

TOWNS COUNTY
MINUTES
CALLED COUNTY MEETING
November 25, 2024
10:00 AM

These Minutes were approved at the Dec. 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

A called county meeting was held on November 25 ,2024 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Conference Room in the Towns County Courthouse for the purpose of signing contracts with AXON and Fout Bros. Notice of the called meeting was posted as required by law. In attendance were Commissioner Bradshaw, Fire Chief Harold Copeland, Sheriff Kenenth Henderson, Colonel Gene Moss, Andrea Anderson Finance Director and Brenda McKinney County Clerk.

Commissioner Bradshaw called the meeting to order:

The contract with AXON is for body cameras and tasers. The current ones are out of date and the parts are obsolete and the company will not stand behind them. They are the sole provider for this equipment therefore there is no bid process. Commissioner Bradshaw called and told them since we are paying in full, we expect a discount, and they lowered the price by \$22,000.00 from the original quote. The cost is \$329,484.62 for 30 body cameras and 32 tasers which will be paid for out of the SPLOST fund. The new Taser 10 will work up to 45 feet and include training and ongoing service. If the equipment is damaged in the line of duty, it will be replaced at no cost under warranty. When the taser is pulled out of the holster the body camera automatically starts recording. The footage is backed up by the Cloud and will be helpful to the DA to justify the use of force.

The contract with Fout Bros. is for a new fire truck with a capacity of 2,000 gallons, which is twice the amount of our current trucks. Fire Chief Copeland was able to find this truck in Texas and was told the contract had to be signed ASAP or the truck would be gone before the next County meeting. The cost is \$399,065 which will be paid out of SPLOST. There is a \$100,000 excess in the budget that has built up and will be applied to the total cost.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Cliff Bradshaw, Sole Commissioner

Brenda McKinney County Clerk