

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
June 29, 2015 Work Session Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 9:00 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance along with County Manager Jim Wheeless and County Attorney Paschal English.

New Business

- a. Chairman Blackston advised the board that he met with Representative Johnnie Caldwell about the Grady's EMS service. He stated that Pike County is very pleased with their service. The board discussed the current contract with Mid Ga Ambulance that some people had complained about wait times. Commissioner Wilder stated that they needed to get accurate numbers on the wait times. Mr. Wheeless explained that the board would have to give a 180 day notice to get out of the current contract. The board discussed that the contract would have to be bid out again. Currently Mid Ga Ambulance has three 24 hour ambulances and one daytime ambulance.
- b. The board discussed the distilled spirits ordinance, beer/wine ordinance, solid waste ordinance and the occupation tax ordinance. They originally voted on three changes but late a motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Spraggins to resend the votes until the ordinances are completed, reviewed and a first and second reading is done. The following changes were discussed.

On the Beer/Wine Ordinance (189 & 221) and Distilled Spirits Ordinance (239) they would like them repealed with a new ordinance for each one leaving everything the same except the distance from a church and a school. They would like to change the distance to 200 yards.

On the Solid Waste Ordinance (119) they want to add Church to the definitions, a permanently established worship facility holding service 3 or more times a month. The board would like vacation homes to the ordinance and people that reside in the county with residential service don't have to have service at their vacation home. They also want to add a definition for litter. Churches can be considered commercial, so they can choose residential service or commercial service. They also want to make the property owner responsible for the bills. Under manufactured community it should be changed from five to one or more manufactured homes. Under Residential Unit definition for one (1) family should be deleted. They added residential to Section Three (B), Section Four (F) child/parent, Section Seven (E) discussed the distance from the curb or edge of the road paving. In section ten (B) the discussed it only stating: The owner or principal occupant of a residence, who is at 65 years of age with a household income of less than \$15,000, may qualify for a discount. Section eleven (B) the late fee should be changed to \$10 per quarter. Section twelve adding number 3) stating if business owner living in the county that has a business in the city with waste service will not be required to have service at their resident. Section thirteen (E) changing County Administrator to County Manager.

The board discussed the Occupational Tax Ordinance and Definition of terms and article 5 A-R Agricultural-Residential Zoning district of Upson County Zoning Ordinance.

The board also discussed the nuisance code section 38.21. They discussed changing when the Sheriff could act on a nuisance report from 10 days to immediately.

Adjournment

Comm. Ellington made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 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

Jim Wheeless, County Manager