

**Upton County Board of Commissioners  
November 30, 2015 Work Session Minutes  
9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All Commissioners are in attendance. County Manager Jim Wheelless was also in attendance.

New Business

- A.** Pat Fallin and David Callaway spoke with the board about the Tax Assessor's budget. The area photography is not currently included in the budget. She has requested an amendment to the budget for \$34,920. This was not put in the budget because it was originally requested in SPLOST but this item could not go on the SPLOST. The photography has to be done every 3 years and was last done in 2011. Pictometry will allow this to be paid on yearly installments so this can be paid over 3 years this would be \$11,640 yearly. Comm. Spraggins asked if the education all mandated and Mrs. Fallin stated yes. Chairman Blackston asked why the dues and subscriptions went up \$1000.00 and all the money hasn't been spent. She responded that things have been coded incorrectly and she added money so they could be coded correctly in the future. The board discussed a chief deputy position being open. The office is an 11 employee office. Pat Fallin hopes to hire from within for this position.
- B.** Adrian Releford spoke with the board about the Animal Shelter's budget. The office supplies went down this year, Mr. Releford explained that the filling system has been updated. They discussed education/training wasn't used to the later part of the year. Vet service is over for 2015 but they are only requesting the same amount, he explained they should not need as much for 2016. They had to bring things up to compliance for the state. They discussed the contract with Lamar County.
- C.** Mr. Phil Ellerbee discussed the Public Bldgs.' budget. The fire alarm systems should be able to purchase in the SPLOST this should reduce \$33,669; they will leave this in the budget and see how it plays out. The board discussed adding \$3501 to the health dept. building to pay this off in 2016. The \$9874 difference after the payoff for the Superior Court (Arnold Bldg.) can be used for the courthouse payment. Mr. Ellerbee told the board the price for the courthouse roof has decreased \$12,000 if it is done during the winter months. The board agreed to add a line item for \$42,300 for the roof repair at the courthouse. They also add \$7000 to the landscape maintenance line. The money set aside for the Bldg. Inspector's budget will be transferred for the electricity.
- D.** Mr. James Melton, Mr. Roger Smith and Mr. James Vaughn spoke with the board about the Road Dept./Shop. Discussed road stripping on Jeff Davis about \$850 per road mile. Their requested budget includes a 3% salary increase. General Liability insurance does not have a requested amount for 2016; Wayne Sandefur stated he will need to discuss this with BB&T. They requested to use money from the SPLOST to purchase tires but they didn't qualify. Comm. Hudson asked how they would purchase tires. Mr. Vaughn stated that money would have also covered parts on equipment.
- E.** Robert Haney with IT discussed with the board the software and maintenance increase. He stated amount fluctuates from year to year.
- F.** Wes Smith Agricultural Resources is asking for the part-time employee in the office goes to full-time. He discussed another vehicle for 4-H vehicle maybe in 2017.
- G.** Mr. Berry Cook and Mrs. Angela Raines discussed the Tax Commissioners budget. Chairman asked who will do Mrs. Raines job when she take over Mr. Cook's position she stated that she would continue to do her job also and a new person wouldn't be added. Mr. Berry has included a 2% increase for the employees and stated that the administrative fees from the TAVT should cover it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Chairman Blackston with a second from Comm. Spraggins to recess for Executive Session.

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Wilder to exit executive session back into regular session.

- H.** Sheriff Dan Kilgore discussed E-911 budget they discussed the new equipment and whether they will need more room to operate while installing the equipment.

- I. Doug Currier planning & zoning has increase in due and subscription. Comm. Spraggins questioned the software budget. He thought everything should come out of IT budget. He also asked about the education training. They are not mandated but the help with the day to day operations.
- J. Mitch Ellerbee with the Airport is requesting \$46,890 from the county and \$27,966 from the City.
- K. Jan Streetman with Magistrate has a \$5,279 decrease in their budget.

Adjournment

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

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Chairman Rusty Blackston

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Commissioner Steve Hudson

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Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

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Commissioner Ralph Ellington

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Commissioner Frank Spraggins

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Jim Wheeless, County Manager