

TOWNS COUNTY

MINUTES

August 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM

A Regular County Meeting was held on August 19, 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 as read.

III: Presentation and Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 15, 2025, and a Called Meeting on August 1, 2025 were presented for approval and Commissioner Bradshaw approved and signed the same as presented.

IV: Presentation/Reports/Proclamations:

V: Old Business: None

VI: New Business: Signed a Resolution opening a checking account at United Community Bank for the Opioid Settlement Funds. This will help track the funds by having their own account.

VII: Commissioner's Report: We are working on next year's budget. The Health Department needs a new roof, and we will be building a 40 x 40 ft two-bay metal building to house two fire trucks located at the East Fire Station, next to the school. This will give quicker response for fire trucks. The pavilion at the Rec Department Pickle Ball complex is just about complete, the columns need to be rocked, and the inmates will do the paint and staining. The refund checks for the out-buildings fees have concluded per Mr. Bill Kendall wishes. Mr. Bradshaw invited everyone to attend the 911 Ceremony to be held at 9:45 AM on the Town Square to honor those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001.

VIII: Public Questions and Comments:

IX: Adjourn meeting.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.



Cliff Bradshaw, Sole Commissioner



Brenda McKinney, County Clerk

TOWNS COUNTY AGENDA

County Meeting

August 19, 2025

5:30 pm

- Meeting Called to Order
- Presentation and Adoption of Agenda
- Presentation and Adoption of Minutes
 - County Meeting 7-15-2025
 - Called Meeting 8-1-2025
- Presentations/Reports/Proclamations
- Old Business
 - NONE
- New Business
 - Sign resolution opening a checking account at UCB for Opioid Settlement Funds
- Commissioner's Comments
- Public Questions and Comments
- Adjourn meeting.

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Resolution Authorizing the Opening of a Checking Account for Opioid Settlement Funds

Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Towns County, Georgia

Whereas

- The County of Towns, Georgia, has received funds through settlement agreements related to opioid litigation.
- Opioid Settlement Funds must be managed in line with those agreements, supporting prevention, treatment, recovery, education, and abatement of the opioid crisis.
- Transparent and responsible fund management is essential to maintain public trust and ensure proper use.
- Establishing a dedicated checking account at United Community Bank will help ensure efficient tracking, auditing, and reporting, though it is not legally required.
- Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw, as Sole Commissioner, is authorized to oversee and manage this account.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved

- The Sole Commissioner authorizes the opening of a checking account at United Community Bank, titled “Towns County Opioid Settlement Fund Account,” to receive, deposit, and manage all related funds, keeping them separate from other county assets.
- The Sole Commissioner may designate signatories, establish banking access, and take actions necessary to manage the account according to county policies and legal requirements.
- The Finance Department will maintain thorough records of all transactions, subject to public inspection, and ensure regular reconciliations and reporting for compliance with settlement terms.
- All expenditures must be approved per settlement agreements and applicable laws, and any changes in requirements will prompt updates to this resolution.

Further Provisions

- This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption and remains in force until amended or rescinded.
- The Sole Commissioner reserves the right to audit the account and provide public access to reports subject to Georgia's Open Records Act.
- No settlement funds may be commingled with general county funds or used for unauthorized purposes; interest earned will remain in the account for opioid abatement unless otherwise directed.

Implementation

- Commissioner Bradshaw will coordinate with county finance staff and United Community Bank to establish the account.
- Internal management procedures—including documentation, expenditure authorization, and reporting—will be created and made available for public review if requested.
- All uses of the funds will be reviewed to align with settlement purposes, such as public health, treatment and recovery programs, education, law enforcement, and partnerships with local service providers.

So resolved this 19 day of August, 2025.

 Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw	
Attested By:  County Clerk, Brenda McKinney	

