

TOWNS COUNTY

MINUTES

December 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM

These Minutes were approved at the Jan. 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

A regular county meeting was held on December 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the courtroom of the Towns County Courthouse.

I. Meeting Called to Order:

Commissioner Bradshaw called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

II: Presentation and Adoption of Agenda:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the agenda, it was amended to add the Called Meeting held on November 25, 2024, after this change it was adopted.

III: Presentation and Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 19, 2024, a Called Meeting held on November 25, 2024 and a Called Meeting held on December 5, 2024 were presented for approval and Commissioner Bradshaw approved and signed the same as presented.

IV: Presentation/Reports/Proclamations: Sid Turner with Sons of the American Revolution presented a certificate and metal for the EMS Technician Award to Terry Foreman. He has been a dedicated EMS employee since 2020.

V: Old Business: Approved Board of Education Homestead Exemption checks, none.

VI: New Business: Open Bids for Splashpad project, there were six bids: North Georgia Pools, Smith Aquatics, Water Splash, Inc., Aqua Design Systems, Inc., USA Construction and Dominica Recreation Products. Stuart Nichols Director of Towns County Recreation Department gave information on the Grant for \$316,000 that will be paid at 50%/50% therefore costing the County \$158,000.00, he has worked on this Grant for over two years. The bids will be tabled at this time until they can be reviewed and awarded at a Called Meeting in January 2025. Also included in this project is a pavilion with restrooms at the Pickleball Courts to eliminate the porta potties that we currently rent. We will use Inmate labor, and the grading will be done by our Road Department to save money on the project. Read and signed the budget amendment resolution: Revenue add to Sheriff Insurance Reimbursement \$8,577.16. Expenditures add to Sheriff vehicle repair \$8,577.16. This is due to money we received from our insurance company from an accident at the Sheriffs Department. See attached.

VII: Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Bradshaw stated we have received Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) Federal monies for the last two years, there are guidelines as to how this money is spent, it was revenue from last year, so it is listed as contingency use of funds. This table is attached, and the money will be used as appreciation pay giving full-time employees \$500, part-time\$250 and active volunteer firefighters \$100.00. This does not include Elected Officials. All employees will receive a \$1.00 raise and an additional \$1.00 raise after the first of the year, this \$1.00 increase for 2024 does not include the Sheriff's Department as they had previously received a raise in 2024, however they will receive the \$1.00 in 2025. We hope this increase will help maintain and attract new employees. We will be doing renovations to the Tax Commissioners Office, during COVID the hallways were blocked off eliminating access to a public restroom. We will be painting, adding new parking bumpers, carpet and a public restroom in the foyer. Commissioner Bradshaw congratulated Paramedic Terry Foreman on a job well done and bragged that our Paramedics are the best in the area. The Deputy who was shot is doing well. There will be a Budget Meeting on December 30,2024.

VIII: Public Questions and Comments: None

IX: Adjourn meeting.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Cliff Bradshaw, Sole Commissioner

Brenda McKinney, County Clerk

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| Contingency use of funds | 100-0000-38-9000 | 81,475.26 | |
| commissioner | 100-1300-51-1000 | | 500.00 |
| | 100-1300-51-2200 COMM PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 38.25 |
| elections | 100-1400-51-1000 SALARIES | | 1,250.00 |
| | 100-1400-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 95.62 |
| Adm | 100-1510-51-1000 SALARIES | | 5,000.00 |
| | 100-1510-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 382.49 |
| tax assess | 100-1545-51-1000 SALARIES | | 2,000.00 |
| | 100-1545-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 153.00 |
| tax comm | 100-1550-51-1000 SALARIES | | 2,000.00 |
| | 100-1550-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 153.00 |
| clerk of crt | 100-2180-51-1000 SALARIES | | 1,000.00 |
| | 100-2180-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 76.50 |
| probate | 100-2450-51-1000 SALARIES | | 750.00 |
| | 100-2450-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 57.37 |
| health & human | 100-5100-61-1000 transfer to daycare | | 500.00 |
| | 100-3300-51-1000 SALARIES | | 10,750.00 |
| sheriff | 100-3300-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 822.34 |
| | 100-3320-51-1000 RESOURCE OFFICER SALARY | | 1,500.00 |
| resource | 100-3320-51-2200 RESOURCE OFFICER PAYROLL TAXES | | 114.75 |
| | 100-3326-51-1000 SALARIES | | 9,500.00 |
| jail | 100-3326-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 726.75 |
| | 100-3360-51-1000 COURTHOUSE SEC SALARIES | | 1,000.00 |
| courthouse | 100-3360-51-2200 COURTHOUSE SEC PAYROLL TAXES | | 76.50 |
| | 100-3500-51-1000 SALARIES | | 5,800.00 |
| fire | 100-3500-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 481.92 |
| | 100-3600-51-1000 SALARIES | | 12,100.00 |
| ems | 100-3600-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 925.59 |
| | 100-3810-51-1000 SALARIES | | 500.00 |
| 911 map | 100-3810-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 38.25 |
| | 100-4200-51-1000 SALARIES | | 6,500.00 |
| road | 100-4200-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 497.25 |
| | 100-4510-51-1000 SALARIES | | 2,750.00 |
| transfer | 100-4510-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 210.37 |
| | 100-4550-51-1000 SALARIES | | 250.00 |
| recycle | 100-4550-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 19.12 |
| | 100-5540-51-1000 SALARIES | | 1,500.00 |
| transit | 100-5540-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 114.75 |
| | 100-6100-51-1000 SALARIES | | 3,750.00 |
| recreation | 100-6100-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 286.83 |
| | 100-6200-51-1000 SALARIES | | 500.00 |
| campground | 100-6200-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 38.25 |
| | 100-7220-51-1000 SALARIES | | 1,500.00 |
| build dept | 100-7220-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 114.75 |
| | 215-3800-51-1000 911 DISPATCH SALARIES | | 5,000.00 |
| 911 dis | 215-3800-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES (FICA) | | 382.49 |
| | 275-7520-51-1000 SALARY | | 250.00 |
| tourism | 275-7520-51-2200 PAYROLL TAXES(FICA) | | 19.12 |
| | | | 81,475.26 |

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING ALL BUDGET AMENDMENTS SET
FORTH IN ATTACHMENT ITEMS ON THIS DATE

WHEREAS, Georgia Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 (b), requires each unit of government to operate under an annual balanced budget adopted by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, in official opinion dated February 24, 1999, the Attorney General of the State of Georgia concluded that all amendments to the budgets of local government must be adopted by ordinance or resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Towns County Commissioner does hereby adopt all such budget amendments as outlined in the meeting agenda which are adopted by the Commissioner without change this date, as well as other such budget amendments as shall be specifically detailed in motions adopted by the Towns County Commissioner this date.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of December, 2024.


Cliff Bradshaw
Commissioner
Towns County


Clerk, Towns County

TOWNS COUNTY AGENDA
County Meeting
December 17, 2024
5:30 pm

- Meeting Called to Order
- Presentation and Adoption of Agenda
- Presentation and Adoption of Minutes
 - County meeting 11-19-2024
 - Called county meeting 12-5-2024
- Presentations/Reports/Proclamations
 - Sid Turner- Presentation to EMS employee from the Sons of the American Revolution
- Old Business
 - Approve Board of Education Homestead Exemption checks
- New Business
 - Open bids for Splashpad project
 - Read and sign budget amendment resolution
 - Revenues add to sheriff ins reimbursement 8,577.16
 - Expenditures add to sheriff vehicle repair 8,577.16
 - See attachment
- Commissioner's Comments
- Public Questions and Comments
- Adjourn meeting.

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