

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
August 4, 2015 Work Session Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All Commissioners are in attendance along with County Manager Jim Wheeless.

New Business

- a. Chairman Blackston told the board that the Hazard Mitigation Plan has to be updated every 5 years is being worked on and GEMA has asked for it to be turned in early. A Public Hearing will be held on August 25, 2015 and it will be discussed and voted on that night. This plan will also cover the City of Thomaston and Yatesville. He is asking for as much support as possible on this night from the community to help with funds to cover this.

The 2016 SPLOST is being worked on, and he asked everyone's opinion on holding the election until March. The board members agreed this will give the more time to work on the SPLOST and time to educate the public. The 2016 SPLOST will be held in March of 2016. They are working on an intergovernmental agreement with the City and the percentages are being discussed.

- b. The board discussed the distance from churches and schools in the distilled spirits ordinance, beer/wine ordinance. The state law states that there is no distance requirement from churches on beer/wine sales and 100 yards from school buildings, school grounds, college campuses and alcoholic treatment centers. It requires 100 yards for the sale of distilled spirits to churches or alcoholic treatment centers and 200 yards from school grounds, buildings and college campuses.

A motion was made by Comm. Ellington with a second from Comm. Hudson to mirror the state law in both of the county's ordinances.

Comm. Wilder- Yes Comm. Ellington- Yes

Chairman Blackston – No Comm. Hudson – Yes Comm. Spraggins - Yes

- c. 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 to add 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, these homes cannot be occupied more than 4 months of the year. 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 to be whatever is stated in the current contract. In section ten (B) they 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.

Adjournment

Comm. Ellington made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 am, with a second by Chairman Blackston to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Jim Wheeless, County Manager