



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, March 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 Matt Schlachter
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley
County Attorney Chris Driver

Division Directors:

Leanne Reece - Internal 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) February 25, 2025

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 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 approved the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) County Manager

(I1a1) Service Agreements with The Family Y and East Georgia Blitz

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Service Agreements with The Family Y and East Georgia Blitz.

(I1a2) Independent Contractor Agreement with Olive Cordelia for Accountability Court

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with Olive Cordelia for Accountability Court.

(I1b) Deputy County Manager

(I1b1) Agreement with Woolpert for Cityworks-related Hardware and Software Services

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Agreement with Woolpert for Cityworks-related Hardware and Software Services.

(I1c) Community Services

(I1c1) Request for Proclamation in observance of Native Plant Month

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the proclamation to proclaim the month of April 2025 as Native Plant Month.

(I1c2) Request for Proclamation in observance of Loyalty Day

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the proclamation to proclaim May 01, 2025 as Loyalty Day which will be presented at the April 15, 2025 Commission meeting.

(I1c3) Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental Bicycle Rental Service Renewal #3

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contract Renewal Number 3 with Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental for bicycle rental.

(I1c4) Keg Creek Watersports LLC Contract Renewal Option #2

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contract Renewal Number 2 with Keg Creek Watersports, LLC. for rentals of various watercraft at Wildwood Park.

(I1c5) Athletic Fields and Park Usage Agreement Fourth Contract Renewal with GA Bulls Soccer Club, LLC.

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contract Renewal Number 4 with Ga Bulls Soccer Club for Athletic Field and Park Usage.

(I1c6) Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental, LLC Contract Renewal #3

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contract Renewal Number 3 with Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental, LLC. for kayak rental services at Savannah Rapids Park.

(I1c7) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$500 in donations to the Columbia County Animal Services for the needs of animals.

(I1c8) Senior Center Donation

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$2,500 from Wellcare to the Columbia County Senior Center.

(I1c9) Long-Term Glamping Contract with Georgia Glamping Company

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Facility Use Agreement with Georgia Glamping Company, LLC. for long-term site rentals at Wildwood Park.

(I1c10) Petersburg Tennis Academy Second Contract Renewal Option

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contract Renewal Number 2 with Petersburg Tennis Academy, LLC. for the Tennis Contractor at the Columbia County Racquet Center.

(I1c11) Clarks Hill Committee of the CSRA Bass Tournaments Agreement

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Agreement with Clarks Hill Committee of the CSRA Bass Tournaments.

(I1c12) Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the replacement of dugout covers at Riverside Park

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the replacement of dugout covers at Riverside Park in the amount of \$52,624.20.

(I1c13) Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the Repair/Replacement of the Evans Towne Center Park Splash Pad

Approved forwarding to the April 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the repair/replacement of the Evans Towne Center Park Splash Pad in the amount of \$800,444.54.

(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

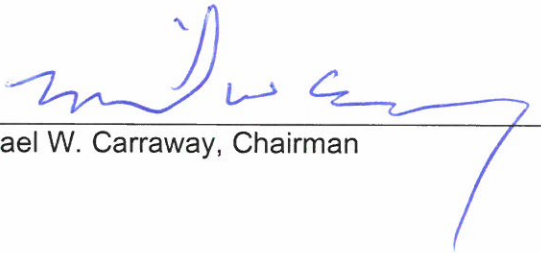
Chief Wallen presented the year-to-date budget report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

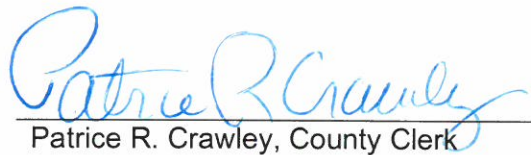
M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Carraway adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.



Michael W. Carraway, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk