



**UPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commission Meeting
January 10, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.**

106 East Lee Street, Suite 140, Thomaston, GA 30286

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Norman Allen

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE

IV. ATTENDANCE
Chairman Norman Allen
Commissioner James Ellington
Commissioner Benjamin Watson
Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder
County Manager Jason Tinsley
County Clerk Jessica Jones
County Attorney Heath English

Commissioner Paul Jones was not in attendance.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to add the discussion of personnel to Executive Session.

Motion: Commissioner Ellington **Second:** Commissioner Wilder
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes
Commissioner Watson – Yes Chairman Allen – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Was Not in Attendance

V. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Watson **Second:** Commissioner Ellington
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – abstain
Commissioner Watson – Yes Chairman Allen – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Was Not in Attendance

VI. NEW BUSINESS

b. Appointment of a Vice-Chairman

A motion was made to appoint Commissioner Wilder as Vice-Chairman.

Motion: Commissioner Ellington **Second:** Commissioner Watson
Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – abstain
Commissioner Watson – Yes Chairman Allen – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Was Not in Attendance

c. Possible Appointment to the Hospital Authority

A motion was made to table the appointment to the Hospital Authority to do more research.

Motion: Commissioner Watson **Second:** Commissioner Ellington

Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes
Commissioner Watson – Yes Chairman Allen – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Was Not in Attendance

d. Possible Appointment to the Department of Family & Children Services Board (DFCS)

A motion was made to reappoint Tonia Brown and George Carriker to the Department of Family & Children Services Board.

Motion: Commissioner Wilder **Second:** Commissioner Ellington

Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes
Commissioner Watson – Yes Chairman Allen – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Was Not in Attendance

e. County Manager, Commissioners, and County Attorney Comments

County Manager Jason Tinsley welcomed the new Community Engagement Coordinator Ashleigh Ruttinger. He recognized Shaka Johnson for getting the Spotlight recognition with Georgia Recreation & Parks Association (GRPA). He added that they are looking for people to serve on the Focus Groups for the Comprehensive Plan. The RFP for Audit Services will go out on January 11, 2023 and the RFP for the Courthouse Landscape will go out on January 13, 2023.

County Clerk Jessica Jones had no comments.

County Attorney Heath English had no comments.

Commissioner Wilder welcomed Ashleigh to the team.

Commissioner J. Ellington welcomed Ashleigh to the team.

Commissioner Watson welcomed Ashleigh to the team.

Chairman Allen welcomed Asheigh to the team. He did a ride along with Code Enforcement and was able to point out some things that he had concerns with in the county. He thanked Ben Berryhill for the service he provided to a citizen on the trash service.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Possible Litigation and Personnel

A motion was made to recess regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel.

Motion: Commissioner Wilder **Second:** Commissioner Ellington

Commissioner Ellington – Yes Commissioner Wilder – Yes
Commissioner Watson – Yes Chairman Allen – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Was Not in Attendance

A motion was made to executive session to go back into regular session.

Motion: Commissioner Ellington

Second: Commissioner Watson

Commissioner Ellington – Yes

Commissioner Wilder – Yes

Commissioner Watson – Yes

Chairman Allen – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Was Not in Attendance

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellington with a second from Commissioner Watson to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Norman Allen

Commissioner James Ellington

Commissioner Benjamin Watson

Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

Not In Attendance

Commissioner Paul Jones