

**Upton County Board of Commissioners
April 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Chairman Blackston calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All Commissioners were in attendance. County Attorney Heath English was also in attendance. The Invocation 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 minutes from March 22, 2016 regular meeting. The motion carries.

Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes

Commissioner Spraggins – Yes Chairman Blackston – Yes

Commissioner Hudson – Came in after vote

Public Hearing – Hazard Mitigation Grant

Chairman Blackston opened the Public Hearing and there were no public comments. Mrs. Martha Anne McCarty stated the application had been submitted and she wanted a table added for National Flood Insurance Program Participation, Continuity of Government/Operations Plan, Post-Disaster Ordinance and Zoning Ordinances. This has been completed.

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder, with a second from Comm. Spraggins to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carries.

Commissioner Wilder – Yes Commissioner Spraggins – Yes

Chairman Blackston – Yes Commissioner Ellington – Yes

Commissioner Hudson – Came in after vote

Mrs. McCarty also explained that they are waiting on a letter for the 5 additional sirens and the 3 upgraded sirens. Once the letter is received the work can begin.

Public Comments

Mr. Roy Bradley, 102 Norris Branch Lane, stated that kids are riding 4-wheelers and motorcycles and they are making a lot of noise on the weekend. He has spoken with the Sheriff but was told that it is nothing they can do. Mr. Bradley lives on a private road. Chairman Blackston told him they would speak with the Sheriff and see what can be done.

New Business

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder, with a second from Comm. Ellington; to amend the agenda to discuss the surplus property bids. The motion carries.

- a. Commissioner Ellington explained that they had received bids for the radio system upgrades for the Volunteer Fire Departments. The bid is from Georgia Two-Way for \$37,164.63 is good for 30 days. The board has given County Manager Jim Wheelless to handle the SPLOST money for the Volunteer Fire Departments.
- b. Mr. Gary Self and Mr. Alan Wainwright gave a presentation on a tract 40 in the Grand Monde Estates. Mr. Self explained that this is R-2 zoning and timber harvesting is not permitted. The should pictures showing the the harvesting which started in September 2015 until April 11, 2016. During this time they feel he has had land disturbance where the stumps were dug up. They feel it is an eye sore to have the stumps piled up on the property. They are not happy the the silk fence that was installed was not done properly and mud water is going onto Mr. Wainwrights property. Mr. Wainwright has also had trees cut from his property but neither party sold the timber. Mr. Self and Mr. Wainwright would like the stumps removed and they feel it should already be done because at the Meeting on March 22, Mr. Wheelless asked Mr. Smith, the property owner of Tract 40 to remove them. They also want the silk fence installed properly and mulching done with 2" of mulch. Chairman Blackston asked Mr. Smith and Mr. Richard Grimsley the engineer to meet him on the property the next day to see what needed to be done and how it need to be done.
- c. Chairman Blackston explained that the board had surplus some property and the bids that were submitted were rejected on two of the properties. The properties were re-advertised and bids have been accepted.

Property 1 – Logtown Road Parcel # 099A 014

BIDDER	VALUE	BID AMOUNT
Aubrey Ivey Sr.	\$3626.00	\$700.00

706-741-1410		
Wallace Miller 706-647-3897	\$3629.00	\$1151.00

Property 2 – Logtown Road Parcel # 099A 002

Joseph L. Gazafy 706-472-3043	\$2481.00	\$600.00
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A motion was made by Comm. Wilder, with a second from Comm. Spraggins; to accept the highest 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. Ellington; to accept the bid for Property #2. The motion carries.

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

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

County Manager Jim was not in attendance.

Commissioner Spraggins had no comments.

Commissioner Hudson had no comments.

Commissioner Wilder stated he has spoken with the contractor for the Lincoln Park Volunteer Fire Station. They should have a hard copy of the drawings to him by Friday, April 15 and the materials should start being delivered in 5 weeks.

Commissioner Ellington had no comments.

County Attorney Heath English had no comments.

Chairman Blackston gave his condolences to Comm. Ellington and his family and to Harris Brantley Family on their loss.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Ellington to recess the regular meeting and go into executive session at 6:55 to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Comm. Ellington, with a second from Comm. Spraggins to exit executive session back into regular session.

Adjournment

Comm. Ellington made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm, with a second by Comm. Wilder to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

NOT IN ATTENDANCE
Jim Wheelless, County Manager