



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Elected Officials Work Session
Minutes for Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Government Complex
4th Floor Building A
Executive Conference Room
Evans, Ga**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chair Alison G. Couch
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Jim M. Steed
Commissioner Michael W. Carraway
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley
Internal Services Director Leanne Reece

Elected and Appointed Officials:
Probate Court Judge Padgett
Magistrate Court Judge Troiano
Juvenile Court Judge Evans
Sheriff Whittle
Public Defender Taylor
Chief Deputy Clerk Willis
Coroner Norman
Superior Court Judge Jolly
Superior Court Judge Fleming
Superior Court Judge Blanchard
District Attorney Paine

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. and turned the meeting over to County Manager Johnson.

FISCAL YEAR 26/27 BUDGET REVIEW

County Manager Johnson went over the New Personnel Requests and General Fund Capital Requests.

Elected Officials and Appointed Officials discussed their budget requests with the Board of Commissioners.

ADJOURN

Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Alison G. Couch, Vice Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk