

County Meeting
October 15, 2020 6:00 pm
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lamar Paris at 6:02 pm.

The invocation was given by Patrick Malone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Dyer, Union County Fire Chief. The minutes from the September 17, 2020 County Meeting were approved as presented.

The Commissioner asked members of the Rotary Club to stand to accept a Proclamation proclaiming October 24, 2020 as World Polio Day. Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905 and is one of the largest non-profit service organizations. In 1985 Rotary launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative which includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to immunize the children of the world against polio. Polio cases have dropped by 99.9% since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease. Rotary has contributed more than 1.8 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. The Commissioner encouraged all citizens to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Commissioner Paris proclaimed October 11, 2020 as Wilonell Dyer Day. Mrs. Dyer was born Wilonell Collins on October 11, 1919 in the Chosetoe area of Union County which made October 11th her 101st Birthday. Miss Wilonell was born and raised on Collins Road and has been a life-long resident of Union County. She married Mr. Ervin Dyer, and they had four children: Jerry, Larry, Judy, and Janie. Mrs. Dyer now has 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Dyer was an educator for over 30 years with 29 of those years spent teaching algebra and math in the Union County School System. She retired on June 30, 1982. Wilonell is the oldest living member of the Choestoe Baptist Church where she was the Treasurer for many years. She currently resides in the Union County Nursing Home. On October 9th Commissioner Paris visited Mrs. Dyer, who was his 8th grade Algebra teacher. Nursing staff took a copy of the Proclamation to give to Mrs. Dyer's family since no guests were allowed in the facility.

The Commissioner approved a Lease Agreement between the 9th District Opportunity and Union County for the use of office space located at 185 Welborn Street, Suite 8 in the Pat Haralson Memorial Civic Center. The Lease Agreement is for \$230.00 per month totaling \$2,760.00 for the term of the lease. The duration of this lease will be from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The 9th District is a federal program that works to help lower income citizens with rent, heating assistance and it operates the Union County Food Bank.

Commissioner Paris accepted an Accountability Courts Grant for Enotah Mental Health Court in the amount of \$12,582.00. The grant period is from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. This grant is for surveillance of participants of the Mental Health Treatment Court.

The Commissioner accepted an Accountability Courts Grant for Enotah Mental Health Court in the amount of \$29,640.00. The grant period is from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. This grant is for a part-time case manager for Mental Health Treatment Court.

Commissioner Paris approved Resolution R-2020-20 to close the Capital Improvements bank account that has been maintained with Bank OZK. This was an old account that was opened before Commissioner Paris took office. It held funds for the purpose of building a new gym or other capital projects. The account was opened up before SPLOST was voted on and collected here in Union County. There was \$450,000 in this account set aside for funding the construction of the new gym, and this money has now been used as planned. This Resolution closes this account. The remaining \$4,000 in the account will be deposited into the SPLOST IV checking account to be used for future capital projects.

The Commissioner approved Resolution R-2020-21 to close the 2015 Bond Project Fund bank account that has been maintained with The Office of the Treasury. This account was initially opened for the Bond money that was received in 2015 and set aside for the Gym Project. Since the new sports center is nearly completed, these funds have been expended and the account is no longer needed.

Commissioner Paris approved the following two Business Licenses for the purpose of collecting the Hotel/Motel Tax.

A View for You Two, LLC located at 166 AJ's Holler Road
Valley Creek Cottage, LLC located at 32 Reid Road

Commissioner Paris stated that COVID-19 is still a major concern here within the county and the number of cases continues to go up. Commissioner Paris reminded everyone that the threat of COVID is not over. He went on to say that the new gym is close to being completed and it will be called the Union County Sports Center. It will contain two gyms and the Recreation Department Offices. Signage for the facility and a statue should be going up soon. The parking lot was paved by the Union County Road Department and they did a fantastic job. The parking lot and the striping must be complete before the Fire Marshall can approve the facility. The facility should be complete in 30 days or less.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Mahan, County Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, _____

Lamar Paris, Commissioner