

County Meeting
February 21, 2019
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Paris at 6:00 pm. The invocation was given by Bill Honaker and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Walker. The minutes from the January 17th, 2019 County Meeting were approved as presented.

The Commissioner welcomed Ed Frizzell with the Vietnam Veterans Association to come up for a presentation for the future mural to be at Meeks Park.

Commissioner Paris asked Keith Hunter and Ed Crenshaw to come forward to accept a Proclamation on behalf of the Navy Seabees. Then proclaimed March 5, 2019 as United States Navy Seabee's 77th Birthday. In December of 1941, following the attack on Pearl Harbor and the United States' entrance into World War II, Admiral Ben Moreell was authorized to establish the "Naval Construction Battalions" on March 5, 1942. The earliest Seabees were recruited from civilian construction trades and placed under the leadership of the Naval Civil Engineer Corps with an emphasis on experience and skill. The Seabees construction projects were all completed while fending off enemy forces alongside Marine, Army and Navy Colleagues. For 76 years the Seabees have repeatedly demonstrated their skills as fighters and builders, building and fighting for freedom, and in peace time being Good Will Ambassadors all while living by the Seabee motto "Can Do!" I ask all citizens to join me in recognizing the service, skill and determination the Seabees have shown their country and its citizens.

Commissioner Paris then recognized the proclamation of Friday, February 15th, 2019 as Arbor Day. A tree was planted at the Old Blairsville Cemetery to commemorate the 147th Anniversary of Arbor Day and the 25th year in Union County. This is all in cooperation with the Georgia Forestry Commission, The City of Blairsville, the Blairsville Garden Club, and the Union County Commissioner's Office. The Commissioner wanted to thank all that had a part in the celebration of Arbor Day.

Commissioner Paris accepted the award of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant through Georgia Forestry Commission for the Union County Fire Department in the amount of \$4,906.65. This grant has a 50% match and will be used to purchase wildland gear which will include 20 Wildland Shirts, 8 Fire Shelters, 5 Play pipe Nozzles and 5 – 1 ½" Nozzles for a total projected cost of \$9,813.30. This equipment will be for fighting wildfires. We are proud to accept this grant.

Commissioner Paris accepted the award of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for the Emergency Management Agency (Union County Fire Station) in the amount of \$31,000.00. This grant has a Federal Share of \$23,250.00, a State Share of \$3,100.00 and a Local share of \$4,650.00. This grant will be used to update the Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Commissioner was proud to accept this grant.

Commissioner Paris accepted the Accountability Courts Grant for South Enotah Drug Court in the amount of \$19,209.00. We are proud to accept this grant.

Commissioner Paris approved the Agreement for Indigent Defense Services between the Public Defender Office of the Enotah Judicial Circuit and Union County, Lumpkin County, White County, and Towns County. The cost to Union County is \$112,341.71 for FY 2018-2-019 which is from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Paris approved the Agreement for Indigent Defense Services between the Public Defender Office of the Enotah Judicial Circuit and Union County, Lumpkin County, White County and Towns County. The cost to Union County is \$20,000.00 for FY 2018-2019 which is from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Paris accepted the Agreement with Correctional Resource Group for the Food Service Contract at the Detention Center. This will reflect an increase, for example, of 30-39 meals at a current price of \$3.116 to \$3.241 which is a 4% price increase overall, and will go into effect January 5th, 2019.

Commissioner Paris accepted the contract between CHA and Union County for the Youth Ball Field Access completion of erosion control plans, Inclusion of GDOT Standard and Details into the plans, Quantity take offs, Final Review and Development of partial bid documents. The budget is not to exceed \$7,500.00. This will go into effect January 31st, 2019.

Commissioner Paris accepted this contract between Hayes, James and Associates and Union County for the Engineering, Planning and/or Surveying Services located at 746 E. Hwy 515. The cost of this contract is not to exceed \$14,000.00. This is for a new access road from Hwy. 515 to Panther Way.

Commissioner Paris accepted the contract between ACNS and the Union County Sheriff's Office for the Computer Consulting Agreement. The cost per month will be \$2,400.00 (\$28,000.00 annually). Effective December 19, 2018.

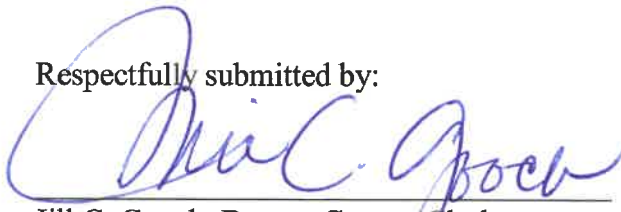
Commissioner Paris accepted the Settlement Statement and Warranty Deed between Union County and Frank Conley Haralson, Jr. and Patrick Haralson Holder for the purchase of the Haralson's interest in property at the Civic Center / Fort Sorghum Area (.9 ac), in the amount of \$30,000.00. The county is considering selling this parcel for commercial purposes through the Union County Development Authority.

Commissioner Paris accepted the Lease Amendment between Union County and the United States Department of Agriculture, for office space at the address of 185 Welborn Street. Effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. The annual rent to be \$7,200.00, payable at a rate of \$600.00 per month. This is located at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center.

Commissioner Paris approved business license for Mountain Life Adventures located at 507 Smokerise Ridge, Blairsville. The Commissioner reminded everyone in attendance that this is the only type of Business License issued in Union County for the purpose of collecting the Hotel/Motel Tax.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jill C. Gooch, Deputy County Clerk

Approved this 21st day of March, 2019



Lamar Paris, Commissioner