



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Jim M. Steed, Chairman
Michael 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
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley
County Attorney Chris Driver

Division Directors:

Leanne Reece - Financial Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
John Luton - Community Services
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
Steven Prather – Facility Services
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION

Chair Steed gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

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

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) March 24, 2026

Member Duncan made a motion to approve the March 24, 2026 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Vice Chair Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Steed presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Deputy County Manager

(I1a1) Master Services Agreement with Rep'd for AI Chatbot Services

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Master Services Agreement with Rep'd for AI Chatbot Services in the amount of \$38,000; 1011001.533025.

(I1a2) Purchase of a Boston Grand Piano from Turner's Keyboards for Jabez Harden Auditorium
Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the purchase of a Boston Grand Piano from Turner's Keyboards for Jabez Harden Auditorium in the amount of \$62,500; 2252250.544035.10020.

(I1b) Community Services

(I1b1) Reed Creek Donation for Interpretive Signage

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$500 to Columbia County Reed Creek Park for interpretive signage; 2250301.433019.01718.

(I1b2) Animal Services Donation

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$1,000 to Columbia County Animal Services for the medical care of shelter animals; 2250301.433019.01713.

(I1b3) Athletic Fields and Park Usage Agreement with GA Bulls Soccer Club, LLC

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Athletic Fields and Park Usage Agreement with GA Bulls Soccer Club, LLC with revenue in the amount of \$47,000; 1010831.488007.

(I1b4) Tournament Hosting Agreement with GA Bulls Soccer Club

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Tournament Hosting Agreement with GA Bulls Soccer Club.

(I1b5) Canoe, Kayak and Paddleboard Rentals at Riverside Park Concessionaire Agreement with Outdoor Augusta, LLC.

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Canoe, Kayak and Paddleboard Rentals at Riverside Park Concessionaire Agreement with Outdoor Augusta, LLC.

(I1b6) Clark Hill Committee of the CSRA Bass Tournaments Agreement

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Clark Hill Committee of the CSRA Bass Tournaments Agreement in the amount of \$5,000; 2242200.533080.

(I1b7) Purchase of Nutrition Services Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for the Senior Center

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Purchase of Nutrition Services Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for the Senior Center at a cost not to exceed \$234,000; 1011623.533035.

(I1b8) Service Agreement with the City of Harlem for the Oliver Hardy Festival

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Service Agreement with the City of Harlem for the Oliver Hardy Festival in the amount of \$3,000; 2242200.533081.

(I1b9) Athletic Facilities Use and License Agreement with Martinez Evans Little League (MELL)

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Athletic Facilities Use and License Agreement with Martinez Evans Little League (MELL).

(I1b10) Donation from Clark Hill Committee for the Fishing Rodeo

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$300 donation from Clark Hill Committee for the fishing rodeo; 1010419.444040.

(I1b11) Columbia County Library System Donation

Approved forwarding to the May 05, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$500 donation for the Columbia County Library System; 9319310.544035.

(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

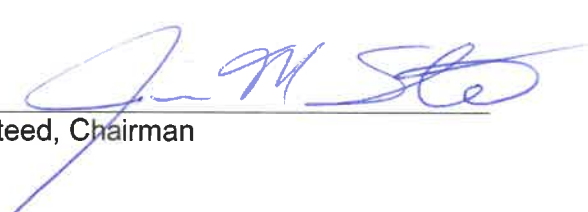
Chief Wallen presented the Fire Services Year to Date Budget Report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Steed adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.



Jim M. Steed, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk