



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, October 25, 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
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:

Leanne Reece - Internal Services
Paul Scarbary - Development 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
County Staff

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Member was not present

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.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

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

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) September 27, 2022

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the September 27, 2022 minutes of the Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Chairman Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Galeas presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

(G1) Athletics Staff Special Recognition

Community Services Director Luton recognized the Athletics Staff for their outstanding job at managing the tremendous growth of the youth sports programs while executing to the highest standards of excellence.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Community Services

(I1a1) Purchase of Portable Restroom Trailer from Comforts of Home Services, Inc. for Community Services

Approved forwarding to the November 01, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda the purchase of portable restroom trailer from Comforts of Home Services, Inc. in the amount of \$59,590; 1011010.601090.

(I1a2) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the November 01, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda the acceptance of \$250 to the Columbia County Animal Services for the shelter and spay/neuter of animals in the care of Animal Services; 2250301.433019.01713.

(I1a3) 2022 NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship Contract

Approved forwarding to the November 01, 2022 Board of Commissioners debate agenda the 2022 NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship contract.

(I1b) Fire and Emergency Services

(I1b1) Mutual Aid Agreement between Columbia County, GA and Fort Gordon, GA

Approved forwarding to the November 01, 2022 Board of Commissioners consent agenda the mutual aid agreement with Fort Gordon.

(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 Response Year to Date Budget Report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

(L1) Laurie Key to discuss the placement of books in the children's section at the Library

Laurie Key expressed her concerns to the Commissioners about the placement of LGBT content in the

children's section of the library.

Mary Lin Maner and Library Board member Russell Wilder stated that Laurie's appeal has been heard at the Regional Library Board and they should make a decision at their December meeting.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:03 a.m. Chairman Galeas adjourned the meeting.

Signature on File

Gary L. Richardson, Vice Chairman

Signature on File

Renee Peloquin, Deputy Clerk