

**Upson County Board of Commissioners  
October 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

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

Minutes

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

- October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting
- October 17, 2016 Budget Work Session
- October 18, 2016 Budget Work Session

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston –Yes  
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes  
Commissioner Spraggins – NOT IN ATTENDANCE

- October 24, 2016 Budget Work Session

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston –ABSTAIN  
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes  
Commissioner Spraggins – NOT IN ATTENDANCE

- October 25, 2016 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston –ABSTAIN  
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder –ABSTAIN  
Commissioner Spraggins – NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Public Comments

I.D.A. Director Kyle gave the board Build Upson towels, that were manufactured at Standard Textile in Upson County and finished at their location in South Carolina.

New Business

- a. County Manager Jim Wheelless, explained that the dump truck at the Road Department has been in the shop a lot. There was funds left over from the motor grader that can be used to help with the purchase of a replacement dump truck. They had 3 quotes submitted, but the lowest bid did not meet the requirements of the bid.

- MHC - \$71,804.31
- Middle Georgia Frieghtliner - \$76,530.00
- Nextran Truck Centers \_ \$112,677

A motion was made by Chairman Blackston with a second from Commissioner Hudson to accept the bid from Middle Georgia Frieghtliners.

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston –Yes  
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes  
Commissioner Spraggins – NOT IN ATTENDANCE

- b. Chairm Blackston opened the floor for a nomination for the Planning & Zoning Board.

**Applicants**

- Alicia McKinley
- James Williams
- Candice Chatman
- John Wells
- Jeffery Hilton

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilder with a second from Commissioner Ellington to put Alicia McKinley on the Planning & Zonning Board.

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston –No  
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes  
Commissioner Spraggins – NOT IN ATTENDANCE

- c. A motion was made Commissioner Wilder, with a second from Commissioner Ellington to approve the following Beer and Wine Licenses.

American Legion

Bickey's Lake Catering & Special Events Inc.

Cat's Café

Community Superette

Fish Peddler

Flash Foods

Hannah's Mill Store

McCarty's Superette

One Stop Citgo

South Side Grocery

Wilson's Market

Upton Grocery

Commissioner Hudson – Yes Chairman Blackston – Yes  
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes  
Commissioner Spraggins – NOT IN ATTENDANCE

County Manager, Commissioners and County Attorney Comments

**County Manager Jim** stated that the Road Department will be stripping about 9.76 miles. This was already budgeted. They are working on the 2017 LMIG the deadline will be December 30, 2016 and we will have a 30% match. There is a delay in getting power from Georgia Power at Sprewell Bluff because the state has to approve the paperwork.

**Commissioner Wilder** had no comments.

**Commissioner Ellington** stated that he was very proud of the increases in the graduation rate at the high school.

**Commissioner Hudson** had no comments

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

**Chairman Blackston** stated that Friday is Veteran's Day and if you see a Veteran shake their hand and tell them thanks for their service.

**Commissioner Spraggins** had no comments.

Adjournment

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

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Chairman Rusty Blackston

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Commissioner Steve Hudson

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**NOT IN ATTENDANCE**  
Commissioner Frank Spraggins

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Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

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Commissioner Ralph Ellington

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Jim Wheelless, County Manager