COLUMBIA COUNTY
GEORGIA

Management and Internal Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia

Present at the meeting included:
Connie M. Melear, Chairman
James E. Allen, III, Vice Chairman
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Member
Commissioner Alison Couch
Commissioner Michael Carraway
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:
Leanne Reece - Internal Services
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
Scott Sterling - Planning Services
John Luton - Community Services
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Stacey Gordon – Water Utilities Services
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Melear called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

B. INVOCATION
The invocation was given at the previous meeting.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was held at the previous meeting.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM
Chairman Melear declared a quorum with three members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) February 11, 2025
Member Duncan made a motion to approve the February 11, 2025 minutes of the Management and Internal Services Committee. Vice Chair Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(F1) Addition of Item I2a Resolution Number 25-10 Requesting to Provide a Homestead Exemption from Columbia County Ad Valorem Taxes for Purposes
County Manager Johnson requested to add item I2a Resolution Number 25-10 Requesting to Provide a Homestead Exemption from Columbia County Ad Valorem Taxes.
Chairman Melear presented the agenda with the requested addition.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) County Manager

(I1a1) Purchase of Evidence Management Software from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the District Attorney's Office
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the purchase of evidence management software from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the District Attorney's Office in the amount of $35,084.77; 1011314.533035.

(I1a2) Appointment of John "Trey" Kennedy to the Board of Tax Assessors
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the appointment of John Kennedy to the Board of Tax Assessors to fill the remaining term of Alex Griffin.

(I1b) Deputy County Manager

(I1b1) Acceptance of the FY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of the FY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

(I1c) Internal Services

(I1c1) Vehicle Purchases from Alan Jay Auto Group to Replace Vehicles Totaled
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the purchase of eight Explorer Pursuits at $46,685 each, five Silverado 1500 at $46,966 each, two Ford F-550 at $74,076 each and one Silverado 3500 at $60,409 from Alan Jay Auto Group.

(I1d) Technology Services

(I1d1) Cisco Equipment Lifecycle Purchase from DISYS
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the purchase of lifecycle Cisco Equipment from DISYS in the amount of $233,264.94; 22450.32.090.

(I1d2) Cisco Equipment Purchase for Building A Construction
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda purchase of Cisco Equipment for Building A that is being constructed in the amount of $874,898.77; 24810.34.029.

(I1d3) Cisco Equipment Lifecycle Purchase from DISYS
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the purchase of lifecycle Cisco Equipment from DISYS in the amount of $231,579.17; 1011005.601081.

(I1d4) IT Production Infrastructure Refresh from Mainline
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda IT production infrastructure refresh from Mainline in the amount of $232,741.64; 3503552.601090.35554.

(I1d5) WebEx Telephony Payment Authorization
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda a WebEx Telephony payment in the amount of $140,410.20.

(I1e) Other Committees

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

(I2a) Resolution Number 25-10 Requesting to Provide a Homestead Exemption From Columbia County Ad Valorem Taxes for Purposes
Approved forwarding to the March 18, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Resolution Number 25-10.

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. STAFF REPORTS

(K1) County Manager

(K1a) FY 25 Personnel Savings
County Manager Johnson presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Personnel Savings for information purposes.

(K2) Internal Services

(K2a) Year to Date Budget Report
Internal Services Director Reece presented the year to date budget report.

(K2b) SPLOST Update
Internal Services Director Reece presented the SPLOST update.

(K2c) Investment Report

Internal Services Director Reece presented the investment report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Melear adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Connie M. Melear, Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk