



**Management and Internal Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Alison G. Couch, Chairman
Connie M. Melear, Vice Chairman
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Member
Commissioner Michael M. Carraway
Commissioner Jim Steed
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

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
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Steven Prather – Facility Services
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Couch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Chair Couch gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chair Couch declared a quorum with three members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) December 09, 2025

Vice Chair Melear made a motion to approve the December 09, 2025 minutes of the Management and Internal Services Committee. Member Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Couch presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Financial Services

(I1a1) Annual Approval of Bank Accounts

Approved forwarding to the January 20, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda all bank accounts that were presented.

(I1b) Technology Services

(I1b1) ESRI Subscription Renewal Authorization of Payment

Approved forwarding to the January 20, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda ESRI subscription renewal authorization of payment in the amount of \$170,000; 6516500.533035.

(I1c) Facility Services

(I1c1) Patriot's Park Gym Renovation Project Change Order 002

Approved forwarding to the January 20, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Change Order Number 2 for Patriot's Park gym renovation in a deduction of \$26,517.44; 22450.32.015.

(I1c2) Professional Services Contract with Booker + Vick Architects for the Renovation of G1 for the Department of Revenue.

Approved forwarding to the January 20, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda a Professional Services Contract with Booker+Vick Architects for the renovation of G1 for the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$47,500.

(I1c3) Independent Contract with Two State Construction for the Replacement of the Hazmat Building at Fire Station #7

Approved forwarding to the January 20, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an Independent Contract with Two State Construction for the replacement of the hazmat building at Fire Station Number 7 in the amount of \$99,959; 2102100.544035.

(I1c4) Independent Contract with Sommers Construction Company for Repairs to the Columbia County Maintenance Department Building

Approved forwarding to the January 20, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Independent Contract with Sommers Construction Company for repairs to the Columbia County Maintenance Department Building in the amount of \$134,112; 2102100.544035.

(I1d) Other Committees

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. STAFF REPORTS

(K1) Financial Services

(K1a) Year to Date Budget Report

Financial Services Director Reece presented the year to date budget report.

(K1b) SPLOST Update

Financial Services Director Reece presented the SPLOST update.

(K1c) Investment Report

Financial Services Director Reece presented the investment report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Couch adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.



Alison G. Couch, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk