

**Upson County Board of Commissioners  
November 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance. County Attorney Heath English was also in attendance. The Invocation was led by and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ellington.

Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Ellington, to adopt the November 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The motion carries.

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

Public Comments

All of the public comments were concerning Minor Road and they agreed to wait until the discussion during new business.

New Business

- a. The board discussed the 2016 holiday calendar, he calendar has the same 10 holidays as 2015.

**2016 UPSON COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Friday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King Day
Friday, March 25	Good Friday
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25	Day After Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 23	Christmas Eve
Monday, December 26	Christmas Day

A motion was made by Comm. Spragins with a second from Comm. Wilder approving the 2016 holiday calendar. The motion carries.

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

- b. Comm. Wilder explained to the board that former Chairman Maurice Raines wrote a letter to the residents on Minor Road stating that Minor Road is a paved road and there is an agreement that the county will maintain the paved portion and the residents will maintain the portion past the gates. The board discussed that there is no proof showing whether the road is private or public. The residents stated that if it found that the road is public they would like for it to be maintained by the county.

Chairman Blackston explained that during his research he found that the land was owned by George Hightower Jr. and Bean Publishing Company and the road had been deemed a prescription road. He added that Lamar Road was closed in 1992 and was officially done in the minutes on July 26, 1996.

The residents explained that they wanted relief from the timber company. They explained that they have put a lot of money and time into keeping the road maintained.

The board agreed to research this situation more.

- c. Chairman Blackston read the agreement between the Animal Shelter and Lamar County. This is an agreement for the animal control to euthanize for Lamar County. Adrian Releford explained that the amount in the agreement included the medicine as well as the employee's time.

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Spraggins approving the agreement between Upson County Animal Shelter and Lamar County. The motion carries.

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

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

**County Manager Jim** was not in attendance.

**Commissioner Spraggins** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Commissioner Hudson** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Commissioner Wilder** thanked the residents on Minor Road for their input and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Commissioner Ellington** thanked the residents on Minor Road for their input and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**County Attorney Heath English** stated that the board has been working really hard on Minor Road.

**Chairman Blackston** asked everyone to remember to give thanks during the holiday season.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Spraggins at 6:37 to recess regular meeting and go into executive session.

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington at 6:59 to exit executive session and return to regular meeting.

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm, with a second by Comm. Ellington to adjourn the meeting.

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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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NOT IN ATTENDANCE  
Jim Wheelless, County Manager