



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, November 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.
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:

Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
John Luton - Community Services
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Steven Prather – Facility 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) October 28, 2025

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 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) Community Services

(I1a1) DHS Coordinated Transportation Grant Contract

Approved forwarding to the December 02, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Georgia Department of Human Services Coordination Transportation Grant contract administered by Verida Inc. to provide transportation services to senior residents.

(I1a2) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the December 02, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$3,350 in donations for the Columbia County Animal Services for the medical care of shelter animals.

(I1a3) Library Services Agreement with the Columbia County Library System

Approved forwarding to the December 02, 2025 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Library Services Agreement with the Columbia County Library System.

(I1b) 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 Response year to date budget report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Carraway adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.



Michael W. Carraway, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk