



**Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 8:30 AM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Alison G. Couch, Chairman
Gary L. Richardson, Vice Chairman
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Member
Commissioner Connie Melear
Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr.
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

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Couch gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

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

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) August 22, 2023

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting as presented. Member Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Couch presented the agenda.

G. PRESENTATION

Chairman Couch welcomed some of the participants in the Leadership Columbia County class.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Community Services

(I1a1) Animal Services Donations

Approved forwarding to the October 03, 2023 Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda the acceptance of

\$700 in donations to Columbia County Animal Services for spay/neuter and medical needs for animals in their care.

(I1b) 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 Year to Date Budget report.

L. COMMISSIONERS' AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:33 a.m., Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting.



Alison G. Couch, Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk