

County Meeting  
February 16, 2017  
Minutes  
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Paris at 6:00 pm. The invocation was given by Jack McKetchnie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Royce. The minutes from the January 19, 2017 County Meeting were approved as read.

Commissioner Paris introduced Linda Beaver who is Union County's Representative from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Region 1 Field Office Advisory Council. Ms. Beaver presented an update on what the Advisory Council has been doing so far this year.

The Commissioner approved an affidavit swearing that the following appointment to the Election Board was made in compliance with HB 798 and the following person was appointed to serve on the Union County Board of Elections: George Burch (appointed by the Union County Republican Party to complete the term of John Strickland)

Commissioner Paris approved an Agreement letter between Union County and Legacy Link for the required local share during FY-2018 in the amount of \$10,450. These funds are used by the Area Agency on Aging as match to draw down federal and state monies for administration, coordination, information and referral, employment, and training of older workers and volunteer programs. These programs are provided through the Union County Senior Center.

The Commissioner approved a list of capital purchases (more than \$5,000) for July 2016 to December 2016. A copy is available in the Commissioner's Office if anyone would like to review it. Again, state law requires that every 6 months the County post this list and it is also reviewed and approved by the auditors.

Commissioner Paris approved a Contract between Union County and James Bennett for reconstruction of the Hunter-England Log Cabin. The duration of the contract will be for 6 months and is not to exceed \$60,000.00.

The Commissioner approved a Contract between Union County and Hayes, James & Associates for the engineering, planning and surveying services of the Union County Shotgun Range in the amount of \$26,600.

Commissioner Paris approved a Rental Agreement between Union County and the North Enotah Drug Treatment Court for offices and classrooms located at 49 Blalock Street, Blairsville, GA in the amount of \$800.00 per month. The terms of the lease are from January 3, 2017 until December 31, 2017.

The Commissioner approved Resolution R-2017-01 to remove Robin Gazaway from all of Union County's bank accounts due to her resignation.

Commissioner Paris approved Resolution R-2017-02 to provide Pam Hawkins full access to all Union County accounts while she is the Acting Finance Director.

The Commissioner approved Resolution R-2017-03 authorizing Pam Hawkins to act as an administrator for the Positive Pay System for the Union County Checking Account.

Commissioner Paris approved Resolution R-2017-04 authorizing Pam Hawkins to communicate and have full administrative powers over Heartland Payroll.

The Commissioner approved Resolution R-2017-05 appointing R. David Dyer, Jr. as the 911 Director of the Union County 911 System effective February 1, 2017.

The Commissioner completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Revised Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance. Commissioner Paris explained that during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings the proposed ordinance is not actually read, but copies of the proposed changes are available.

Commissioner Paris accepted the Revised Buildings and Building Regulation Ordinance as it was presented.

The Commissioner completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the revised Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance.

The Commissioner then accepted the revised Soil, Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance as it is presented. The full ordinance is available in the Commissioner's Office.

Commissioner Paris abandoned Apple Valley Road due to the fact it no longer serves a purpose for the County or the citizens. It will officially be removed from the county maintained road system.

The Commissioner approved the following two Business Licenses:

My Angel Fund I, LLC  
Odom Springs Vineyards, Inc.

This is the only type of Business License issued in Union County for the purpose of collecting the Hotel/Motel Tax.


At the last county meeting a citizen asked the Commissioner to provide more information on what CorrectHealth, our inmate health service provider, actually provided to the county for the amount of money they were paid each month. The County originally contracted with this company in January 1, 2003 in the amount of \$7,666.66 per month and this year the cost per month was \$12, 279.84. In this contract, it was agreed by both parties that each year the amount paid to CorrectHealth shall be increased by the percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Medical Care Component (MCC) for the southern region of the United States. CorrectHealth provides all medical care to the inmates housed at the Union County Jail. They also provide all medical and office supplies used in the healthcare delivery system administered at the jail. Including medical supplies, medical records, office supplies, and forms. They also provide all medical equipment costing less than \$500 per item. They provide tele-medicine services to the jail at their expense and a nurse is on staff for 40 hours per week. A LPN is also on site Saturdays and Sundays for 4 hours each day. Each inmate is given a full work up upon being booked into the jail or as soon as the nurse comes back on shift. This includes all testing for communicable diseases and STDS. Any medicines that are necessary for the inmates is provided by CorrectHealth except for certain specialty medications. The health service provider also arranges for any testing or treatments that need to be performed off-site. This eliminates jailers and Union County personnel from being involved in scheduling medical procedures for inmates, greatly reducing liability to the county. By having a nurse on site for 48 hours per week it also decreases the liability to the county, by not relying on personnel without professional medical training to make medical decisions for the inmates.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Jennifer Queen, County Clerk

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

  
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Lamar Paris, Commissioner