

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
December 22, 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 was also in attendance. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ellington.

Amend the Agenda

A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Spraggins to amend the agenda to add the approval of December 7, 2015 Budget Meeting Minutes and the appointment to the Tax Assessor's Board.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Ellington, to adopt the following minutes. The motion carries.

- December 7, 2015 Budget Meeting Minutes
- December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing

Comm. Wilder opened the Public Hearing for the beer and wine package license for Dollar General located at 3092 Crest Highway.

Rev. Claude Turner spoke against the license. He stated that he understands if all the requirements are met they would issue the license, but he asked the board to hire a certified surveyor to measure the distance.

Comm. Hudson asked if the distance was measured according to the ordinance and if everything met the ordinance requirements. Mr. Doug Currier stated that everything was measured according to the ordinance and it exceeded the requirements

A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Spraggins to approve the beer and wine license for Dollar General located at 3092 Crest Highway.

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

New Business

- a. A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Spraggins approving the following appointments.

County Clerk – Jessica Jones
County Attorney – English & English
County Auditor – Driver & Adams

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

- b. Commissioner Wilder read the 2016 take home vehicles list.

County Extension Coordinator:	Wes Smith
Code Enforcement:	Susan Morris
Recreation:	Paul Norton
	Employee on Call
Roads Department:	James Melton
	Roger Smith
	Robin Boyt
Water Department:	Dwight Smith

Animal Control:	Stanley Garmon Paul Raybon Ben Berryhill Josh Standard Adrian C. Releford Allen Harden William Fordham David McCoy Phil Ellerbee Jesse Character Jason Glanton Darryn Hudgins Dexter Head
Public Building	
IT	Robert Haney

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington approving the take home vehicle list. The motion carries.

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

- c. The board discussed the qualifying fees for the 2016 elected officials election. A motion was made by Comm. Hudson with a second from Comm. Ellington setting the fees at 3% of the base salary. The motion carries.

Officials	BASE SALARY	QUALIFYING FEE Base Salary times 3%
BOC Chairman	\$12,000	\$360.00
Commissioner	\$9,000	\$270.00
Coroner	\$3,600	\$108.00
Magistrate	\$49,721.70	\$1,491.65
Probate	\$49,721.70	\$1,491.65
Sheriff	\$59,328.83	\$1,779.86
Superior Court Clerk	\$49,721.70	\$1,491.65
Tax Commissioner	\$49,721.70	\$1,491.65

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

- d. A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington to appoint Emily Oxford to the Tax Assessor’s Board.

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

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

County Manager Jim stated that the 2005 SPLOST is closed but will run in The Upson Beacon along with the 2011 SPLOST on December 30. He stated he was working on a resolution for the budget and the contracts for the Gilmore center and TUAC. He added that the Gilmore Center was a joint project and it would have to be reviewed by the City.

Commissioner Spraggins wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Hudson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Wilder thanked everyone that participated in the Toy-For-Tots on the square. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Commissioner Ellington stated that the 2016 budget has been a chore and thanked Jim Wheelless and Wayne Sandefur for their work on the budget. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hope everyone remembers why we celebrate.

County Attorney was not in attendance.

Chairman Blackston was not in attendance.

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 6:26, with a second by Comm. Ellington to adjourn the meeting.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE
Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Jim Wheeless, County Manager