

**Upton County Board of Commissioners
November 23, 2015 Work Session Minutes
1:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Commissioner Wilder calls the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance. County Attorney Paschal English was also in attendance.

New Business

- A.** The board discussed the different departments 2016 requested budget. Comm. Wilder and Comm. Spraggins discussed starting with a \$0 base budget. Mr. Wayne Sandefur explained that the insurance is projected to increase 14% in July 2016 so they included a 7% increase in each department's budget for the entire year.

The Governing Body has a 1% increase in salary for the mandated COLOs.

The Registrar/Elections has an increase in the contract labor/poll workers due to the number of elections for 2016.

Finance and Administration has an increase in the salary for an additional person for a payroll clerk.

Tax Commissioner Berry Cook is retiring effective December 31, 2015. Deputy Clerk Angela Raines will fill in as Tax Commissioner for the year of 2016. The board had questions whether or not another person would be hired to replace Angela Raines. The board wants to discuss the salaries.

Mr. Wayne Sandefur explained to the board that the insurance was forecast to increase 14% in July so the added 7% to the budget over the year.

Comm. Spraggins and Comm. Wilder discussed starting a \$0 base budget, this way everything will have to have an explanation for what is needed.

The board would like to speak with Phil Ellerbee about the budget for Building Inspector and the budget for Public Buildings. They also would like to discuss some of the issues at the courthouse.

Juvenile Court is requesting an increase for the two remaining employees.

The board discussed TUAC but no decision was made. Chairman Blackston will be contacting them about the rental rates.

The board would like to discuss the specialized supplies budget item with Planning and Zoning.

The Airport was over in the professional fees/engineering line is up, but the overall budget request is the same.

Chairman Blackston explained that he spoke with Mrs. Kay Hightower about the Archives Director. The board agreed they do not want an increase in that salary.

The budget was only discussed no vote was taken to approve any parts of the budget.

Adjournment

Comm. Ellington makes a motion to adjourn with a second by Comm. Wilder.

Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

NOT IN ATTENDANCE
Jim Wheelless, County Manager