

**Upton County Board of Commissioners
December 7, 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. The board decided to use the 2015 salary \$235,403 for the Tax Commissioner and subtract \$40,000 the total salary is \$195,403.
- B. Tax assessor
- C. Risk management none
- D. It none
- E. Government Buildings landscape increase to \$22,000, electricity increased to \$189,000 the budget was increased \$42,300 for roof repairs at the courthouse. The Superior court clerk (Arnold Bldg.) will be paid off in 2015, \$3501 was added to the Health Dept. Bldg. to pay it off in 2016 and \$66,255.50 was added to the Courthouse lease. The fire alarm system line was added for \$32,868 this will be reimbursed by the 2016 SPLOST.
- F. Bailiff budget no changes.
- G. Clerk of Court no changes.
- H. Magistrate Court overtime was cut from proposed budget no other changes were made.
- I. Probate Court no changes.
- J. Juvenile Court salary budget was cut to \$63,523 the increase was taken out. The board added a line explanation for the \$15,000 for the Judge's supplement. The board would like to meet with Ben Miller and Will Simmons about the proposed budget.
- K. Sheriff Dept. and Jail had no changes.
- L. There were no changes on the Coroner.
- M. There were no changes with the Animal Control.
- N. The board removed the salary increase from the Road Dept.
- O. Solid Waste PoBiddy no changes.
- P. Maintenance/Shop salary increases were taken out.
- Q. Public Health no changes
- R. TUAC budget is on hold pending a contract.
- S. No changes for Code Enforcement.
- T. No changes for Airport.
- U. No changes to Archives.
- V. No changes to E-911.
- W. No changes on EMA.
- X. The salary increases for the IDA will not be included. Will come back for further discussion.
- Y. The Gilmore Center requested \$100,000 the board agreed to the request.
- Z. No Changes on library.
- AA. Pol repair increased from the original proposed amount agreed to \$708,202.
- BB. Senior Center the McIntosh Trail RFC dues will be put back into the general fund.
- CC. Solid Waste no changes.
- DD. Sprewell Bluff no changes.
- EE. Water Dept. no changes6j8
Martha Ann McCraty stated that she is looking at possibly 2 grants in 2015 the hazard Mitigation grant. Wayne Sandefur stated that a vehicle was included in the SPLOST but not the boat. This is capital project and it is not included in the budget. They discussed added and replacing sirens.
- FF.** Mindy Daniel with Recreation spoke with the board about the pool repairs. The board is interested in going to the pool to see if there are any other options for repairing the pool. The board does want to get the pool repaired for the 2016 season.
- GG.** The board discussed possibly doing a 5% cut in the overall budget and giving a 2% pay increase. This would have to be further reviewed because some departments the bulk of their budget is salaries.
Wayne Sandefur also explained to the board that if the joint projects budgets are approved as requested it would increase the millage rate. Mr. Wheelless explained that with the 18.76 overall millage rate could stay the same and that would not affect the citizens.
The board made the following changes:

Tax Assessor

Professional SRVC- Auditor	\$20,000	reduced to	\$12,000
Telephone	\$1,900	reduced to	\$1,500
Postage	\$2,000	reduced to	\$1,500
Mapping Maintenance	\$10,500	reduced to	\$7,500
Education Training	\$11,000	reduced to	\$8,000
Supplies	\$3,500	reduced to	\$2,500
Book & periodical Subscription	\$1,000	reduced to	\$500
TOTAL	\$49,900	reduced to	\$33,500

Government Bldgs.

Landscape Maintenance	\$15,000	increased to	\$22,000
Electricity	\$119,000	increased to	\$180,000
Fire Alarm System	\$33,669	reduced to	\$32,868
Health Dept. Build Lease (OBA)	\$42,016	increased to	\$44,524
TOTAL	\$209,685	increased	\$279,392

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

Jim Wheeless, County Manager