



**Proposed Community and Emergency Services Committee
Agenda for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Committee:

Jim M. Steed – Chairman
Michael W. Carraway – Vice Chair
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr. – Member

Staff:

Scott Johnson – County Manager
Glenn Kennedy – Deputy County Manager
Matt Schlachter – Deputy County Manager
John Luton – Community Services Director
Chief Jeremy Wallen – Fire and Emergency Services Director

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| A. CALL TO ORDER | Chairman Steed |
| B. INVOCATION | Chairman Steed |
| C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Chairman Steed |
| D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM | Chairman Steed |
| E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING | Chairman Steed |
| 1. (E1) February 24, 2026 | |
| F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA | Chairman Steed |
| G. PRESENTATION | Chairman Steed |
| H. CONSENT AGENDA | Chairman Steed |

The Committee, 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 Committee present and voting approving the consent agenda items, each and every item shall be presented as a consent agenda item at the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

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| I. DEBATE AGENDA | Chairman Steed |
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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.

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| 1. New Business | Chairman Steed |
| a. Community Services | |
| 1. (I1a1) Animal Services Donations | |
| 2. (I1a2) Lease with Columbia County Cares, Inc. | |
| 3. (I1a3) Proclamation Observing May 1, 2026 as Loyalty Day | |
| 4. (I1a4) Contract Renewal Number 8 with Columbia County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. | |
| 5. (I1a5) Independent Contractor Agreement with Patricia Essick for the Senior Center Ceramics Instructor | |
| 6. (I1a6) Contract Agreement with Ignite Soccer Academy, LLC. | |
| 7. (I1a7) Independent Contractor Agreement with Hain Tennis Academy, LLC | |
| 8. (I1a8) Contract Renewal Number 3 with Petersburg Tennis Academy | |

9. (I1a9) Contract Renewal Number 5 with Professional Disc Golf Association Inc.
10. (I1a10) Contract Renewal 1 with Georgia Glamping Company, LLC
11. (I1a11) Contract Renewal Number 3 with Keg Creek Watersports LLC.
12. (I1a12) Contract Renewal Number 4 with Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental for Bicycle Rental Service
13. (I1a13) Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Board Rentals at Savannah Rapids and Wildwood Parks Concessionaire Agreement with Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental, LLC.
14. (I1a14) Georgia Department of Transportation FY 2022 Surplus Vehicle #3568
15. (I1a15) Georgia Department of Transportation FY2026 Transportation Trust Fund Program Application

b. Fire and Emergency Services

1. (I1b1) Fire Services Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Harlem, GA.

c. Other Committees

2. Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

County Attorney Driver

K. STAFF REPORTS

Chairman Steed

1. Fire and Emergency Services

- a. (K1a) Fire Response Summary Report
- b. (K1b) Fire Response Monthly Report
- c. (K1c) Year to Date Budget Report

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Steed

Anyone desiring to speak before the Committee on an agenda item is limited to five minutes and should stick to 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. All speakers must complete a speaker form. Please speak into the microphone and adjust as needed.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Steed

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 Steed

The next scheduled Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of Building A at the Evans Government Center