



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

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

Division Directors:

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 Carraway called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Carraway gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Carraway declared a quorum with three members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) January 28, 2025

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Member Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Carraway presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) County Manager

(I1a1) Resolution Number 25-05 Authorizing the Hull Barrett Law Firm to Represent the County in PFAS Litigation

Approved forwarding to the March 04, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Resolution Number 25-05 Authorizing the Hull Barrett Law Firm to represent the county in PFAS litigation.

(I1b) Deputy County Manager

(I1b1) Renewal Number 5 with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for Disaster Debris Management

Approved forwarding to the March 04, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda renewal number 5 with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for disaster debris management.

(I1b2) Renewal Number 5 with Debristech, LLC. for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services

Approved forwarding to the March 04, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda renewal number 5 with Debristech, LLC. for disaster debris monitoring services.

(I1c) Community Services

(I1c1) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the March 04, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda accepting the donations in the amount of \$2,250 to Columbia County Animal Services for the needs of animals in their care.

(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

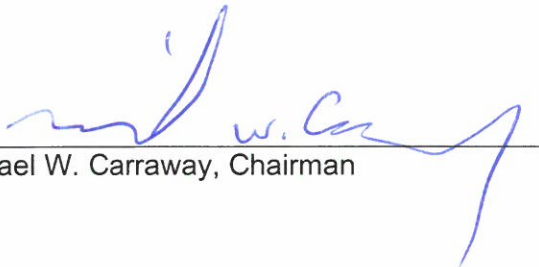
Chief Wallen presented the Fire Services year to date budget report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Carraway adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.



Michael W. Carraway, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk