

UPSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RETREAT  
TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 2010 at 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: CABIN OFF HWY. 19 SOUTH

Chairman Raines opened the retreat by thanking the Board for their attendance. Vice Chairman, Rusty Blackston gave the invocation. Also present was County Manager, Kyle Hood, County Attorney, Ed Trice, County Auditor, Wayne Driver, and County Accountant, Ronnie Vanhouten.

- The Board discussed the County Manager's Contract and beginning the evaluation process for his position. Other County personnel issues were discussed: such as adopting a Random Drug Screening Policy, the Insurance & Retirement for county employees, and the possibility of obtaining Interns from ACCG.
- Departments as a whole were discussed. This included Joint Projects, SPLOST projects for 2011, debt reduction, and audits for these departments will be looked at by each commissioner. Purchasing equipment for the Public Buildings inmate crew was discussed.
- The Upson County Bid policy was discussed, and additions to it may be possible, such as the consideration of the 5% window for local vendors.
- The Board was made aware of the County Employee Appreciation Picnic that is scheduled for May 21, 2010 at The Rock Ranch.
- Boy Scouts of America's request for partial road closure on Dripping Rock Rd. was discussed.
- There was some discussion on the liquor by the drink issue.
- Chairman Raines asked the Board about attending the ACCG Annual Conference in Savannah on April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Economic Development opportunities were discussed. Chairman Raines stated that a lot of businesses are asking that the County remains confidential on them as being possible prospects. And additions to the County's website were mentioned as a vehicle for informing potential prospects.
- Chairman Raines asked the Board to still try to compile a list of names for the 2010 Census Complete Count Committee. He is asking the Board to try to come up with 10-20 names.

- The possibility of selling some of the property that the county owns was discussed, along with surplus vehicles and equipment.
- Chairman Raines asked the County Clerk to check on old Equipment that is on County Insurance that has Full Coverage to see if some of this can be dropped or decreased.
- There was some discussion on consolidating and refinancing the following notes:

State Patrol Barracks \$260,000 5.50%  
Health Dept. \$250,000 6.15%  
Superior Court \$60,000 6.00%  
Courthouse \$210,000 5.375%

- There was some discussion of the possibility of getting a countywide fire department.
- Chairman Raines ended the Retreat asking the Commissioners to give him comments/feedback on his leadership and in turn Chairman Raines gave the Board his Vision for the County.

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Chairman, Maurice Raines

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County Manager, Kyle Hood