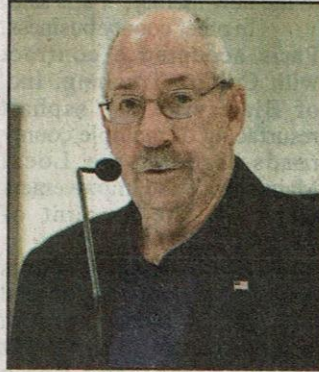


Paris approves gun range contract, roundabout grant

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Nearly five years on from the initial effort to secure a local gun range, a contract to build the Union County Shooting Range was officially awarded to Milestone Construction, LLC in the June 16 monthly meeting of Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris.

The Union County Gun Club formed in July 2017 to kick start the search for a location within the county to host a shooting range, and the project faced a number of hurdles over the years before finally gaining



Lamar Paris
Sole Commissioner

approval and funding.

"I hereby approve this notice of award for a contract

dated June 16, 2022, for construction of the Union County Gun Range Project to Milestone Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$3.78 million," Paris said. "The only other bid was from Charles Black Construction Company in the amount of \$4.894 million.

"Approximately 90% of this bid price will be paid by grant funds, thank goodness. We hope this project can begin sometime in September."

So, the Union County Shooting Range is finally ready for the kickoff and, if all goes according to plan, the Athens-based general contractor should complete construction in 2023.