Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia

Present at the meeting included:
Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman Alison G. Couch
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Jim M. Steed
Commissioner Michael W. Carraway
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:
Scott Sterling – Planning Services
Paul Scarbary - Development 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
Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION
Vice Chair Couch gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
County Manager Johnson led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM
Chair Duncan declared a quorum with five Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) June 02, 2026
Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 02, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Steed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Chair Duncan presented the agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

H. CONSENT AGENDA
In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 2-81(6), the following items were voted on collectively. Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Steed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Management and Internal Services Committee

(H1a) Administrative Services Agreement with Mission Square Retirement
Approved the Administrative Services Agreement with Mission Square Retirement.

(H1b) Columbia County Community Connections Provisions of Service Agreement for Fiscal Year 2027
Approved the Columbia County Community Connections Provisions of Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount of $201,000; 1010602.466001.

(H1c) FY 2026/2027 ACCG Property and Liability Insurance Renewal
Approved the ACCG Property and Liability Insurance renewal for Fiscal Year 2027.

(H1d) Revision of the Comprehensive Policy Manual Number 603.1 Procurement
Approved the revision of the Comprehensive Policy Manual Number 603.1 Procurement.

(H1e) Uniform Rental Services Agreement with Cintas Corporation
Approved the Uniform Rental Services Agreement with Cintas Corporation.

(H1f) Tyler Munis 2026-2027 Authorization of Payment
Approved authorization of payment for Tyler Munis Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount of $596,782.78; 1011005.533035.

(H1g) Agreement Renewal Number Four with A3 Communications for Genetec Video Management System Support
Approved Agreement Renewal Number Four with A3 Communications for Genetec Video Management System Support.

(H1h) Agreement Renewal Number Two with Structure Media Solutions (SMS) for Cabling Services
Approved Agreement Renewal Number Two with Structure Media Solutions for cabling services.

(H1i) Agreement Renewal Number Two with Wired Communications for Cabling Services
Approved Agreement Renewal Number Two with Wired Communications for cabling services.

(H1j) Agreement Renewal Number One with Risk Strategy Group (RSG) for Physical Security Assessment Services
Approved Agreement Renewal Number One with Risk Strategy Group for physical security assessment services.

(H1k) Agreement Renewal Number One with DSI Tech (DISYS) for Cisco Equipment and Services
Approved Agreement Renewal Number One with DSI Tech for Cisco equipment and services.

(H1l) Agreement Renewal Number Four with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for Genetec Video Management System Support
Approved Agreement Renewal Number Four with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for Genetec video management system support.

(H1m) Agreement Renewal Number Two with Aios Group for Construction Cabling Services
Approved Agreement Renewal Number Two with Aios Group for construction cabling services.

(H1n) Agreement Renewal Number Three with Conference Technologies International (CTI)
Approved Agreement Renewal Number Three with Conference Technologies International to provide equipment and services related to audio-visual systems at the Justice Center in the amount of $18,000; 1011005.533035.

(H1o) Agreement Renewal Number Two with Harpe Engineering for Technology Consulting and Services
Approved Agreement Renewal Number Two with Harpe Engineering for technology consulting and services.

(H1p) Agreement Renewal Number One with Fred Daniel Mapping Services
Approved Agreement Renewal Number One with Fred Daniel Mapping Services.

(H1q) Contract Renewal Number Two with Total Outdoor Plant Solutions (TOPS)
Approved Contract Renewal Number Two with Total Outdoor Plan Solutions for fiber construction and maintenance services.

(H1r) Contract with ElectriCom LLC Inc. for Fiber Construction, Maintenance and Restoration
Approved Contract with ElectriCom LLC Inc. for fiber construction, maintenance and restoration.

(H1s) Upgrade of Trimble Unity Maintain (Cityworks) to Unlimited Licensing
Approved the upgrade of Trimble Unity Maintain to unlimited licensing in the amount of $31,279; 6516500.533035.

(H1t) Contract Renewal Number 4 and Change Order Number 2 with Coastal Waste & Recycling of Georgia LLC for Refuse Services
Approved Contract Renewal Number Four and Change Order Number Two with Coastal Waste & Recycling of Georgia LLC for refuse services.

(H1u) Independent Contract with Penn Roofing Inc. for the Reroofing of the Columbia County Health Department
Approved the Independent Contract with Penn Roofing, Inc. for the reroofing of the Columbia County Health Department in the amount of $71,763; 28210.38.090.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Project Framework Agreement with GDOT for the Wrightsboro Rd Widening Project, PI# 0008348
Approved Supplemental Agreement Number Two to the Project Framework Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the Wrightsboro Road widening project.

(H2b) Amendment No. 1 to Contract 2025-3215 with Alfred Benesch & Company for Wrightsboro Rd Widening Project, PI# 0008348
Approved Amendment Number One to the contract with Alfred Benesch & Company for the Wrightsboro Road widening project in the amount of $1,245,496; 91340.27.010.

(H2c) Purchase of a PPV Tahoe from Alan Jay for the Sheriff's Office
Approved the purchase of a PPV Tahoe from Alan Jay for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of $54,507.

(H2d) Alcoholic Beverage License Laxmi 31 LLC dba Gas World #31
Approved an Alcoholic Beverage License for Laxmi 31 LLC dba Gas World #31.

(H2e) Alcoholic Beverage License Jones Creek Golf Course LLC
Approved an Alcoholic Beverage License for Jones Creek Golf Course, LLC. contingent upon the acceptance of the kitchen by county staff and Health Department.

(H2f) Easement Encroachment Agreement Tax Map 060 Parcel 2097
Approved an Easement Encroachment Agreement for tax map 060 2097.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I1a1) Acceptance of 2025 Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust Grant for the Columbia Judicial Circuit Adult Felony Drug Court, AW-GOCAT-25-010-004
Vice Chair Couch made a motion to accept the 2025 Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust Grant for the Columbia Judicial Circuit in the amount of $9,500. Commission Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1b1) Resolution 26-14 Amending Fee Schedule for Development Services - *First Reading*
Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution Number 26-14 Amending Fee Schedule for Development Services. Commissioner Steed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(L1) Susan Warren

Susan Warren commented on the data center ordinance and the Library.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Duncan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion.
Vice Chair Couch made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion.
Chair Duncan called the meeting back to order at 6:27 p.m.

(M1) Litigation

County Attorney Driver stated two litigation items were discussed; no actions taken.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 a.m. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk