

**Upson County Board of Commissioners
September 27, 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. Ellington, to adopt the following minutes. The motion carries.

- September 7, 2016 Work Session
- September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting

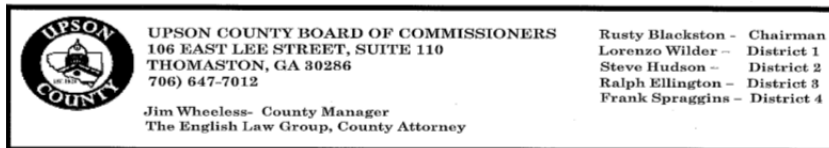
Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston – Yes
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes
Commissioner Spraggins – Yes

Public Comments

No public comments

New Business

- a. Chairman Blackston read the following Proclamation and gave each player and coach a framed copy of the proclamation.



PROCLAMATION FOR 2016 7-8 Year Old ROOKIE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Thomaston-Upson 7-8 Year Old Rookie League won the District Championship, and;

WHEREAS, the Thomaston-Upson 7-8 Year Old Rookie League won Thomaston's first ever Rookie League State Championship, and;

WHEREAS, the Thomaston-Upson 7-8 Year Old Rookie League became the Georgia State Champions and represented Georgia in the 2016 Coach Pitch World Series in Laurel, Mississippi, and;

WHEREAS, a banner will hang in the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center and;

WHEREAS, the 2016 Thomaston-Upson 7-8 Year Old Rookie League Baseball Team A.K.A Georgia State Champions includes the following players and coaches:

Ashton Cox	Max Harris
Sullivan Jones	Ethan Newman
Camden O'Neal	Trent Peaden
Hunter Smith	MiQuavius Smith
Tanner Smith	Caden Speck
Camden Walls	Jayden Wise

Coaches: Lee Speck, Darrell O'Neal, Blake Smith & Jeremy Cox

NOW, THEREFORE, the Upson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 28, 2016 as 7-8 Year Old Rookie League Baseball Day in Upson County and urges every citizen to join in honoring the 7-8 Year Old Rookie League Baseball Team "Georgia State Champions".

READ at a regular meeting of the Upson County Board of Commissioners on this the 27th day of September, 2016.


Rusty Blackston, Chairman

ATTEST:


Jessica Jones, County Clerk

- b. Susan Maxwell with Carl Vinson Institute of Government presented a certificate to County Clerk Jessica Jones for becoming a Georgia Certified Clerk. The requirements for this certification is 101 hours of course work and instruction. County Manager Jim Wheelless added that this was completed in February 2016.
- c. Chairman Blackston gave an overview of the Solid Waste Ordinance. He stated that if anyone wanted to review it, it would be available in the Commissioners Office.
- d. County Manager Jim Wheelless explained that they were looking at a software for reservations at Sprewell Bluff. County Attorney has reviewed it and would like to discuss it at the next retreat.

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

County Manager Jim stated that the cabins at Sprewell Bluff are complete and they are working on the furnishings. He added that they have re-routed the entrance and exit so everyone that comes to the Bluff can go to the bath house. They now have a place for 6 RV parking/camping sites, to add and complete the sites with G.A. B., electrical and water will be around \$12,500. He said the Board was ok with this they will complete this project. There was no objection from the Board. The Georgia State Patrol building is 19 years old and the carpet has never been replaced. The estimate is around \$22,000-\$24,000. He is reviewing the budget to see if this can be done.

They had a meeting about the Three Rivers Comprehensive Plan; an update is due June 2018. They have agreed to help at no charge. He would like to meet with the two new commissioners and the current commissioners to have a strategic planning on the comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Wilder had no comments.

Commissioner Ellington had no comments.

Commissioner Hudson had no comments

County Attorney Heath English had no comments.

Chairman Blackston had no comments.

Commissioner Spraggins thanked Jessica Jones on her hard work in getting her Clerk's Certification.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hudson, with a second from Comm. Ellington to recess the regular meeting and go into executive session at 6:26 pm.

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

Adjournment

Comm. Spraggins made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 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