



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Budget Work Session
Minutes for Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Board of Commissioners Conference Room
Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Vice Chairman Alison Couch
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner James E. Allen, III
Commissioner Michael W. Carraway
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley
Internal Services Director Leanne Reece

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr. was
not present.

Division Directors:
Paul Scarbary – Development Services
John Luton – Community Services
Michael Blanchard – Technology Services
Chief Wallen – Fire Services
Scott Sterling – Planning Services
Kyle Titus – Engineering Services
Shawn Granato – EMA
Chad Holton – Facilities Management
Steven Prather – Facilities Design & Construction
Stacey Gordon – Water Utility
Jeff Carney – Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Couch called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Vice Chairman Couch declared a quorum with four Commissioners present.

FISCAL YEAR 25/26 BUDGET REVIEW

County Manager Johnson went over the summary of the general fund proposed budget, the operating funds, the capital funds and the personnel requests.

ADJOURN

Vice Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk