

**Upson County Board of Commissioners**  
**September 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Hudson, to adopt the following minutes. The motion carries.

- August 17, 2016 Joint Project Budget Meeting
- August 18, 2016 Joint Project Budget Meeting
- August 22, 2016 Joint Project Budget Meeting
- August 23, 2016 Regular Meeting
- August 31, 2016 Special Called Meeting

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

Public Comments

Mr. Gary Self, 226 Roberts Loop, stated that one of his family members lost a wallet and it was returned to them before they realized it was missing. He thanked the Wilbert James Davis for being a great citizen and turning it in, also Yolanda Watson, Kenia Woodard, Renita Smith and Sgt. Barfield at the Sheriff's Department for all of their work.

New Business

- a. Chairman Blackston stated that they had two applications for the vacant position on the Planning Committee. The applicants are Mr. John Wells and Mr. Paul Jones. Mr. Doug Carrier explained to the board that two additional applications had been submitted. The additional two applications were submitted after the posted deadline, and after the Commissioner's agenda package was submitted for the meeting. The two additional applications will be held and submitted to the Commissioners on the next opening.

A motion was made by Chairman Blackston with a second from Comm. Hudson to appoint Mr. Paul Jones to the Planning Commission. The motion carries

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

- b. Laura Adams, Sprewell Bluff's Coordinator, explained that the Advisory Committee decided on the following names for the cabins.

The Loop: River Ridge  
Cabin Names: The Shoal Bass  
The Blue Darter

The Tobler  
The Ten-Mile

The Spider Lily  
The Laurel

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins with a second from Comm. Ellington to accept the cabin names for Sprewell Bluff. The motion carries

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

She added that they were considering \$85 plus tax for rentals. No action was taken on this item.

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

**County Manager Jim** was not in attendance.

**Commissioner Wilder** stated that they were having a blood drive until 7:00 pm and encouraged everyone to go out and donate.

**Commissioner Ellington** stated that the cabins will be a great asset to the community.

**Commissioner Hudson** had no comments

**County Attorney Paschal English** had no comments.

**Chairman Blackston** asked everyone to keep law enforcement in their prayers.

**Commissioner Spraggins** had no comments.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Spraggins, with a second from Comm. Wilder to recess the regular meeting and go into executive session at 6:19 to real estate acquisition.

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 6:32 pm, with a second by Chairman Blackston to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Comm. Wilder made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 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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NOT IN ATTENDANCE  
Jim Wheelless, County Manager