

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
May 24, 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 Hudson.

Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Wilder, to adopt the minutes from May 10, 2016 regular meeting. The motion carries.

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

Public Hearing

Chairman Blackston opened the Public Hearing for Miss Kitty's located at 5055 Yatesville Highway on behalf of Kitty Lewis for the beer and wine pouring license.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

- a. County Manager Mr. Wheelless explained that there are 3 vacant positions on the EMS Council. The positions are being filled by:
Joe Robinson - July 2016- June 2018
Martha Ann McCarty - July 2016-June 2018
Ann Austin Ellerbee – expires June 2017

A motion was made by Comm. Wilder with a second from Comm. Spraggins to approve the appointments.

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

- b. County Attorney Heath English explained that there has to be an ordinance and a resolution done for the in order to use the state credit cards. He needs feedback from the board on the number of transactions that can be done on the card per month. He added that a credit card administrator had to be set to oversee the card use and a list of all elected officials that would receive a credit card. The elected officials would have to sign an agreement before receiving a card.
Chairman Blackston added that with the use of these credit cards the county would receive a 1% rebate on all purchases. The board was asked to get with Mr. Wheelless so the ordinance and resolution can be finalized.

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

County Manager Jim stated that the 2016 LMIG is \$413,615.54 and the county has to match 30% which is \$124,084.66 the matching funds will come from SPLOST. There will be 8 roads paved with these funds and 3 will be done by the County Road Department, the other 5 will be bided out.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ivey will be retiring after 20 years and a reception will be held for her on Tuesday May 31 from 2-4.

Commissioner Ellington had no comments.

Commissioner Wilder stated the Emancipation Proclamation 151st celebration will begin Saturday May 28 with a parade at 11:00 and a program on the Courthouse Square Sunday from 3-6.

Work has begun on the Lincoln Park Volunteer Fire Department and should be completed in 2-3 weeks.

Commissioner Spraggins had no comments.

Commissioner Hudson had no comments.

County Attorney Heath English had no comments.

Chairman Blackston thanked everyone for coming out.

Adjournment

Comm. Ellington made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm, with a second by Chairman Blackston to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Jim Wheeless, County Manager