



**Minutes**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**Dec. 18, 2025 10:00 a.m.**  
**Via Microsoft Teams**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Commissioner Mike Burnes, John Blalock, Katy Walters, Tim, Herrington, Chris Fincher, Victoria Henson, Troy Brock, Clete Bonney, Mark Wallace, Mike Long, Richard Argo, Rick Flanigen, John Bailey.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** David Crowder, WRGA

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Burnes called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**Public Participation**

No public participation

**Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The committee approved the minutes from the October 15 meeting through common consent.

**Order of Business:**

**I. P.A.W.S.**

Director Katy Walters reported that P.A.W.S. had a 90.75% live outcome so far for 2025 and because of the free microchipping program saw a significant increase of pet returns to owners. Ms. Walters also said they will be using a donation from the Hizer estate to purchase a new van.

**II. Coroner**

Coroner Gene Proctor was not present but submitted report.

**III. Emergency Management**

Director Tim Herrington presented the Emergency Management Agency report to the committee and told members EMA is expecting a cold and blustery winter for 2025-2026.

**IV. E-911**

Assistant Director Victoria Henson presented the E-911 report to the committee and said the agency currently has four vacancies.

**V. Fire Department**

Chief Troy Brock presented the Fire Department report to the committee and reported that recent fires were likely due to the dry weather. Division Chief Clete Bonney reviewed current renovation projects. Chief Bonney also reported the department have been able to use a new drone to effectively fight forest and brush fires.

**VI. Metro Task Force**

Commander Cathy Taylor presented the Rome Floyd Metro Task Force report to the committee.



**VII. Floyd County Police Department**

Chief Mark Wallace presented the Police Department report to the committee and noted several members of the police department recently completed advanced degrees as part of the county's tuition assistance program.

**VIII. Prison / Work Release Center**

Warden Mike Long presented the Prison report to the committee.

**IX. Sheriff's Office / Jail**

Maj. Richard Argo presented the Sheriff's Office report to the committee and noted the Sheriff's Santa program distributed Christmas gifts to over 240 children in 2025.

**X. Floyd BOE**

Mr. Flanigen presented the Floyd Board of Education report to the committee and noted that the school system is working to enact multiple safety initiatives to comply with HB 268 and is currently drafting a MOU with multiple state agencies.

**XI. Cave Spring Police Department**

**XII. County Manager**

**XIII. Chief of Staff**

**XIV. Chairman**

Commissioner Mike Burnes thanked everyone for their reports and noted that the committee would be meeting in person for the February 2026 meeting.

**XV. Other Business**

**XVI. Adjourn**

*\*\*Next meeting February 19, 2026*