

**Upson County Board of Commissioners  
June 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance. County Manager Jim Wheelless and County Attorney Paschal English were also in attendance. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Blackston.

Minutes

A motion is made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Ellington, to adopt the June 23, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The motion carries.

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

Public Comments

No public comments.

New Business

- a. A motion was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Hudson to appoint Dee Dee Gassett and Sandra Fowler to the Library Board. They will be filling the expired terms of Ashley Biles and Carson Gleaton. Mrs. Sandra and Mrs. Gassett's term will be three years beginning July 1, 2015 ending June 3, 2018. The motion carries.

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

- b. Chairman Blackston stated that Mr. Gordon Brown's term for the Transportation Committee ended and he did not want to be reappointed. An ad will be ran in the paper for the vacant position.  
A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Wilder to re-appoint James Melton to the Thomaston-Upson Area Transportation Committee. The motion carries.

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

- c. Chairman Blackston read the resolution for the CHIP Grant. A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Ellington to approve the resolution. The motion carries.

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



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**Jim Wheelless- County Manager  
The English Law Group, County Attorney**

**Rusty Blackston - Chairman  
Lorenzo Wilder – District 1  
Steve Hudson – District 2  
Ralph Ellington – District 3  
Frank Spraggins – District 4**

Whereas, Upson County has been awarded a 2014 Community HOME Investment Program Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

And

The Community HOME Investment Program Grant is for the purpose of assisting low and moderate income persons with their housing needs. The 2014 Policies and Procedures - Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Policies and Procedures are hereby approved for the purpose of administering the 2014 Upson County Community HOME Investment Program Grant Program.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Rusty Blackston, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Jones, County Clerk

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

**County Manager Jim Wheeless** stated that he would be meeting with Scott Ballard along with the other County Managers in the districts about ways to lower the budget. He stated that the Library needed painting on the inside and outside and there is still SPLOST money available. He also stated that the floor in the Senior Center's kitchen needed repairing and the roof was leaking. Phil Ellerbee was checking to see if the roof can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced. There should be SPLOST money available for this also. He added that he has spoken with Tyler Peek with D.O.T. and they needed to decide what the best solution is for Tracey Road. He added that the Delray Road project and the Hwy 36 project are out for bid. There will be a Work Session on Monday June 29 at 9:00 am. Along with the other ordinances the board had been given to discuss the need to discuss some text changes in the in the A-R zoning. This will affect the Sale Barn and other business with wild life storage. He had a meeting with Mrs. Price from DFCS and the have an open position on the board.

**Commissioner Spraggins** had no comments

**Commissioner Hudson** had no comments.

**Commissioner Wilder** had no comments.

**Commissioner Ellington** had no comments.

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

**Chairman Blackston** stated that he had spoken with Judge Crawford and had to go and help clean out the Law Library at the Courthouse. They may have to add additional shelves but it is now open. He asked everyone to remember the Daniel Family and the funeral will be Wednesday June 24, 2015 at the Civic Center. He added that he appreciated the community's support during the procession on Monday.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington to recess into Executive Session at 6:25. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Hudson to exit Executive Session back into regular session at 6:35. The motion carries.

County Attorney Paschal English stated that Judge Crawford may be in the process of moving out of his current office to Pike County. He was approached by Juvenile Court about moving across the hall for the security. He didn't think there would be any additional cost other than the moving. Chairman Blackston that currently the security system is being paid for out of the Library Fund and that would be a cost that the county would have to pick up. No decision was made further discussion will be needed if the move is made.

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm, with a second by Comm. Ellington to adjourn the meeting. The motion carries.

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Chairman Rusty Blackston

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Commissioner Steve Hudson

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Commissioner Frank Spraggins

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Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

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Commissioner Ralph Ellington

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Jim Wheeless, County Manager