



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Agenda for January 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Commissioners:

Chairman - Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.

District 1 - Connie M. Melear

District 2 – Jim M. Steed

District 3 – Michael W. Carraway

District 4 - Alison G. Couch

A. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Duncan

B. INVOCATION Chairman Duncan

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Duncan

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM Chairman Duncan

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Chairman Duncan

1. (E1) January 06, 2026

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Chairman Duncan

The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners shall prepare and present the agenda for each meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Sec 2-81(4) Columbia County Code of Ordinances

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR
DECLARATION Chairman Duncan

H. CONSENT AGENDA Chairman Duncan

The Board, upon a motion and second, shall vote on the items on the consent agenda collectively. A vote on the consent agenda shall constitute a vote on each and every item listed thereon. Upon a vote of a majority of the members of the Board present and voting approving the consent agenda items, each and every item shall stand approved as if voted on individually. Section 2-81(6) Columbia County Code of Ordinances.

1. Management and Internal Services Committee Commissioner Couch

- a. (H1a) Annual Approval of Bank Accounts
- b. (H1b) ESRI Subscription Renewal Authorization of Payment
- c. (H1c) Patriot's Park Gym Renovation Project Change Order 002
- d. (H1d) Professional Services Contract with Booker + Vick Architects for the Renovation of G1 for the Department of Revenue.
- e. (H1e) Independent Contract with Two State Construction for the Replacement of the Hazmat Building at Fire Station #7
- f. (H1f) Independent Contract with Sommers Construction Company for Repairs to the Columbia County Maintenance Department Building

2. Development and Planning Services Committee Commissioner Melear
a. (H2a) Easement Encroachment Agreement, 5113 Washington Road, Tax map 065 Parcel
898, 0.98 +/- acres

I. DEBATE AGENDA Chairman Duncan

The Chairman, after allowing sufficient time for debate and consideration, shall have the authority to call the question and when this is done, the question before the Board shall be immediately voted upon. Section 2-81(7) Columbia County Code of Ordinances.

1. New Business Chairman Duncan
a. Management and Internal Services Committee Commissioner Couch
1. (I1a1) 2026 Board and Committee Appointments
2. Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS County Attorney Driver

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE Chairman Duncan

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairman Duncan

Anyone desiring to speak before the Board is limited to five minutes and must fill out a request to speak form which should be given to the county clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Comments should provide relevant information regarding (their) position and should avoid being repetitious. If a group wishes to speak, one person must be designated to speak for the group. Please speak into the microphone and adjust as needed. You may view the video of the Board of Commissioners meeting on our website www.columbiacountyga.gov.

1. (L1) Brenda Heidman, Daniel Lanning, Howard Johnson, Marlena Bergeron and Bob Anderson

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Duncan

All portions of meetings held in executive session shall be held in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1 through 50-14-4 to discuss exempt personnel matters, land acquisitions, pending or threatened lawsuits, and other matters as permitted by law.

N. ADJOURNMENT Chairman Duncan

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 03, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Building A at the Evans Government Center