



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Budget Work Session
Minutes for Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Government Complex
4th Floor Building A
Executive Conference Room
Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Vice Chairman Alison Couch
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
Financial Services Director Leanne Reece
Absent was:
Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Commissioner Connie M. Melar

Staff:
Paul Scarbary – Development Services
John Luton – Community Services
Michael Blanchard – Technology Services
Chief Wallen – Fire Services
Scott Sterling – Planning Services
Kyle Titus – Engineering Services
Shawn Granato – EMA
Steven Prather – Facilities Design & Construction
Stacey Gordon – Water Utility
Jeff Carney – Human Resources
Cassidy Harris – Public Relations
Angie Russell – Finance Services
Janeabeth Wells – Assistant to the County Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Couch called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Vice Chairman Couch declared a quorum with three Commissioners present.

FISCAL YEAR 26/27 BUDGET REVIEW

County Manager Johnson went over the summary of the general fund proposed budget, the operating funds, the capital funds and the personnel requests.

ADJOURN

Vice Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk