

County Meeting  
February 15, 2018  
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 Royce. The minutes from the January 18, 2018 County Meeting were approved as read.

The Commissioner adopted the revised Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for the Union County Transit System. These policies are based on federal and state guidelines for testing of safety sensitive employees.

Commissioner Paris adopted the revised Vehicle Preventive Maintenance Policy and Procedures for the Union County Transit System. This policy is also based on federal and state guidelines for the maintenance of the transportation buses.

The Commissioner accepted three agreements between CSRA Probation Services, Inc. and Union County for probation services to Union County Magistrate Court, Probate Court, and Superior Court. There is no cost for this service. Probationers have to pay for their own probation.

Commissioner Paris accepted Cedar Creek Drive into the county-maintained road system. There are 20 homes on this road and all homeowners signed over right of way to the county. The homeowners have also paid the required cost to have the road paved.

The Commissioner approved a Business License for Rent-A-Holic ENT, LLC, a cabin rental, located at 3416 Wolf Pen Gap Road and 179 Tritt Road in Suches. This is the only type of Business License issued in Union County for the purpose of collecting the Hotel/Motel Tax.

The Commissioner stated that thanks to Senator Gooch and GDOT, the county received a \$100,000 award of LMIG funds to be able to begin construction of a new road entering the Farmers Market from the red light at the intersection of Highway 515 and the Glen Gooch Bypass. Basically, the county will be doing the grading and they will pay for the paving of the entrance area. The hope is to be able to begin this project as soon as the weather breaks.

Commissioner Paris went on to state that the county is having an unusual problem with old dilapidated homes and/or homes that have a significant amount of garbage and/or trash visible around the home. The Commissioner has always been a proponent of property rights and trying not to tell folks what they can and cannot do with their property. This is a reason Union County does not have zoning. However, all of a sudden there is a problem county wide with people not caring for their property or homes. The problem is that they are in the process of ruining neighborhoods and negatively impacting all those around them.

The county is in the process of contacting other counties and cities to see what they are doing about the problem. The Commissioner said the county wants to be fair, but firm that they are not going to tolerate trash, garbage and junk being scattered around property with no regards to the


neighborhood. The county is asking those who have a problem to please begin cleaning it up. If a citizen knows someone who wants to clean up but cannot afford it, then let the county know and they will see about finding volunteers to assist. More information will be provided as the process moves along.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Jennifer Queen, County Clerk

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018

  
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Lamar Paris, Commissioner