

TOWNS COUNTY

MINUTES

September 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM

(Approved at the October 14th meeting)

A regular county meeting was held on September 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 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2024 were presented for approval and Commissioner Bradshaw approved and signed the same as presented.

III: Presentation and Adoption of Agenda:

Commissioner Bradshaw presented the agenda, and it was adopted.

IV: Presentation/Reports/Proclamations: Jerry Taylor and Tyler Osborn from the Historical Society presented a picture reproduction of the quilt displayed at the Towns County School depicting the history of the County in each quilt square. This picture will be displayed in the new Courthouse.

V: Old Business: Approved Board of Education Homestead Exemption checks.

VI: New Business: Correct Right of Way Deed for The Preserve at Crooked Creek Subdivision. Signed Budget Amendment Resolution amending the 2024 Budget as Follows: See the attached tables. Increased the training stipend for the Towns County Tax Assessors Board members from \$75.00 to \$125 per day. Signed the renewal for the Veterans Memorial Park Lease with the Towns County Board of Education for ten years. Signed the Final Change Order #2 for the Courthouse Addition/Renovation contract with Reeves Young reducing the GMP to \$10,292,136.00.

VII: Commissioner's Report: The Rec Department will accept sealed bids September 19th at 5:30 for the building materials used at the old Rec Building and excess office furniture. The building will be used for Historical Society, CASA, North Georgia GED classes and AVITA after the floors are stripped and redone. We will be replacing the lobby floors at Foster Park. Commissioner Bradshaw asked Terry Conner to speak concerning violations to building permits. People from Enchanted Valley have not obtained permits for storage buildings, and we feel their private sewer system is over capacity. If this septic system does not function properly, it is a concern to our river, lake, our water supply and our economy. This is why we extended the moratorium. Our County Attorney is working with the HOA's attorney concerning these violations. Conner stated that people continue to violate the Mountain Protection Zone and our Building Codes, he gave examples of a garage built over the power right of way. On Fodder Creek an outbuilding was constructed on the neighbor's property. A

person was buying a house that had no permits issued when they needed a copy for the insurance company. People have been caught trying to convert storage buildings to rentals with no septic or building permits. This leaves the residence with no information in the 911 system should they need help.

VIII: Public Questions and Comments: Various questions and discussion on the possibility of the building codes being amended concerning outbuildings.

IX: Adjourn meeting.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Cliff Bradshaw, Sole Commissioner

Brenda McKinney, County Clerk