

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
June 2, 2015 Work Session Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 9:00 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance.

A motion was made by Comm. Ellington with a second from Comm. Wilder to amend the agenda to discuss:

- Equipment Purchase for the VFD
- Animal Control
- Old D.O.T Building
- Trash Ordinance
- Executive Session

New Business

- a. The Board discussed the water rates that were presented to them at previous meeting from Bill Powell. They discussed the cost for maintenance and repairs. They discussed trying to find ways to fix the problems they are having in Lincoln Park.

Dwight Smith explained that people were cutting the locks off the meters after their water had been turned off and how people are leaving without paying their bill balance. The board discussed creating an ordinance where the Water Department can collect the money that is owed and if the bills are not paid giving them the right to turn it over to Magistrate Court.

A motion was made by Chairman Blackston to increase the base rates to the rates listed below adding a line item to the bill for maintenance and operation in the amount \$4.00. Motion

**The Upson County Water
Water and Wastewater Rates**

Monthly Rates and charges.

Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Water	
Base Charge of \$3.00 per ERU*	
Debt Service Charge of \$14.07 per ERU*	
Administration Charge and O & M charge of \$6.00 per Account	
Quantity	\$/1000 gal
1 to 2,000 gallons	4.50
2,001 to 5,000 gallons	4.75
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	5.00
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	5.25
20,001 to 50,000 gallons	5.50
Over 50,000 gallons	5.75

Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Wastewater	
Base Charge of \$4.20 per ERU*	
Quantity	\$/1000 gal
1 to 2,000 gallons	6.30
2,001 to 5,000 gallons	6.65
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	7.00
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	7.35
20,001 to 50,000 gallons	7.70
Over 50,000 gallons	8.05

ERU = Equivalent Residential Unit

passed 5-0.

- b. Comm. Ellington stated that the board had voted in the previous meeting to purchase fire equipment for the Volunteer Fire Departments. He added that they need to go ahead and order the equipment to get the price they had been quoted. Comm. Hudson stated that it had already been approved for up to \$100,000.

- c. Chairman Blackston stated that he had a meeting with Dr. Crawford and the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Crawford advised that Adrian Releford has been trained and he would like to transfer euthanasia to the Animal Shelter. In order to do the Dr. Crawford would apply of a license putting Upson County under him. They will need to add an employee to the Shelter giving them a Director and three Animal Control Officers. They would also have to purchase a larger scale and a medical box to store the medicines. The medicine would come from Dr. Crawford's office as needed.

A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Ellington to hire another employee at the Animal Shelter. Motion passed 5-0.

- d. Chairman Blackston stated that he would be meeting with Child Support Recovery at the old D.O.T building to look at options about leasing.

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington to recess to go into Executive Session at 10:30.

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington to go back into regular meeting 11:30.

Adjournment

Comm. Ellington made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 pm, with a second by Comm. Spraggins to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

NOT IN ATTENDANCE
Jim Wheelless, County Manager