

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
January 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance except Comm. Hudson. County Manager Jim Wheelless and County Attorneys Paschal English are also in attendance. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance is led by Chairman Blackston.

Minutes

A motion is made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Wilder, to adopt the December 23, 2014 regular meeting minutes. The motion carries 4-0.

Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Spraggins – Yes
Commissioner Ellington - Yes Chairman Blackston – Yes

Public Comments

Mr. Wade Fuller, 998 Delray Road, stated that he loves his community and understands that it takes money to operate the county, but with the down turn in the economy he doesn't understand why the budget had to increase.

New Business

- a. County Manager Jim Wheelless explained that two banks had bid on the 2015 TANS SouthCrest Bank with the interest rate of 1.73 and United Bank with the interest rate of 1.785 on a six million dollar TANS. The TANS was awarded to SouthCrest Bank. He added that this money would not be all drawn down at one time, but over a period of time as it is needed. A motion was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Spraggins to approve the resolution for the 2015 TANS.

Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes Chairman Blackston – Yes

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

County Manager Jim Wheelless stated that they have been busy with the TANS and closing the 2014 year out. He added that Comm. Hudson had been asked about using a metal detector at Sprewell Bluff and the Dept. of Natural Resources said it is prohibited.

Commissioner Spraggins had no comments.

Commissioner Wilder had no comments.

Commissioner Ellington had no comments.

County Attorney Paschal English had no comments.

Chairman Blackston had no comments.

Executive Session

A motion was made at 7:12 P.M. to enter into Executive Session for personnel, litigation and possible land acquisition by Comm. Ellington with a second from Comm. Spraggins.

Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes Chairman Blackston - Yes

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:00 by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Ellington.

A motion to back into regular session was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Spraggins

Adjournment

Comm. Wilder made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm, with a second by Comm. Ellington.

Chairman Rusty Blackston

NOT IN ATTENDANCE _____
Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Jim Wheelless, County Manager