



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Special Called Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, February 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman Alison G. Couch
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner James E. Allen, III
Commissioner Michael W. Carraway
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy

Division Directors:
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Allen gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with five Commissioners present.

E. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the agenda.

F. DEBATE AGENDA

(F1) New Business

(F1a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(F1a1) Resolution Number 25-09 to Opt Out of the Homestead Exemption Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sect. 48-5-44.2

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve Resolution Number 25-09 to opt out of the homestead exemption pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-44.2. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Duncan requested that Commissioner Melear take the responsibility to come up with an option for a local floating homestead exemption and bring to the Board no later than April 02, 2025.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Chairman Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk