



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, April 22, 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.
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley
County Attorney Chris Driver

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
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) March 25, 2025

Member Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Vice Chair Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

G. PRESENTATION

(G1) Recognizing Linda Glasscock who received the 2025 Georgia Animal Control Association's Lifetime Achievement Award

Community Services Director Luton recognized Linda Glasscock who received the 2025 Georgia Animal Control Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) County Manager

(I1a1) Contracts with the Board of Education and Cities of Harlem and Grovetown for Tax Commissioner Collections

Approved forwarding to the May 06, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contracts with the Board of Education and Cities of Harlem and Grovetown for Tax Commissioner Collections.

(I1b) Community Services

(I1b1) Purchase of Nutrition Services Agreement between the Senior Center & Columbia County Sheriff's Office

Approved forwarding to the May 06, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Purchase of Nutrition Services Agreement between the Senior Center & Columbia County Sheriff's Office in the amount to not exceed \$190,000; 1011623.533035.

(I1b2) Contract Renewal Number 7 with Columbia County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Approved forwarding to the May 06, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Contract Renewal Number 7 with Columbia County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.

(I1b3) Lease Contract Renewal Number 4 with Columbia County Cares

Approved forwarding to the May 06, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Lease Contract Renewal Number 4 with Columbia County Cares.

(I1b4) UGA Contract for Extension Services Office Personnel

Approved forwarding to the May 06, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda UGA Contract for Extension Services Office Personnel in the amount of \$240,988.08; 1011514.533035.

(I1b5) Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the Replacement of Patriots Park Shade Structures

Approved forwarding to the May 06, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the replacement of Patriots Park Shade Structures in the amount of \$141,566; 2102100.544035.2100.31.216.

(I1c) Fire and Emergency Services

(I1c1) Agreement with Gold Cross EMS for Ambulance, Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services

Approved forwarding to the May 06, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Agreement with Gold Cross EMS for Ambulance, Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$1,543,750; 101.1315.533035.

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

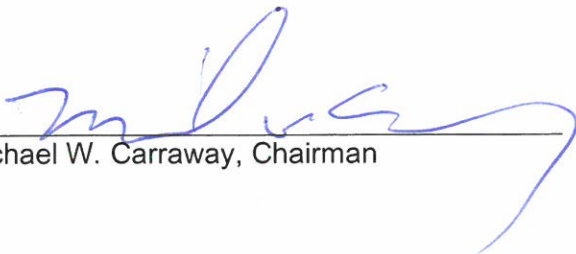
Chief Wallen presented the Fire Year to Date Budget Report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Carraway adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.



Michael W. Carraway, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk