

County Meeting
January 21, 2021 6:00pm
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lamar 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 December 7, 2020 Called Meeting, the December 17, 2020 County Meeting, and the minutes from the December 28, 2020 Called Meeting were approved as presented.

The Commissioner adopted the Personnel Policies and Procedures for Union County Government Employees. This policy went into effect on January 1, 2021. All employees have received a copy.

Commissioner Paris accepted an Agreement Renewal with Correctional Resource Group for the food service provided to inmates at the Union County Jail. The contract effective date is January 2, 2021 through December 31, 2021. There is no cost increase from FY 2020.

The Commissioner accepted an Agreement between Rushton and Company and Union County to perform the 2020 Audit of the Union County Financial Statements. The cost of this agreement will not exceed \$59,000.00. This is the same company that has completed the audit for the past few years.

Commissioner Paris accepted an Agreement between Union County and Legacy Link for the required local share during FY-2021 in the amount of \$95,000. This is the amount Union County has committed in local funds to help operate the Senior Center from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

The Commissioner accepted an Agreement between Cummins, Inc. and Union County for planned maintenance of the generator located at the Union County 911 Center in the amount of \$1,151.02. This contract is effective from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021 and covers one maintenance inspection and one full maintenance service during the agreement period.

Commissioner Paris accepted the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) and Union County. The purpose of this agreement is to provide the framework to support mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster occurring within any political subdivision that is a participating party, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, human caused disaster, civil emergency, community disorders, insurgency, enemy attack, acts of terrorism or other significant events or homeland security activity.

The Commissioner stated that there were quite a few more Business Licenses than usual due to the fact the employee who handled the Business Licenses resigned. There was a short training period for the new employee so there were a few more to approve than normal. Commissioner Paris then approved the following Business Licenses.

322 Litton Lane, LLC
Tritt Rental

2nd Phase Investment & Services
Pony Pasture, LLC
Gregory Cook Rental
Davis Rental
3 Splitz Farm
Chenard Rental
Dittrick Rental
171 Millie Circle, LLC
Creekside Cottages

Commissioner Paris accepted a Contract between Roof Management, Inc. and Union County for the roof replacement at the Union County Jail and Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$215,500.00. This Contract has an effective date of December 28, 2020.

The Commissioner accepted a Contract between Winkler & Winkler and Union County for the View Grill Expansion Project at the Union County Community Center in the amount of \$330,370.00. This Contract has an effective date of January 14, 2021. The purpose of this expansion is to enclose part of the outdoor eating area as the use of the facility has outpaced available seating.

Commissioner Paris then read Resolution R-2021-01 which was a Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Union County for the purpose of supporting the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states in part that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

Whereas, the Georgia Constitution of 1983 states in Article I, Section I, Paragraph VIII, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, but the General Assembly shall have power to prescribe the manner in which arms may be borne"; and

Whereas, the right of citizens to bear arms, as stated in both the United States Constitution and the Georgia Constitution, is a fundamental right that should be protected to the greatest degree possible; and

Whereas, the Commissioner and Sheriff of Union County wish, by adopting this Resolution, to express their support for the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment of United States Constitution and Article I, Section I, Paragraph VIII of the Georgia Constitution, and urge the Governor and members of the General Assembly to take no action which would violate the freedoms guaranteed in both Constitutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the virtue of the authority vested in the Commissioner of Union County and the Sheriff of Union County, that they hereby express their strong support for the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and that they further call upon the Governor and members of the General Assembly to ensure any legislation adopted now or in the future respects and supports these rights of all citizens. SO RESOLVED this 21st day of January 2021.

Commissioner Paris stated that is was requested he adopt this Resolution a while back and because of existing issues with our proposed gun being under final design, the Union County Sheriff had asked him to wait for the approval of the gun range application. It is taking much longer for the approval of the gun range than anticipated, so the Union County Sheriff decided to

move forward and have the Commissioner adopt this Resolution. During the Primary Election, the Republican Party placed a question on the ballot pertaining to if the County should adopt something regarding the Second Amendment. The Commissioner stated it was approved by nearly 90% to adopt such a Resolution. Commissioner Paris added that no one is coming to take citizens guns away but if they should try, this Resolution give the Union County Sheriff and the public grounds to resist.

The Commissioner approved Resolution R-2021-02 to set the Alcohol License Fee Schedule. The cost of the full background check for applicants will be increasing from \$67.50 to \$72.50. The cost for Alcohol Beverage Permits for employees will be increasing from \$35.00 to \$37.00 and renewal of the Alcohol Beverage Permit for employees will be increasing from \$15.00 to \$16.00. These increases are due to increases from the state for the background checks.

Commissioner Paris accepted Farmers Market Way at 0.33 miles into the Union County Maintained Roads System.

The Commissioner then accepted Market View Connector at 0.095 miles into the Union County Maintained Roads System.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jennifer Mahan, County Clerk

Approved this 18th day of March, 2021


Lamar Paris, Commissioner