



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, February 24, 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 Connie Melear
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
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

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) January 27, 2026

Member Duncan made a motion to approve the January 27, 2026 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) County Manager

(I1a1) Canceling the April 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting

Approved forwarding to the March 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda canceling the April 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

(I1b) Community Services

(I1b1) March 2026 Theatre in Our Schools Month Proclamation

Approved forwarding to the March 03, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda proclaiming March 2026 as Theatre in Our Schools Month.

(I1c) Other Committees

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. STAFF REPORTS

(K1) Fire and Emergency Services

(K1a) Fire Response Summary Report

Chief Wallen presented the Fire Response Summary Report.

(K1b) Fire Response Monthly Report

Chief Wallen presented the Fire Response Monthly Report.

(K1c) 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 8:33 a.m.



Jim M. Steed, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk