



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, May 06, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
Evans Government Center Auditorium
Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
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 Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley
County Staff

Division Directors:
Leanne Reece – Internal Services
Paul Scarbary – Development Services
John Luton – Community Services
Stacey Gordon – Water Utility Services
Scott Sterling – Planning Services
Kyle Titus – Engineering Services
Michael Blanchard – Technology Services

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with five Commissioners present.

C. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the agenda.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

(D1) Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

County Manager Johnson went over General Fund Budget Summary, Tax Digest Projections, Sales Tax Collections, Summary of the Proposed Budgets and the Budget Calendar.

At 5:42 p.m. Chairman Duncan opened the public hearing. There was no public comment.

E. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:42 p.m., Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting.

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk