (J2b1) RZ24-06-02, Major S-1 (Special) Revision, 3592 Evans to Locks Road, Tax Map 082 Parcel 056, 1.09 +/- acres and currently zoned S-1 (Special).
2. (J2b2) RZ24-12-05, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, 4408 Columbia Rd, Tax Map 073 Parcel 356, 0.24 +/- acres and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).
3. (J2b3) RZ24-12-06, Conditional Use to allow a vocational school, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 12, Tax Map 079 Parcel 153, 0.34 +/- acres, and currently zoned PDD (Planned Development District).

3. Items Added at the Meeting

K. LEGAL MATTERS County Attorney Driver

L. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE Chairman Duncan

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION Chairman Duncan

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Duncan

[All portions of meetings held in executive session shall be held in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1 through 50-14-4 to discuss exempt personnel matters, land acquisitions, pending or threatened lawsuits, and other matters as permitted by law.](#)

O. ADJOURNMENT Chairman Duncan

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Building A at the Evans Government Center