



Minutes
Public Safety Committee
June 18, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

STAFF PRESENT: Commissioners Allison Watters and Mike Burnes. Jamie McCord, John Blalock, Gene Proctor, Chris Fincher, Katheryn Walters, Victoria Henson, Tom Ewing, Brad Roberson, Jamie Stone, Clete Bonney, Troy Brock, Mike Long, Richard Argo, Cathy Taylor, Amy Dawkins and John Bailey.

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Crowder and Calandra Higgins.

Call to Order

Commissioner Watters called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Public Participation

Review Minutes from Previous Meeting

The committee approved the minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting through common consent.

Order of Business:

I. P.A.W.S.

Director Katy Walters presented the P.A.W.S. data report to the committee and stated the free microchipping and free spay and neuter programs have begun to really pay off. Return to owners increased by 45% over the past month when compared to the same time in 2025 because of the microchipping program, from 76 animals returned in 2025 to 110 animals returned during the same time in 2026. Free spay neuter went up from 47 in 2025 to 83 in 2026. However, the adoption numbers are down. Walters reported that P.A.W.S. is planning some adoption days ahead to hopefully boost those adoption numbers.

II. Coroner

Coroner Gene Proctor reviewed the data report.

III. Emergency Management

Deputy Director Chris Fincher reviewed the data report and discussed the potential of storms coming into the area that evening.

IV. E-911



Assistant Director Victoria Henson reviewed the data report and said 364 people had applied for the four open positions at 911. Of those 56 have made it to the final testing phase. She also recognized that several 911 employees are volunteering at the YMCA food drive on June 30 at Pepperell High School on their day off.

Commissioner Watters asked any members of the public present if they wished to address the committee, seeing none, the meeting proceeded.

V. Fire Department

Division Chief Jamie Stone reviewed the data report.

Division Chief Clete Bonney reviewed the employment data report and noted that a refurbished ladder truck will be back in service as a reserve truck soon.

Assistant Chief Brad Roberson reviewed the support and personnel reports.

Stone also noted that Linda Patty was selected by the National Fire Protection Association as a 2026 NFPA Rising Star.

VI. Metro Task Force

Commander Cathy Taylor reviewed the data report and thanked P.A.W.S. and Director Walters for assisting with 20 dogs found during the execution of a search warrant recently. Taylor said the assistance by P.A.W.S. was extremely helpful.

VII. Floyd County Police Department

Assistant Chief Tom Ewing reviewed the data report noting decreases in crime and traffic accidents. He also stated the police department will be hosting a blood drive at their headquarters on August 6.

VIII. Prison / Work Release Center

Warden Mike Long reviewed the prison reports and noted that, among other projects, the prison completed building a pavilion at Garden Lakes Park in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department.

IX. Sheriff's Office / Jail

Maj. Richard Argo reviewed the data reports.



X. Floyd BOE

XI. Cave Spring Police Department

XII. County Manager

Manager Jamie McCord reviewed an item regarding renewing the annual capacity agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections to continue to house inmates.

XIII. Chief of Staff

Public Safety Division Director John Blalock thanked Floyd County Police and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for coordinating 24-hour security at the Historic Courthouse. He noted when the county ended 24-hour security within hours people attempted to enter the courthouse grounds.

XIV. Chairman

XV. Other Business

XVI. Adjourn

With no other business to come before the committee, it adjourned at 10:32 AM

*****Next meeting August 20, 2026***