

**Upton County Board of Commissioners  
December 29, 2015 Joint Projects Budget Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Mayor Hayes Arnold calls the meeting to order at 5:09 PM. All Commissioners are in attendance. County Manager Jim Wheelless was also in attendance. The Invocation was led by Commissioner Wilder.

New Business

Both governments had already reviewed the proposed budgets. The corrections the city had presented about the IDA's budget had been made. Mindy Daniel with the Recreation Department had already met with the County and City and explained the budget. Jim Wheelless explained that the biggest part of Recreation's budget was the pool and they had to go ahead and move on it so it can be ready for summer.

Councilman Don Greathouse asked why they didn't have the joint meeting in August like the agreement states. County Manager Jim Wheelless explained that the county has been working with the City on the budgets and this is a long process to get together.

Mayor Arnold commended the County on their corporation in working with the City.

Chairman Blackston thanked County Manager Jim Wheelless and City Manager Patrick Comskey for the wonderful job they've done on the budget.

Councilman Ryan Tucker stated that he would love to see the county and city work together. He stated if he could be of any service to let him know. He added that he was glad the county was able to give the Gilmore Center more money this year.

Matt Sharpe asked if there were any overall cuts. The Chairman explained that they tried to work with each department on a as need basis.

Matt Sharpe asked about a dedicated mill of tax to the IDA and he asked where the mill was that had already been set aside. Chairman Blackston explained that the \$520,000 that had been set aside is still in an account and if the IDA has a company comes in and if additional money is needed they would do what was needed to get the money.

The City and County agreed to the budget as it was presented.

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm, with a second by Comm. Ellington to adjourn the meeting.

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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