

**UPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**6:00 P.M. – Regular Commission Meeting**  
**City/County Meeting Room – January 23, 2018**

**Attendance:** Chairman Allen, Commissioner Spraggins, J. Ellington, Commissioner Wilder, Commissioner R. Ellington, Attorney Heath English and County Clerk Jessica Jones

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Chairman Norman Allen
  
- II. INVOCATION  
Rev. Mike Birdsong
  
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made approve the minutes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Spraggins                      **Second:** Commissioner J. Ellington

Commissioner J. Ellington – Yes                      Commissioner R. Ellington – Yes  
 Commissioner Wilder – Yes                      Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
 Chairman Allen - Yes

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
There were no public comments.

- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discussion of County Management Plan  
 Chairman Allen stated that the board had already reviewed the contract for Interim County Manager.  
 A motion was made to approve the contract to hire, Mr. Billy Beckett as Interim County Manager.

**Motion:** Commissioner Spraggins                      **Second:** Commissioner R. Ellington

Commissioner J. Ellington – Yes                      Commissioner R. Ellington – Yes  
 Commissioner Wilder – Yes                      Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
 Chairman Allen – Yes

- b. Approval of Qualifying Fees

Officials	QUALIFYING FEE Base Salary times 3%
Commissioner	\$270.00
Board of Education	46.50

**Thomaston-Upson County Schools**

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Maggie Shook, Ed.D.  
*Superintendent*  
Mike Gatlin, Ed.D.  
*Deputy Superintendent*  
Larry Derico, Ed.D.  
*Assistant Superintendent*

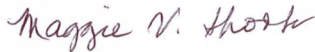
Keith Rohling, *Board Chair*  
Jacqueline Hollis, *Vice-Chair*  
Jaye Eubanks  
Leon Fowler  
Sheila Hall  
Angeline McGill  
Steve Sadler

January 10, 2018

To: Thomaston-Upson Board of Commissioners  
Attn: Jessica Jones

At the Board of Education meeting on January 9, 2018, the Thomaston-Upson Board of Education set the qualifying fee for the 2018 board election applicants to \$46.50.

Sincerely,



Maggie V. Shook, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

MVS/jw

A motion was made to approve the qualifying fees for the Commissioners and the Board of Education.

**Motion:** Commissioner R. Ellington      **Second:** Commissioner Spraggins

Commissioner J. Ellington – Yes      Commissioner R. Ellington – Yes  
Commissioner Wilder – Yes      Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
Chairman Allen – Yes

- c. Discussion and approval of SPLOST funds for Road Department  
Chairman Allen explained that the road this was to discuss a spreader for the road department but they needed to do some research. He would like to table this discussion to do the research.

A motion was made to table the discussion for more research.

**Motion:** Commissioner R. Ellington      **Second:** Commissioner J. Ellington

- d. Approval of Beer/Wine renewal license for One Stop Citgo

A motion was made to approve the renewal for a Beer Package License for Basharit Ali Khan at One Stop Citgo.

**Motion:** Commissioner Spraggins      **Second:** Commissioner Wilder

Commissioner J. Ellington – Yes      Commissioner R. Ellington – Yes  
Commissioner Wilder – Yes      Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
Chairman Allen – Yes

e. Appointment to DFCS Board


A motion was made to reappoint Mr. George Carriker to the DFCS Board. This will be a 5 year term ending on December 31, 2022.

**Motion:** Commissioner Wilder      **Second:** Commissioner Spraggins

Commissioner J. Ellington – Yes      Commissioner R. Ellington – Yes  
Commissioner Wilder – Yes      Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
Chairman Allen – Yes

f. Approval of Purchasing/Procurement Policy

Chairman Allen read the following resolution for the Procurement Policy. He thanked everyone for their effort on getting it together.

	<b>UPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</b> 106 EAST LEE STREET, SUITE 110 THOMASTON, GA 30286 706) 647-7012	Norman Allen - Chairman Lorenzo Wilder - District 1 James Ellington - District 2 Ralph Ellington - District 3 Frank Spraggins - District 4
	The English Law Group, County Attorneys	

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF A PROCURMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS: The Upson County Board of Commissioners determines that it will be beneficial to establish a procurement policy; and

WHEREAS: The Upson County Board of Commissioners is dedicated to securing high quality goods and services at reasonable cost while ensuring that all procurement actions be conducted in a fair and impartial manner with no impropriety or appearance thereof, that all qualified vendors have access to County business and that no offeror be arbitrarily or capriciously excluded, that procurement procedures involve openness and administrative efficiency, and that the maximum feasible degree of competition is achieved;

WHEREAS: In all procurement transactions, the County Manager, Procurement Specialist and any other County official so authorized by the Procurement Policy seek to preserve the highest standards of objectivity, integrity, transparency, fairness, accountability, efficiency, courtesy and professionalism.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution prescribes the basic policies for the conduct of all procurement in Upson County (except as hereinafter provided), and The Board of Commissioners of Upson County approves and adopts the Procurement Policy, appended as Exhibit A hereto.

**BE IT SO RESOLVED, THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF January, 2018.**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UPSON COUNTY**

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NORMAN ALLEN, CHAIRMAN

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RALPH ELLINGTON, DISTRICT 3

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LORENZO WILDER, DISTRICT 1

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FRANK SPRAGGINS, DISTRICT 4

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
JESSICA JONES  
COUNTY CLERK

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JAMES ELLINGTON, DISTRICT 2

A motion was made to approve the Resolution approving the Procurement Policy.

**Motion:** Commissioner Spraggins                      **Second:** Commissioner R. Ellington

Commissioner J. Ellington – Yes                      Commissioner R. Ellington – Yes  
Commissioner Wilder – Yes                      Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
Chairman Allen – Yes

- g. Discussion on Lincoln Park Volunteer Fire Department Building  
The Lincoln Park VFD building is in need of completion. Commissioner Wilder explained that he had received an estimate to complete the project. Chairman Allen explained that the issue they have with completing the project is finding the funding. They need to discuss the project more, before any decisions are made.
- h. Update of Logtown Community Park  
Phil Ellerbee explained that the Logtown Park project is under budget and should be completed on time.

**County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments**

**County Attorney Heath English** had no comments.

**Commissioner Wilder** stated that the meeting with the Orton Foundation for Heart and Soul went good and he is looking forward to great things coming from this program.

**Commissioner R. Ellington** had no comments.

**Commissioner J. Ellington** stated that they got a lot done and he is glad they were able to work out a contract for an interim county manager.

**Commissioner Spraggins** had no comments.

**Chairman Allen** thanked the road department and all the first responders for the work they did during the inclement weather. He gave everyone a list of the priorities that they all agreed to and the number one thing on the list was the county manager plan and he is grateful that the board saw they opportunity and acted on it. It was a great meeting with the Orton Foundation. There process is to figure out what our community means to us. He asked the community to please come out and participate when they see and hear about these upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Comm. Wilder to adjourn the meeting.

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Chairman Norman Allen

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Commissioner James Ellington

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Commissioner Frank Spraggins

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Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

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Commissioner Ralph Ellington