

Upson County Board of Commissioners
August 17, 2016 City/County Joint Project Budget Meeting
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Call to Order

Mayor J.D. Stallings calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Councilman Greathouse led the innovation.

Attendance

Commissioner Ellington	Mayor J.D. Stallings
Commissioner Spraggins	Councilman Don Greathouse
Commissioner Wilder	Councilmember Lakeitha Reeves
Commissioner Hudson	Councilman Doug Head
Jim Wheelless	Councilman Ryan Tucker
Wayne Sandefur	Clint Chastain
Jessica Jones	

New Business

- a. Thomaston-Upson County Airport – Mitch Ellerbee, George Hightower & Robert Fletcher

Mr. Hightower explained that over the last several years the Airport has had a decrease in there budget request to the City/County. He told the boards that it has been 10 years since the Airport has had a merit raise. He is asking both bodies to reconsider the increases because the employees work really hard and deserve it. The request is for \$10,000 for 4 employees. Currently they have 329,000 in debt for the final extension project. They have 101 Hangers which are all rented.

Mr. Ellerbee explained that with the help of the City and County the Airport has a great relationship with the state and federal government. This has put them in the position to receive a lot of funds for projects at the Airport. He added that the employees have worked really hard to continue to reduce the request funds from the City/County, and would like both bodies to really reconsider the salary increase for the employees.

Commissiner Spraggins explained that the County would like to give all the employees a salary increase but they will have to wait until a complete budget is submittted before this can be decided.

At the Joint City/County meeting both bodies asked that all salary increases be removed from the budget requests.

- b. Recreation – Mindy Daniel

Mrs. Daniel gave an overview of the projects at the Civic Center from the 2011 SPLOST. There have been several request for a computer lab at the Civic Center. This year included in the budget is \$33,000 for the purchase of new computers and a staff person working 20-25 hours a week.

There is a struggle with vehicles and equipment, because they have only been receiving older pass downs. There are funds in the 2016 SPLOST for new vehicles and equipement.

Mrs. Daniel is requesting a salary study because she is losing employees to work in other departments in the county with higher salaries.

There was discussion on additional summer help for activites in the parks.

- c. IDA



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomaston City Council
Upson County Commission

FROM: Kyle Fletcher, Thomaston-Upson IDA

RE: 2017 Budget

The Thomaston-Upson IDA Board voted to not increase the 2017 budget and let the budget remain at \$525,320 (\$280,154.00 for operating expenses and \$245,167.00 for debt service). After submission, a revised budget was sent back to the IDA with an increase of \$3,902.00 for insurance and central administrative services.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with both the City of Thomaston and Upson County. Please let me know if you have any questions.

- d. The Mayor asked both bodies to review the EMA budget so they could decide if she needed to come in for a meeting.

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins makes a motion to adjourn with a second by Comm. Wilder at 7:22.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE
Chairman Rusty Blackston

Commissioner Steve Hudson

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Commissioner Ralph Ellington

Commissioner Frank Spraggins

Jim Wheeless, County Manager