

TOWNS COUNTY

MINUTES

July 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

A regular county meeting was held on July 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. 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 Minutes:

- (a) The June 15, 2021 regular meeting Minutes were presented and approved.
- (b) The June 22, 2021 called County meeting Minutes were presented and approved.
- (c) The July 2, 2021 called County meeting Minutes were presented and approved.

III: Presentation and Adoption of Agenda:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the Agenda and adopted the same.

IV: Old Business. None

V: New Business:

(A) Sign renewal of the Contract with University of Georgia Board of Regents:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the Contract with UGA for the county extension office. Commissioner Bradshaw approved and signed the same as presented.

(B) Sign Agreement between Towns County, Towns County Sheriff and Towns County Board of Education for the School Resource Officers:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the Agreement between the County, the Sheriff and Board of Education regarding the School Resource Officers and approved and signed the same as presented.

(C) Sign Agreement between Towns County, Towns County Board of Election and Registration, and City of Hiawassee to conduct the City of Hiawassee elections:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the agreement between Towns County, Board of Elections and City of Hiawassee, for the County to conduct the City of Hiawassee elections and approved and signed the same as presented.

(D) Sign the Local Share Commitment letter for Legacy Link:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the commitment letter to Legacy Link in the amount of \$12,450 for local share monies requested from each county they serve as match to draw down the Federal and State monies for administration and coordination of employment and training of older workers and volunteer program, and continue wellness programs, kinship care, and medicare prescription assistance. Commissioner Bradshaw approved and signed the letter as presented.

(E) Read and Sign Budget Amendment Resolution:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department and Andrea Anderson, Finance Director, read the amendment as follows:

Revenue: Add \$30,450 to Sheriff Dept. Sale of Surplus Equipment

Expenditures: Add \$83,950 to Sheriff Dept. Capital Expenditures
 Remove \$53,500 from Public Safety Service Detail Crew

Commissioner Bradshaw approved the amendment and signed the same.

(VI) Reports and Presentations

Commissioners Report: Commissioner Bradshaw reported the County is getting quotes on the Recreation Complex floor regarding replacing tiles, and will report during next meeting the results of the quotes received.

Regarding the courthouse renovation, we are still going over the project, making changes, and all elected officials have looked at the new plans, and we will have the plans signed off soon. We may move into the old Recreation Gym, which has lots of parking, during the renovation and we will use detainee labor for the move. The Architects are coming up with drawings for the cubicles etc and how they will be laid out.

Part of the money Towns County received from the American Rescue Plan Act was distributed to employees via paper payroll checks on July 9, 2021 in one lump sum of \$2,000 each for full time employees and \$1,000 each for part time employees who are working during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

- (A) **EMS Ferno stretcher demonstration:** EMT Jim Shirley gave a demonstration on how the new Ferno stretcher operates, including the lighting system. Commissioner Bradshaw presented a price quote from Ferno for two (2) new stretchers in the amount of \$59,499.09, which was approved and signed.
- (B) Commissioner Bradshaw signed a Proclamation proclaiming Towns County as a Purple Heart County, and Mr. Ryan McPherson, of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, spoke briefly regarding support for all Purple Heart recipients.
- (C) County Attorney Robb Kiker gave a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act funds that Towns County has received and how we can spend the funds: HVAC system in the new courthouse, enhancement of court facilities, including IT and internet, jail procedures to protect employees and


persons in jail, and Mr. Kiker will be presenting to Commissioner Bradshaw a report on how we can correctly spend the funds and prepare us in the event we have another pandemic.

(VII) Public Questions and Comments:

There was a discussion of the concerns raised by some of the Hamilton Garden members about the inability of the Gardens' members and Georgia Mountain Fair to reach an agreement regarding the right to maintain the gardens at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. County Attorney Rob Kiker answered their concerns.

(VIII) Adjourn meeting.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Cliff Bradshaw



Linda Hedden, County Clerk

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AGENDA
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 - b. June 22, 2021 called county meeting
 - c. July 2, 2021 called county meeting
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- IV. Old Business
 - NONE
- V. New Business
 - A. Sign renewal of the Towns County Contract with University of Georgia Board of Regents for the Extension Office Service- County Agent
 - B. Agreement between Towns County, the Towns County Sheriff and the Towns County Board of Education for the School Resource Officers
 - C. Agreement between Towns County, Towns County Board of Election and Registration, and the City of Hiawassee to Conduct the City of Hiawassee election(s).
 - D. Sign the Local Share Commitment Letter for Legacy Link for the services at the Senior Center
 - E. Read and Sign Budget Amendment Resolution for the following:
 - Revenues- Add \$30,450 to 100-0000-37-1004 Sale of surplus equipment-sheriff
 - Expenditures- Add ~~\$83,900~~^{83,950} to 100-3300-54-2000 Sheriff Capital Expenditures
 - Take \$53,500 from 100-3100-52-3981 Public Safety Service Detail Crew
- VI. Reports and Presentations
 - A. EMS Ferno stretcher demonstration
 - 1. Sign Ferno stretcher price quote
 - B. Ryan McPherson- Purple Heart Proclamation
 - C. County Attorney Robb Kiker Report
- VII. Public Questions and Comments
- VIII. Adjourn meeting

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