



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Dewey G. Galeas, Chairman
Gary L. Richardson, Vice Chairman
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Member
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Donald Skinner
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:

Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
Scott Sterling - Planning Services
Chief Wallen - Fire Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Galeas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Galeas gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Galeas declared a quorum with three members of the committee present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) February 22, 2022

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Member Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Galeas 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 Sarah K. Ruppensburg for a grants coordinator

Approved forwarding to the March 29, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda the independent

contractor agreement with Sarah K. Ruppensburg for grants coordinator to begin upon execution and end on December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$12,918 funded from the ARPA grant budget.

(I1b) Community Services

(I1b1) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the March 29, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda acceptance of the Animal Services donations in the total amount of \$4,650 for medical care and spay/neuter of shelter animals.

(I1b2) Purchase of Christmas light displays from IES, Inc. for Evans Towne Center Park

Approved forwarding to the March 29, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda the purchase of custom-made Christmas light displays for Evans Towne Center Park from IES, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000.

(I1b3) Tournament Agreement with Major League Fishing (MLFLW) Phoenix Bass Fishing League (BFL)

Approved forwarding to the March 29, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda the agreement with Major League Fishing (MLFLW) for the Phoenix Bass Fishing Tournament to be held on May 21, 2022 on Clarks Hill Lake.

(I1b4) Resolution 22-11 declaring Columbia County a Hidden Heroes County

Approved forwarding to the March 29, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda Resolution 22-11 declaring Columbia County a Hidden Heroes County in support of Columbia County's military and veteran caregivers.

(I1c) Fire and Emergency Services

(I1c1) Intergovernmental Agreement with Harlem, Ga for surplus fire equipment

Approved forwarding to the March 29, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Harlem for the donation of miscellaneous surplus fire equipment.

(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 for information.

(K1b) Fire Response Monthly Report

Chief Wallen presented the Fire Response Monthly Report for information.

(K1c) Year to Date Budget Report

Chief Wallen presented the Year to Date Budget Report for information.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Galeas adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Signature on File

Dewey G. Galeas, Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk