



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, June 24, 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 James Allen, III
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 - Financial 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 am.

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) May 27, 2025

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 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 presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) County Manager

(I1a1) Reclassification of Visitor Services Coordinator Position

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the reclassification of the Visitor Services Coordinator position from 35 to 40 hours per week and adding the vehicle allowance A.

(I1a2) Vehicle Purchases from Wade Ford to Replace Sheriff's Office Totaled Vehicles

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the purchase of six Explorer Pursuit vehicles from Wade Ford in the amount of \$305,220; 6416400.601079.

(I1b) Deputy County Manager

(I1b1) Awarding Bid 2025001-RFP1313 and Contract to FCMC, LLC for Disaster Mitigation Services
Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda award bid and contract to FCMC, LLC. for disaster mitigation services.

(I1c) Community Services

(I1c1) GA Bulls Soccer Club Tournament Agreement with Bulls Rush FC

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Ga Bulls Soccer Club Tournament Agreement with Bulls Rush FC in the amount of \$30,000; 2242200.533080.

(I1c2) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$600 to Animal Services for the medical care of shelter animals; 2250301.433019.01713.

(I1c3) Resolution 25-20 Establishing the Columbia County Regional Library System and Dissolving the Library Advisory Board

Approved forwarding to the July 01, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Resolution 25-20 Establishing the Columbia County Regional Library System and Dissolving the Library Advisory Board.

(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 Fire Services Year to Date Budget Report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

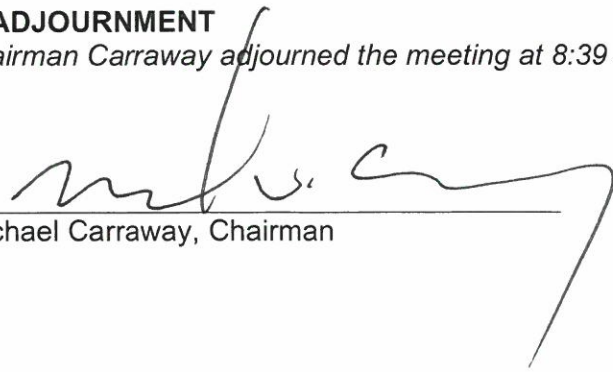
(L1) Karin Parham

Karin Parham stated her concerns on dissolving the County Library Board for 6 months during the interim before leaving the Greater Clark Hills Regional Library.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Carraway adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.


Michael Carraway, Chairman


Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk