

County Meeting
September 19, 2019
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Paris at 6:00 pm. The invocation was given by Patrick Malone and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Walker. The minutes from the August 15, 2019 Called Meeting, the August 15, 2019 County Meeting, and the August 22, 2019 Called Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Paris proclaimed Constitution Week as being September 17th through September 23rd, 2019, with Tuesday, September 17th, being Constitution Day. On this day in 1787 the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution of the United States of America. With this Proclamation, citizens are giving official recognition to this document and the anniversary of its signing. All citizens of Union County were asked to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had created in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

The Commissioner proclaimed September 2019 as Suicide Prevention Month. Young people are key to Union County, Georgia's future success, prosperity, and quality of life. Young people have a right to opportunities to discover themselves and their purpose in environments that allow them to create relationships, find wholeness, and strengthen others. Suicide among our young people can be prevented through awareness and an increase in the value of the individual life. An emphasis on relationship building is necessary in suicide awareness and prevention, thus allowing young people to grow into successful, contributing members of our community. Effectively intervening in the lives of our young people is a shared responsibility and Union County's citizens must work together so that the voices of our young people are heard by all. By providing safe and guided environments for our young people, free of judgement, alcohol and drugs we can ensure that Union County's young people have the opportunity to grow into their full potential as the next generation of leaders, workforce, and parents who consequently secure the future of our county, state, and nation.

Commissioner Paris approved a contract between Union County and Point to Point Environmental for Creek Impact and Free Product Abatement in the amount of \$65,905.00. The effective date of this contract is August 29, 2019. This is related to a fuel tank leak at the Road Department and required mitigation to clean up the leak through a combination of public funding and self-insurance funds.

The Commissioner accepted an agreement between Union County and iWorQ Systems for software for public works and community development projects and tracking in the amount of \$33,000 annually with an effective date of August 26, 2019. This will include software programs for the Building Inspection and Permit Office, the Road Department, and the County Commissioner's Office which will allow the county to become more organized with repair work, inspections and road prioritization including pavement assessments. All departments involved are excited about this addition.

Commissioner Paris accepted an agreement between Union County and Rushton and Company, LLC to assist Union County with specified financial processes and policies to make sure

transactions are properly processed and recorded. The cost for these services will not exceed \$14,000.00 with an effective date of August 20, 2019.

The Commissioner accepted this agreement between Union County and Tech Assurance to register the county to be eligible to purchase toner cartridges for printers at a discounted cost that are used by the Tax Commissioner's Office and the Tax Assessors Office. The effective date of this contract is August 15, 2019 and there is no cost.

The Commissioner accepted an Accountability Court Grant for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant in the amount of \$118,087.00. The Grant period is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. This program is part of the drug court program where the funds are provided by the state to run and operate the drug court.

Commissioner Paris accepted Butternut Crossing into the County Maintained Road System. This is the small portion of road that leads up to Save-a-Lot and Mountain View Funeral Home. This is a commercial alley that was never made a part of the county road system and through request from adjacent businesses, the county felt it indeed should be a public roadway. The county will be resurfacing a portion of this very soon.

The Commissioner completed the 1st Reading of the Revised Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance. The entire revised version is available in the Commissioner's Office.

The Commissioner reminded everyone that the County Meeting for October has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Courtroom A instead of Thursday, October 17, 2019. He also announced that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm regarding the revised Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance. The purpose of this Public Hearing will be to provide information and answer any questions regarding these ordinance changes.

Commissioner Paris also announced that county employees were extremely busy all over the county resurfacing county roads, striping county roads and overseeing contracts for others that are resurfacing county roads. He also let attendees know that they are hoping construction on the new double gym will begin very soon. If not, they are going to force the company back to the drawing board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Mahan, County Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, _____

Lamar Paris, Commissioner