

County Meeting
March 18, 2021 6:01pm
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lamar Paris at 6:01 pm. The invocation was given by Patrick Malone and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Walker. The minutes from the January 21, 2021 County Meeting and the February 18, 2021 County Meeting were approved as presented.

The Commissioner accepted the Firefighter Property Program (FFP) Cooperative Equipment Agreement and Procedures between the Georgia Forestry Commission and Union County Government. This is a five-year agreement. Administrative Fees will be \$100 per transaction for non-titled property and \$200 per transaction for titled property. The military often has surplus equipment that can be used by the Fire Department for fighting fires and emergency services and they want local fire departments to be able to use this equipment. This program is administered through the Georgia Forestry Commission. This same Agreement was entered into in January of 2020. Due to a change in leadership within the Georgia Forestry Commission the Agreement had to be re-executed.

Commissioner Paris accepted Resolution R-2021-04 to open a SPLOST 5 bank account which will be a separate non-interest-bearing account. This account will be with United Community Bank and will eventually replace the current SPLOST 4 account.

The Commissioner accepted a grant for Accountability Courts Supplemental State Funds for Enotah Mental Health Court in the amount of \$29,280. The grant period is from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Paris accepted a grant for Accountability Courts Supplemental State Funds for Enotah Mental Health Court in the amount of \$6,470. The grant period is from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

The Commissioner then accept an Amended Affidavit of Appointment of Elizabeth Stevens to the Union County Board of Elections for the term of February 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024. The Commissioner accepted an Affidavit of Appointment at the February 18, 2021 County Meeting and the end date of January 31, 2024 for the appointment was incorrect. So, this amended affidavit corrects the duration of the appointment from ending on January 31, 2024 to ending on December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Paris reminded attendees that appointments made to the Board of Elections are not all made by the Commissioner. The Board of Elections is a five-member board. The Democratic Party makes two appointments, the Republican Party makes two appointments, and the governing body makes one appointment. The state then requires that the governing body complete an Affidavit of Appointment for all appointees and submit this to the State. Supporting letters from the Democratic Party and the Republican Party are also submitted as proof that the county is basically ratifying the respective party's appointments to the Board of Elections.

The Commissioner appointed Carl Foutz to the Union County Board of Elections for the term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Mr. Foutz will be serving out the remaining unexpired term of Bill Parker.

Commissioner Paris appointed James Sterling Fitzgerald to the Union County Board of Elections for the term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023. Mr. Fitzgerald will be serving out the remaining unexpired term of Elizabeth Stevens as the appointee from the Democratic Party.

The Commissioner announced that due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict, the County Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:00pm is rescheduled to Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Commissioner Paris then approved the following two Business Licenses.

Thomson Rental located at 1615 Ridge Pointe.
Two Cedars House located at 27 Two Cedars Road.

The Commissioner then announced the County just held another mass vaccination clinic the previous day. Approximately 550 people were vaccinated. He is hopeful that our area will be able to continue to get more vaccines on a more regular basis. David Dyer, EMA Director, said that in Union County a little over 7,000 first doses had been given and a little over 5,000 second doses had been given.

Commissioner Paris stated there are a lot of projects going on in the county right now. Nothing big, but some smaller projects. The new bathroom facility is under construction at Meeks Park. This will be located beside the field where the Sorghum Festival is held each year. TVA provided some funding for this project. At the far end of the park the old pavilion next to the gazebo has been torn down and a new one is being built in its place. This was one of the oldest pavilions in the park and needed to be reconstructed. The size will be doubled, and it will be connected to the gazebo.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Mahan, County Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, _____

Lamar Paris, Commissioner