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Short-Term Rental Ordinance public hearing set for Dec. 5
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Among other business that evening, Paris also provided an update on the Union County Shooting Range after accepting a \$42,950 agreement with Geo-Hydro Engineers Inc. for "construction materials testing and special inspection services" at the range.

"We got held up about three months because of some kind of bat that might be out there," Paris said regarding the construction timeline for the range. "They didn't see the bat, but there was a possibility that during (a) two-month period, the bat might show up. The bat never showed up, but for two months, we couldn't get anything (done)."

"Then, after the two-month period, the Forest Service...came back, and the county had to go mark the trees that were going to be cut---not many of them---for doing the project so that they could come back and figure out the charge to the county for the trees."

"So, we staked it, marked the trees...and the (Forest Service) guys came back and said, 'some of the trees are in a stream buffer.' (which) somehow the engineer must have missed in his survey, so that put everything on stop for about another month."

"Once that hurdle was cleared about two weeks ago," Paris said "the Forest Service identified another issue regarding the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC installing power to the site, especially in light of recent major wildfires out West."

"Our EMC didn't have the kind of insurance that they wanted, so we're having to get that adjusted now...but we're still making progress, and we're still hoping that this is the year that it will finally get done," he said.