



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Jim M. Steed, Chairman
Mike W. Carraway, Vice Chairman
Member Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Commissioner Alison G. Couch
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
Steven Prather – Facility Services
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steed called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Steed gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Steed declared a quorum with three members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) December 09, 2025

Member Duncan made a motion to approve December 09, 2025 minutes of the Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Vice Chair Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Steed presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Community Services

(I1a1) Cell Phone Allowance for Animal Services Manager

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda an annual cell phone allowance in the amount of \$1,440 for the Animal Services Manager position to be retroactive to the pay period beginning December 14, 2025.

(I1a2) Tennis Contractor Agreement with Petersburg Tennis Academy, LLC.

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Tennis Contractor Agreement with Petersburg Tennis Academy, LLC.

(I1a3) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of Animal Services donations in the amount of \$2,750 for the medical care of shelter animals.

(I1a4) Senior Center Donation

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of the Senior Center donation in the amount of \$375.

(I1a5) Perfect Game Baseball 2026 Tournament Hosting Services Agreement with Gameday JJ, LLC.

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Perfect Game Baseball 2026 Tournament Hosting Services agreement with Gameday JJ, LLC.

(I1a6) Merchants Association of Columbia County Donation to FLY Scholarship

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Merchants Association of Columbia County for the FLY Scholarship.

(I1a7) Amendment to the Code of Ordinance of Columbia County Chapter 14 Animals

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Debate Agenda the Amendment to the Code of Ordinance of Columbia County Chapter 14 Animals.

(I1b) Fire and Emergency Services

(I1b1) Acceptance of Bid 2025038-BID2510 for (30) Scott XD Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) from American Safety and Firehouse

Approved forwarding to the February 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of a bid for 30 Scott XD self-contained breathing apparatus from American Safety and Firehouse in the amount of \$205,310; 2322510.601081.

(I1c) Other Committees

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. STAFF REPORTS

(K1) Community Services

(K1a) Community Services Division Year End Review

Community Services Director Luton presented the Community Services Division year end review.

(K2) Fire and Emergency Services

(K2a) Fire Response Summary Report

Chief Wallen presented the Fire Response summary report.

(K2b) Fire Response Monthly Report

Chief Wallen presented the Fire Response monthly report.

(K2c) Year to Date Budget Report

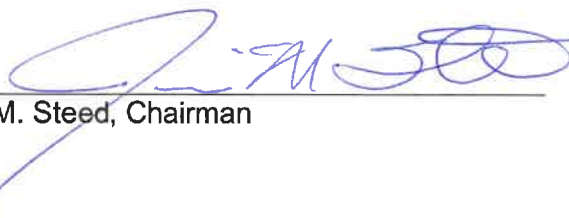
Chief Wallen presented the Fire Services year to date budget report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

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



Jim M. Steed, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk