

County Meeting
January 16, 2025, 6:00pm
Summary Minutes
Summary of Action
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Harold Collins at 6:01 pm. The invocation was given by Fire Chief, David Dyer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Walker. The minutes from the December 19, 2024 County Meeting were approved as presented.

Summary of actions:

1. Mr. Sid Turner from the Sons of the American Revolution presented awards to Firefighters and Sheriff's Deputies.
2. Commissioner Collins adopted the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
3. The Commissioner approved an Affidavit of Appointment of Elizabeth Stevens to the Union County Board of Elections for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.
4. Commissioner Collins accepted an agreement between Union County and the Blairsville/Union County Chamber of Commerce for the distribution of 40% of funds received from the Hotel-Motel Excise Tax. This agreement is effective from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
5. The Commissioner accepted an agreement amendment between CorrectHealth Union, LLC and Union County for inmate health services at the Union County Jail. This is a renewal of a 12-month contract effective January 1, 2025 for a contract total of \$192,431.60.
6. Commissioner Collins approved Business Licenses issued in Union County from December 16, 2024 to January 15, 2025 for the purpose of operating a Short-term Rental in Union County.
7. The Commissioner accepted Accountability Courts Grant number K25-8-014 for Local Law Enforcement in the amount of \$5,135 with the grant period being from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.
8. Commissioner Collins accepted a Lease Agreement between Union County Hospital Authority and Union County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia for the 2.0 acres of real property and the facility as shown in Deed Book 189, page 584 with the address of 683 Ledford Road, Blairsville, GA 30512. The cost of this lease is \$1.00 per year with an effective date of January 1, 2025.
9. The Commissioner accepted a Lease Agreement between Medlink, Georgia, Inc. and Union County for the use of the commercial building and premises located at 56 Firewater Lane, Suches, Georgia in the amount of \$100.00 per month. The duration of this lease is from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
10. Mr. William Mercer, Assistant County Attorney, conducted the 1st Reading of the revisions to Chapter 18, Article IV, Division 2, Section 18-105 of the Union County Code of Ordinances related to the construction board of adjustment and appeals.

11. Commissioner Collins adopted Resolution R-2025-01 re-appointing Dr. Elizabeth Wiles to the Union County Board of Health for a term of six years set to begin on January 1, 2025 and expire on December 31, 2030.
12. The Commissioner adopted Resolution R-2025-02 re-appointing William Stone to the Union County Board of Health for a term of six years set to begin on January 1, 2025 and expire on December 31, 2030.
13. Commissioner Collins adopted Resolution R-2025-03 to adopt an emergency moratorium on all applications for variances under Chapter 18, Article IV, Division 2, Section 18-105 for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days.
14. The Commissioner adopted Resolution R-2025-04 removing Courtney Waller from the Union County Development Authority Board of Directors effective January 16, 2025 and appointing Wesley Hopgood on said board. Mr. Hopgood's appointment will be from January 16, 2025 to December 30, 2028.
15. County Manager, Tony Hughes, provided an update on county operations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:34 pm.