

County Meeting
January 19, 2017
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 December 13, 2016 County Meeting were approved as read and the minutes from the December 29, 2016 Called Meeting were approved as read.

Commissioner Paris recognized Boy Scout Troop 101 who were present as part of the requirements to receive one of their Merit Badges.

The Commissioner proclaimed January 2017 as National Stalking Awareness Month. 7.5 million people were stalked in one year in the United States and most victims are stalked by someone they know. 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner and many stalking victims are forced to relocate, change their identities, change jobs, and obtain protection orders. There is a need for great public awareness about the nature, criminality, and potential lethality of stalking. Commissioner Paris asked the citizens of Union County to join forces with victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Union County and the United States to observe National Stalking Awareness Month.

Commissioner Paris adopted the Union County Return to Work Policy for Work Related Injuries or Illness. This provides employees with specific policies and procedures for returning to work after a work-related injury or illness.

The Commissioner accepted an Amendment to the Contract between Union County and Advanced Disposal, who has the contract for the county's transfer station, to extend the term of the contract for six months commencing on March 1, 2017 and continuing until August 31, 2017, in order to give ample time to work toward a new contract.

Commissioner Paris approved the appointments of the following five people to the Union County Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. This Board is required by state law and although the Board only meets in the event of an unsatisfied complaint regarding building permits, and the county has never had such a complaint, the Commissioner let everyone know he appreciated the new board members' willingness to accept the position. All but one represent a part of the building industry.

Pat Parker – Builder/3-year term
Keith Stewart – HVAC Contractor/2-year term
John Chitwood – Plumber Contractor/3-year term
Dale Stanley – Electrical Contractor/2-year term
Patrick Malone – Member at large/3-year term

The Commissioner accepted a Contract between Union County and the Correctional Resource Group to provide meals at the jail. The new prices will be good through December 31, 2017.

The price per meal has only increased 1.4% this year, which is good since there was no increase last year.

Commissioner Paris accepted a Contract between Union County and Combined Public Communications for the Inmate Telecommunications System at the Union County Jail. The duration of this contract is 48 months and there is no cost to the county for this service.

The Commissioner accepted an Amendment to the health services agreement between Union County and CorrectHealth Union, LLC to be effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The contract price increased from a monthly amount of \$11,706.24 to \$12,279.84 per month. This will provide for a 4.9% increase as outlined in the Consumer Price Index.

Commissioner Paris completed the 1st Reading of the Revised Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance. The entire revised version is available in the Commissioner's Office or just the small section that is being revised.

The Commissioner announced that Union County plans to abandon Apple Valley Road which no longer serves any useful purpose to the general public. This section of Right of Way will be abandoned at the next County Meeting on February 16, 2017 following a Public Hearing which will be held the same day at 5:00 pm in Courtroom A here in the Courthouse. This section of roadway will be replaced by a newer section covering the same general area and reaching the same location and it is now called Madeline Way.

Commissioner Paris said he was thankful that the first snow had come and gone and that we survived without a lot of problems. There were very few accidents and no injuries that he was aware of. He also stated that as usual, the Road Department and the Georgia Department of Transportation did an excellent job maintain our roads during the snow and ice.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:21.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jennifer Queen, County Clerk

Approved this 16th day of February, 2017



Lamar Paris, Commissioner