

**Upson County Board of Commissioners  
December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Commissioner Wilder calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance expect Chairman Blackston. County Manager Jim Wheelless and County Attorney Paschal English were 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 following minutes. The motion carries.

- November 23, 2015 Budget Meeting
- November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting
- November 30, 2015 Budget Meeting
- December 2, 2015 Budget Meeting

Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston – Not in Attendance  
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

- a. Commissioner Wilder read the resolution to transfer Juvenile Probation and Intake Service to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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**RESOLUTION**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF JUVENILE  
PROBATION AND INTAKE SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Upson County, Georgia is desirous of transferring Juvenile Probation and Intake Services to the Department of Juvenile Justice for the State of Georgia;

**WHEREAS**, this transfer would be in the best interests to the Juvenile Court system of Upson County, Georgia, and would be of benefit to the taxpayers of Upson County, Georgia;

**WHEREAS**, the law of the State of Georgia recognizes and specifically provides (O.C.G.A. 15-11-69) for this transfer;

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of Upson County requests and authorizes Rep. Johnnie L. Caldwell, Jr. to introduce a bill into the General Assembly of the State of Georgia for approval;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this request for transfer be expedited and approved.

THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UPSON COUNTY:**

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RUSTY BLACKSTON, CHAIRMAN

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RALPH ELLINGTON, DISTRICT 3

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LORENZO WILDER, DISTRICT 1

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FRANK SPRAGGINS, DISTRICT 4

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STEVE HUDSON, DISTRICT 2

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
JESSICA JONES  
COUNTY CLERK

A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Spragins approving the resolution. The motion carries.

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes  
Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Spraggins – Yes  
Chairman Blackston – Not in attendance

- b. A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Ellington to approve the Beer/Wine renewal for D's Rabbit Box. The motion carries.

Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes  
Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Hudson – Yes  
Chairman Blackston – Not in attendance

- c. A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Spraggins to approve the Board Appointments. The motion carries.

Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes  
Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Hudson – Yes  
Chairman Blackston – Not in attendance

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

**County Manager Jim** stated he was glad to be back working part-time. He added that on the next agenda they need to discuss an additional part to Hwy. 36.

**Commissioner Spraggins** told Comm. Wilder he did a great job presiding the meeting.

**Commissioner Hudson** stated that he had been given a verbal go ahead to build a store at Sprewell Bluff and he has met with Phil and will be meeting with James Melton soon to get started.

**Commissioner Wilder** thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

**Commissioner Ellington** thanked the department heads for their work on the budget.

**County Attorney Paschal English** had no comments.

**Chairman Blackston** was not in attendance.

Executive Session

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to recess for an executive session at 6:12 pm, with a second by Comm. Ellington.

Comm. Ellington made a motion to exit executive session back to regular session with a second from Comm. Spraggins.

Comm. Ellington made a motion to enter back into regular session with a second from Comm. Spraggins

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 6:19, with a second by Comm. Ellington to adjourn the meeting.

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE  
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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Jim Wheelless, County Manager