

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
February 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All Commissioners were in attendance. County Manager Jim Wheeless and County Attorney Paschal English were also in attendance. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ellington.

A motion was made by Comm. Ellington, with a second from Comm. Spraggins, to amend the agenda to add an executive session to discuss real estate. The motion carries.

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Commissioner Spraggins – Yes
Chairman Blackston – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes

Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Ellington, to adopt the minutes from February 9, 2016 regular meeting. The motion carries.

Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Spraggins – Yes
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Chairman Blackston – Yes
Commissioner Hudson – Yes

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

- a. Chairman Blackston asked about other businesses being able to open up that are not considered a restaurant and have a distilled spirits licenses. Attorney Paschal English explained that the way the ordinance is written anyone wanting to serve distilled spirits would have to have 50% of their sales be from food. Jim Wheeless stated that there are some word changes that needed to be update in the ordinance but it would not affect the intent of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington to approve the Distilled Spirits ordinance with the changes that Jim Wheeless and Paschal English will make. The motion carries.

Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Chairman Blackston – Yes Commissioner Hudson – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes

- b. Mr. Wheeless explained that the same wording changes need to be done on the beer and wine ordinance. A motion was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Hudson to approve the beer and wine ordinance with the changes that Jim Wheeless and Paschal English will make. The motion carries.

Commissioner Ellington – Yes Chairman Blackston – Yes
Commissioner Hudson – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Spraggins – Yes

- c. Chairman Blackston asked that they table the appointments to the DFAS board, because he spoke with Mrs. Price who informed him that the qualification for the board have changed. He stated that only one of the three people that applied was qualified.

A motion was made by Comm. Hudson, with a second from Comm. Ellington to table the appointment until the next meeting. The motion carries.

Chairman Blackston – Yes Commissioner Hudson – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Spraggins – Yes
Commissioner Ellington – Yes

- d. Mr. Wheeless explained that some properties had been advertised as surplus properties and the following bids were submitted. The bids that were rejected will be re-advertised.

Property 1 – Grays Chapel Road Parcel #097 013

BIDDER	VALUE	BID AMOUNT
Jerry Napier	\$3229.00	\$2,000.00

Property 2 – Logtown Road Parcel # 099A 014

Wallace Miller	\$3629.00	\$150.00
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Property 3 – 575 Walton Street Parcel # T26 141

Ashley Darden	\$1968.00	\$800.00
Danny Walker	\$1968.00	\$1800.00

Property 4 – Logtown Road Parcel # 099A 002

Joseph L. Gazafy	\$2481.00	\$500.00
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A motion was made by Comm. Ellington, with a second from Comm. Spraggins to accept the bid for property #1. The motion carries.

Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Hudson – No
Chairman Blackston – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder, with a second from Comm. Hudson to reject the bid for property #2. The motion carries.

Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Hudson – Yes
Chairman Blackston – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Commissioner Wilder – Yes

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder, with a second from Comm. Ellington to accept the bid for property #3. The motion carries.

Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Hudson – Yes
Chairman Blackston – Yes

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Wilder to reject the bid for property #4. The motion carries.

Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes
Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Commissioner Hudson – Yes
Chairman Blackston – Yes

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

County Manager Jim stated that he is working a draft for agenda procedures as well as the personnel policy.

The Garden Club spoke with him about Christmas decorations; right now they can get it for 45% off, with this discount it is around \$16,000.

Congratulations to County Clerk Jessica Jones for completing the course to become a certified clerk.

Commissioner Spraggins had no comments.

Commissioner Hudson stated that there is an open seat on the Three Rivers board.

Commissioner Wilder had no comments.

Commissioner Ellington had no comments.

County Attorney Paschal English had no comments.

Chairman Blackston stated that some bad weather was coming and asked everyone to pray for the county’s safety and be safe.

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm, with a second by Comm. Ellington to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Jim Wheelless, County Manager