

TOWNS COUNTY

MINUTES

January 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM

These Minutes were approved at the February 18, 2025 Meeting.

A regular county meeting was held on January 21, 2025, 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, and it was adopted.

III: Presentation and Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 19, 2024, a Called Meeting held on December 17, 2024, and a Called Meeting held on December 30, 2024 were presented for approval and Commissioner Bradshaw approved and signed the same as presented.

IV: Presentation/Reports/Proclamations: Callie Moore with Mountain True presented the 10 Year Volunteer Plaque to Noel Turner. Mr. Turner has monitored the Upper Hiawasse River where it flows into Lake Chatuge since 2014 and has collected over one hundred samples.

V: Old Business: Approved Board of Education Homestead Exemption checks, none. Awarded the Splash Pad Bid to Smith Aquatics. They had the lowest bid and covered everything we needed for the project; they also drove up from Atlanta to take pictures of the proposed project.

VI: New Business: Approved Resolution for the disbursement of the Opioid Settlement Fund. County Attorney Rob Kiker explained the Settlement from the Manufacture's and the ill effect the opioid crisis has had on the Judicial system. There are extremely strict guidelines on how the money can be spent. Enotah Judicial Circuit Youth Focus Program through Towns County Sheriff's Office CHAMPS Program will receive \$14,200.00 for programs to prevent drug misuse. Enotah Circuit Accountability Courts will receive \$16,815.00 for drug screening. AVITA will receive \$15,000.00 for drug treatment. Marty Roberts EMA Director gave information on the \$5,500 the County has spent on Narcan. It is available at all County offices, Young Harris College, Sheriff Department and all Sheriff Department vehicles, Jail and Fire Department. He reported two cases of individuals who were not breathing and non-responsive during CPR, their lives were saved after having Narcan administered by our 911 Paramedics.

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VII: Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Bradshaw introduced Ralph Robinson from Local Channel 4 who is present to record our first televised County Meeting. It will air every Friday at 7:00PM on Local TV4 Roku and Amazon Fire TVlocaltv4.com and ETC Cable Chennel 402. Commissioner Bradshaw thanked the Road Department for all their hard work during the snow and ice. They worked late hours each evening and Saturday and Sunday to clear our roads. We have ordered 30 more pair of chains for their tires and 25 tons of salt.

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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TOWNS COUNTY AGENDA

County Meeting

January 21, 2025

5:30 pm

- Meeting Called to Order
- Presentation and Adoption of Agenda
- Presentation and Adoption of Minutes
 - County meeting 12-17-2024 called
 - Regular county meeting 12-19-2024
 - County meeting 12-30-2024 called
- Presentations/Reports/Proclamations
 - Callie Moore with Mountain True presents 10 year Volunteer service plaque
- Old Business
 - Approve Board of Education Homestead Exemption checks
 - Award Splashpad Bid
- New Business
 - Approve resolution for disbursements of Opioid Settlement Funds
- Commissioner's Comments
- Public Questions and Comments
- Adjourn meeting.

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MANAGEMENT · CONSULTING · EQUIPMENT



TOWNS COUNTY PARK SPLASH PAD

DECEMBER 11, 2024

PREPARED FOR:

Towns County

48 River Street, Suite B

Hiawassee, GA 30546



MANAGEMENT · CONSULTING · EQUIPMENT

Towns County

THIS AGREEMENT between SMITH AQUATICS, INC. (the "Company") and Towns County (the "Customer") is for work to be performed by Company at Customer's location. Please initial to approve an item and strike through if an item is not approved.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE PROVIDED

- Company will provide all labor and equipment to remove concrete as needed in area approved for new Splash Pad. The area quoted is approximately 1,860 sqft.
- Company will Provide and Install New Control box to house valves and equipment in area marked on diagram.
- Company will provide and install new manifold valve system for new water features.
- Company will remove area of concrete from New Control Box to the splash pad area to install new PVC schedule 40 piping for each individual feature.
- Company will install new modular block wall that is approximately ninety (90) feet long along side of splash pad near beach.
- Company will install new fence to top of new wall. Fence to meet proper local building codes.
- Company will backfill and grade new area for splash pad.
- Company will install new 3000psi concrete with rebar and 6x6 wire mesh. Concrete will be sloped to drain in middle of splash pad for proper drainage. New surface will be brushed concrete. Rubber surfacing is available at an additional cost.
- Company will install 6 new water features including 1 "water umbrella", 1 "flower shower", 1 "fire hydrant", 1 "dumping bucket with 2 buckets", and 4 floor sprays. Details of features and colors are included in bidding documents.
- Company will connect drain box(s) to 4" minimum PVC pipe to be run out to area near lake as indicated in diagram.
- Customer to provide water connection that is to be used for splash pad water supply. Details will need to be provided on connection type.
- Customer will provide all permits and approvals for water and drain water.
- Customer will provide power to new Control Box.

Total Cost for New Splash Pad

\$138,585.00

WARRANTY. If a problem develops during the warranty period, Customer shall promptly notify Company after first discovering the condition. Company will have sole discretion regarding repair or replacement. To be covered, the problem must be observable before the warranty period expires. Warranty period is one (1) year from project completion.

LIMITATIONS AND LIABILITY. Company shall perform all work in a good and workmanlike manner. Equipment and parts provided by Company shall be new and purchased from a reputable supplier. Company shall not be held liable for, and Customer agrees to indemnify and hold Company harmless from any claims resulting from, any damages resulting from weather, flooding, hydrostatic conditions, hydrostatic lifting, defective workmanship or design by others, faulty equipment installed by others or mechanical failure of equipment or parts installed by others. Company has no duties with regard to pool or facilities other than those explicitly stated herein.

GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia

STRICT COMPLIANCE. No failure of Company to exercise any power or right granted hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance by Customer with its obligations and duty hereunder shall constitute a waiver of Company's right to demand strict compliance with the provisions hereof at any time.

TIME OF ESSENCE. Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT, MODIFICATION, BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior agreements, understandings or negotiations, written or oral. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing, signed by both parties hereto. This Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the Customer and Company and to their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

ATTORNEYS FEES. In the event of any legal proceeding or arbitration between the parties, each party shall be responsible for paying its own attorney's fees, except when such fees are related to the collection of payments due.

PAYMENTS. Payment shall be made as follows:

- 35% Down – Payment due upon signing
- 35% Payment Due upon Delivery of All Equipment to Job Site
- Balance due Net 10 upon completion and billing
- Prices and conditions of the work listed in this proposal are effective for 30 days from proposal date and may be withdrawn by Company after this date.

Payments due C.O.D. dates indicated or dates of execution. Any payments not made on or within ten (10) days after the due date thereof shall be subject to a delinquent payment fee of 1 1/2% per month or portions of any months. In the event that the Company is obligated to file suit or lien to recover payment of any sums under this Agreement, Customer agrees to bear all reasonable costs of attorney fees.

Prices are for work as specified and under normal conditions. Prices do not include extra work required to correct problems caused by special conditions, such as hitting rock, water, debris, or by deterioration, or poor condition of items not specified for repair below, or damage done as a result of demolition necessary to complete work.

ACCEPTANCE: Acceptance of this Agreement by Customer and Company through signatures below will constitute a contract entered into in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions and addenda attached hereto.

SMITH AQUATICS, INC.



Customer / Authorized Agent

Date: _____

1-21-2025

TOWNS COUNTY
Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b) (1)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of Towns County has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

E-VERIFY NUMBER: 2060039

AUTHORIZATION DATE: 1/17/2023

CONTRACTOR NAME: SMITH AQUATICS, INC.

CONTRACTOR ADDRESS: 2124 Oakawana Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30345

NAME OF PUBLIC EMPLOYER: Towns County Government

NAME OF PROJECT: Towns County Splash Pad

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 2024 in Atlanta (city), GA (state).



Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent
Kelly Smith / CFO

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF December, 2024.



NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Exp
Oct. 22, 2027

ERICK HUEZO RIVERA
NOTARY PUBLIC
Gwinnett County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires Oct. 22, 2027

NOTARIAL PUBLIC STATE OF GEORGIA

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was duly executed by the parties named herein in and to the effect therein expressed on the date and at the place therein stated.

PROPERTY NUMBER: 2000039
INSTRUMENT DATE: 12/23/23
INSTRUMENT TYPE: SPLIT ACQUISITION
CONTRACTOR ADDRESS: 1000 GARDNER DR SW ATLANTA GA 30308
NAME OF PUBLIC ENTITY: Town of Peachtree
NAME OF PUBLIC ENTITY: Town of Peachtree

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
I declare under oath in English.

Signature of Notary Public
Notary Public
Print Name and Title of Notary Public or Agent
SUBSCRIBE AND SIGN BELOW FOR
THE TITLE OF OFFICE

ERICK HUEZO RIVERA
NOTARY PUBLIC
Gwinnett County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires Oct. 28, 2025

ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Deliver To:
Fund Committee

Towns County

Opioid Grant Fund Application

Section I: Applicant Information:

Agency/Department: Towns County Sheriff's Office

Specific program/project to be funded: Champs

Section II: Eligibility

Criteria 1:

- Drug abuse treatment program
- Drug abuse education program
- Alcohol abuse treatment program
- Alcohol abuse education program
- Drug Court division established under O.C.G.A. 15-1-15

Section III: Program/Project Information

Please provide a brief Program/Project description, including expected outcomes (attach additional documents if necessary).

School based or youth focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness and preventing drug misuse, and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.

Number of participants: 75

Cost of program: \$14,200

Is participation in this program court-ordered or directed? Yes No

Impact to program if Funds are not awarded: It would be suspended

Is this program/project offered by any other agency/department in the Enotah Judicial Circuit?



Yes No

If yes, who? White County

Section IV: Budget

Total Amount of Funds requested: \$ 14,200⁰⁰

Provide details of how requested funds will be expended.

Costs: List items (substance abuse assessments, treatment, drug screens, surveillance, contractors) necessary to implement the program/activity. Include per item cost and total number of items to be purchased.

Description	Computation	Cost
Champs Inst. Training	2-5205	2,500.00
Champs Costume	Events	2,000.00
Shirts 3 Bags	For Graduation	2,000.00
Workbooks 3 Per+books		700.00
Training Supplies	Posters, Displays, Software, Videos	7,000.00
	Sub-Total	14,200.00

Section V: Verification and acknowledgement of application

I hereby acknowledge the established criteria for funding and verify the information provided on this application.

Person completing application: Donnie Jarrard (print name)

Donnie Jarrard (signature)

706-896-4444 (telephone #)

1-6-2025 (date)

Agency/Department Head: Captain John McCoy (print name)

[Signature] (signature)

706-994-3575 (telephone #)

1-6-2025 (date)

ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**Deliver To:
Fund Committee**

Towns County

Opioid Grant Fund Application

Section I: Applicant Information:

Agency/Department: Enotah Circuit Accountability Courts

Specific program/project to be funded: Enotah STAR Court, Enotah Family Treatment Court, South Enotah Drug Court, and North Enotah Drug Court.

Section II: Eligibility

Criteria 1:

- Drug abuse treatment program
- Drug abuse education program
- Alcohol abuse treatment program
- Alcohol abuse education program
- Drug Court division established under O.C.G.A. 15-1-15

Section III: Program/Project Information

Please provide a brief Program/Project description, including expected outcomes (attach additional documents if necessary).

One of the functions of this program is to treat opioid use disorder by supporting evidence based services that adhere to the ASAM continuum of care or OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH Conditions.

Number of participants: **86**

Cost of program: **\$1,019,084.00**

Is participation in this program court-ordered or directed? Yes No

Impact to program if Funds are not awarded: The Accountability Courts would not be able to make the required 15% cash match

Is this program/project offered by any other agency/department in the Enotah Judicial Circuit?

Yes No

If yes, who? _____

Section IV: Budget

Total Amount of Funds requested: \$ 16,815

Provide details of how requested funds will be expended.

Costs: List items (substance abuse assessments, treatment, drug screens, surveillance, contractors) necessary to implement the program/activity. Include per item cost and total number of items to be purchased.

Description	Computation	Cost
TREATMENT, DRUG		
SCREENING, DRUG		
SCREENS,		\$16,815
	Sub-Total	\$16,815

Section V: Verification and acknowledgement of application

I hereby acknowledge the established criteria for funding and verify the information provided on this application.

Person completing application: MAGDALENE MCDONALD (print name)

 (signature)

706-482-2688 (telephone #)

1/16/2025 (date)

Agency/Department Head: _____ (print name)

_____ (signature)

_____ (telephone #)

_____ (date)



January 6, 2025

Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw
Towns County
48 River Street, Suite B
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

Re: Opioid Settlement Funds Request

Dear Commissioner Bradshaw,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware, the opioid epidemic continues to have a profound impact on our community. To combat increasing addiction and overdose mortality rates, Georgia secured \$638 million from settlements with major pharmaceutical entities and an additional \$13 million from McKinsey & Company to expand treatment, public awareness, and medication assisted treatment.

As you know, Avita Community Partners (Avita) provides critical behavioral health services for 13 counties in Georgia's behavioral health Region 1. From 2018 to 2022, Region 1 had the **highest opioid death rate of any region**. During these 5 years there was a 100% increase in opioid-related deaths.¹

The need for accessible, high-quality treatment services has never been more urgent. Avita was grant awarded \$345,856 from the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust to establish a men's semi-independent residential treatment program and a substance abuse intensive outpatient program (SAIOP). Currently, Region 1 has one semi-independent residential programs, and zero intensive programs.

Unfortunately, the awarded grant funding is \$150,000 short of what is needed to make these programs a reality. I am writing to formally request a commitment of \$15,000 from your county's Opioid Settlement funds to fully endow our project. Rabun County has generously pledged their support; I hope your county will join them in a **one-time** commitment.

We are confident that with appropriate funding these evidence-based treatments will effectively reduce opioid addiction. Avita will work closely with counties, the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission, and the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust to ensure long-term success.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. I would be happy to provide any additional information or meet with you to discuss this proposal further. Please feel free to contact me at (404) 274-1027 or michael.foust@avitapartners.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Foust", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Foust
Chief Administrative Officer

CC: Rachel Mathis, Avita's Representative from Towns County

1. Opioid Use Disorder Continuum of Care Region 1 Assessment Report

A small version of the Avita logo graphic, consisting of a cluster of grey squares of varying sizes, arranged in a roughly triangular shape pointing to the right.

(800) 525-8751 toll-free
(678) 513-5830 fax
www.avitapartners.org

4331 Thurmond Tanner Parkway
Flowerly Branch, GA 30542

Opioid Funding Request for one time project for Avita

From: Hariah H. Hutkowski (hariah.hutkowski@avitapartners.org)

To: bradshawcommissioner@yahoo.com; tccommissioner@yahoo.com

Cc: michael.foust@avitapartners.org; msrwmjdm@att.net

Date: Monday, January 6, 2025 at 01:40 PM EST

Commissioner Bradshaw,

Greetings and Happy New Year! Please find attached a letter from our CAO regarding a request of your county's opioid funds.

Our COA, Michael Foust, hopes to talk with and/or meet with you in the near future regarding this and to introduce himself.

Feel free to share some available times to meet with Michael through myself or email or call him directly.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hariah Hutkowski
Executive Assistant, Avita Community Partners
4331 Thurmon Tanner Pkwy
Flowery Branch, GA 30542
(O) 678.513.5748 (Cell) 470.660.7051



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Towns County Funding Request for Opioid Project.pdf
418.6kB

financedirector@townscountyga.com

From: Ralph Robinson <rrobinson@localtv4.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 1:32 PM
To: financedirector@townscountyga.com
Subject: Re: contact information

Hi Andrea!

Looks like we have you guys a 7:00 pm Friday timeslot!
How to find Local TV 4? We are on.....

Rokujust search Local TV 4 Murphy and look for our logo
Amazon Fire TV.....just search Local TV 4 and look for our logo
Our Website atlocaltv4.com
ETC Cable Channel in Ellijay ga.Channel 402

Station Number is 828-837-0787
My Cell is 828-361-0747

I will also be bringing you some cards that they can scan the back of and go right to the channel link to watch. Your Program will air every Friday at 7:00 pm on ANY of the outlets above!

I'll see you soon and don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you and have a GREAT weekend!

Ralph

On Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 4:49 PM <financedirector@townscountyga.com> wrote:

It was nice meeting you today and I look forward to working with you.

The mailing address for invoices and discs is:

Towns County Commissioner

48 River Street

Suite B

Hiawassee, GA 30546

TOWNS COUNTY
MINUTES
CALLED COUNTY MEETING
February 7, 2025
10:00 AM

These Minutes were approved at the February 18, 2025 Meeting.

A Called County Meeting was held on February 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Towns County Commissioners Office Conference Room.

Commissioner Bradshaw called the meeting to order: There was no old business.

New Business: Update the Towns County Transit Maintenance Plan and Schedule. Laura Edge, Transit Director was presented and explained that the transit vans need to be replaced every five years or when the vehicle reaches 250,000 miles. This document is on file at the Transit Office where Laura is the overseer.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

Cliff Bradshaw, Commissioner

Brenda McKinney, County Clerk

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NOTICE OF CALLED COUNTY MEETING

**TOWNS COUNTY WILL HOLD A CALLED COUNTY MEETING ON
Friday February 7, 2025 at 10AM at the Towns County Courthouse located at 48
River Street, Hiawassee, GA 30546 for the following:**

TOWNS COUNTY AGENDA Called County Meeting February 7, 2025 10:00AM

I. Meeting Called to Order

II. Old Business

III. New Business

- Update the Towns County Transit Maintenance Plan and Schedule

IV. Adjourn meeting.

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