



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, June 23, 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
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology 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) May 26, 2026

Member Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 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) County Manager

(I1a1) Columbia Judicial Circuit Independent Contractor Agreement with CSRA Probation Services, Inc.

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Columbia Judicial Circuit Independent Contractor's Agreement with CSRA Probation Services, Inc.

(I1a2) Rental Agreement with State Properties Commission for the Department of Community Supervision

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Rental Agreement with State Properties Commission for the Department of Community Supervision.

(I1a3) Acceptance of the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$37,216.

(I1a4) FY27 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant for the State Accountability Court Program

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the Fiscal Year 2027 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant for the State Accountability Court Program.

(I1b) Community Services

(I1b1) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$1,385 donation to Columbia County Animal Services for the medical care of shelter animals; 2250301.433019.01713.

(I1b2) Senior Center Donation

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of \$375 donation for the Senior Center; 2250301.433019.01717.

(I1b3) Service Agreement with the Columbia County Ballet for Ballet in the Park Event

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda a Service Agreement with the Columbia County Ballet for Ballet in the Park Event in the amount of \$1,200; 2362360.533081.23504.

(I1c) Fire and Emergency Services

(I1c1) Service Agreements with Columbia County Community Connections and the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation from the 2026 Fire Rescue Boot Drive Proceeds

Approved forwarding to the July 07, 2026 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda Service Agreements with Columbia County Community Connections and the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation from the 2026 Fire Rescue Boot Drive proceeds.

(I1d) 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 8:36 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Steed", written over a horizontal line.

Jim M. Steed, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrice R. Crawley", written over a horizontal line.

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk