

**UPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
COUNTY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009
1:00 P.M.**

Chairman, Maurice Raines called the work session to order. All Commissioners were present. Also present was County Manager, Kyle Hood.

This was a called meeting by Commissioner Hudson to discuss change orders for a water project and any other business that needs to be addressed.

Motion by Commissioner Hudson, Second by Commissioner Blackston to approve to change the GEFA loan from 2.7 million to 4 million, which is an addition of 1.3 million.

Commissioner Hudson – yes
Commissioner Trice – yes

Commissioner Blackston – yes
Commissioner Spraggins – yes

Motion by Commissioner Hudson, Second by Commissioner Spraggins to approve change order request #1 in the amount of \$118,234.25.

Commissioner Hudson – yes
Commissioner Trice – yes

Commissioner Blackston – yes
Commissioner Spraggins – yes

Commissioner Hudson

The State has abandoned Spur Bluff and turned over to WMA. The Wildlife Game Warden wants to know if the county would assist in helping maintain the park. The land belongs to Georgia Power. Mr. Hudson stated that he would like to see ownership transfer.

Commissioner Blackston

There are five residents on Franklindale Rd. that would like to have water, their wells are running dry. Mr. Blackston stated that he talked to David Millen about the Johnston Road project; Mr. Millen stated that there may be some possible Federal money. Road surfacing money available at a later time. (This looks like this may be put on the back burner.)

Hwy. 36 truck route – could possible use Splost funds. This is not on the priority list. Pike & Lamar don't have the funds.

Mr. Blackston stated that he met with Randy Teal at the Forestry – right now he is trying to locate some land. He was looking on Hwy. 74 pass the livestock barn and the IDA development track. Wants to see if the Board can find some land for them to look at.

There are 80 acres is set aside for Recreation on Hwy. 74 pass the livestock barn – stated Commissioner Spraggins.

Mr. Blackston stated that Randy needs 3 acres. Mr. Blackston also asked if the current property where the Forestry is located is turned over to the county who is going to take down the tower?

Commissioner Hudson asked if the bus barn land was coming back to the county since the school system is getting one through the SPLOST?

Chairman Raines asked Commissioner Blackston to get with Randy and find 3 acres of land and bring back to the Board so a decision can be made.

Commissioner Blackston also stated that the Fire Grant that he and Kyle was working on has come to a halt because Upson County doesn't have a Fire Department, we do not qualify for Federal Funds.

Chairman Raines

IDA has completed work with Innoware. The preconstruction meeting will be tomorrow July 8th at 2p.m. and they will break ground at 3p.m. on the RailSpur. IDA loan is \$750,000 through the

USDA. No payments for the first two years and then over the next eight year period money has to be paid back.

Motion by Commissioner Hudson, Second by Commissioner Trice to have the Chairman to issue a letter of credit to EMC on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Trice – yes
Commissioner Spraggins – yes

Commissioner Blackston – yes
Commissioner Hudson – yes

Motion by Commissioner Trice, Second by Commissioner Spraggins to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Hudson, Second by Commissioner Spraggins to reenter into Work Session.

Commissioner Hudson stated that Wallace Rhodes had lunch with him and he discussed the possibility of having a joint city-county water authority. They talked about getting a possible committee that consists of two council members, two commissioners and the two managers. He stated that they also talked about Recreation. Mr. Hudson stated that once Mr. Rhodes presented this recommendation to the Mayor meetings/discussions can begin.

Motion & Second to Adjourn.

Chairman, Maurice Raines

County Manager, Kyle Hood