

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
December 23, 2015 Budget Public Hearing Minutes**

Call to Order

Commissioner Hudson calls the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. All Commissioners are in attendance expect Chairman Blackston and Commissioner Wilder. County Manager Jim Wheeless was also in attendance. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ellington.

Public Hearing

Comm. Hudson opened the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget.

Matt Sharpe asked the following questions.

What was the increase for insurance? It is estimated to be around 14% for so it is broken down to 7% for the entire year since the insurance won't change until July.

Will the water increase from the City of Thomaston be passed along to the citizens? The board explained that if the City does approve the increase it will have to be passed on to the County Citizens.

What is the \$200,000 increase in the Public Building's budget? The courthouse roof has to be fixed and maintenance on government buildings.

How does the board feel about putting aside the 1 mill of tax for the IDA? The board stated they would wait until a joint meeting was held before the discussed this.

They board stated that there would be a salary increase for employees. This will be for fulltime employees and not include any constitutional officers. The increases are a follow.

Below \$25,000 – 3%

\$25,000-39,999 - 2%

Above \$40,000 - 1%

County Manager Jim Wheeless stated that there will be a special called meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 to approve the budget.

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 am, with a second by Comm. Ellington to adjourn the meeting.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

NOT IN ATTENDANCE
Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Jim Wheeless, County Manager