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The Union County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at the Jonesboro Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken by Terry Bartruff with Dale Russell, Don Denny, Danny Hartline, Max Miller, Richard Cunningham and Darren Bailey present.

Don Denny: First on the agenda is the approval of the minutes.

Danny Hartline: I will make a motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on January 27, 2013.

Dale Russell: I'll second it.

Don Denny: All those in favor say aye, opposed none. Motion carried.

Richard Cunningham: I will make a motion to approve the executive session minutes from the meeting held on January 27, 2013 to remain closed to the public.

Max Miller: I'll second it.

Don Denny: All those in favor say aye, opposed none. Motion carried.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is Kevin Grammer.

Kevin Grammer: Discussed the purchase of fuel for the County. The highway department has a road grader and some scrap beams that we would like to add to the surplus property for auction.

Richard Cunningham: I will make a motion to accept the road grader and scrap beams as surplus property for the auction.

Danny Hartline: I'll second it.

Don Denny: All those in favor say aye, opposed none. Motion carried.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is Treasurer Darren Bailey.

Darren Bailey: Presented the County Financial Report.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is Janet Ulrich.

Janet Ulrich: Presented the merger of ROE.

Don Denny: The Commissioners and I believe that all five (5) southern Counties should merge with Jackson-Perry counties ROE.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is Union County Housing Board. The Housing Authority sent a letter to the Commissioners concerning the recent appointments of Nancy Watkins and Martha Ann Webb. The letter stated that there was no conflict of interest of the two (2) appointments and I ask that this letter to be made part of the minutes.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is the Chamber of Commerce represented by President Tim McGrath and Executive Director Jeannie Landis.

Tim McGrath: The Chamber of Commerce is requesting funds from the County to keep the office open full time.

Don Denny: No action will be taken because they don't meet the requirements for tourism money guidelines.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is Ron Garner.

Ron Garner: Something needs to be done about littering on County roads. Maybe there can be signs posted or fines handed out to the ones who are caught littering. The County needs to ask about using State prisoners to pick up trash along the roads.

Danny Hartline: Staffing at the State level is limited and is doubtful that they could get prisoners to pick up the trash along the road side. The Board will talk to State's Attorney; Tyler Edmonds to see what can be done about fining the people who are littering along County roads.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda are Bill Bowen and Grant Capel representing the Ambulance Service.

Bill Bowen: Submitted the financial report for the Ambulance Service.

Danny Hartline: The Ambulance Service is doing a great job of keeping their financial records and other records. I appreciate the great work your office is providing to the citizens of the County.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is ESDA Director Dana Pearson.

Dana Pearson: Presented the history and education about ESDA and the Rescue Squad and the coordinator's job description for the benefit of the newly elected Commissioners. Also asked about charging for the services for the Rescued Squad. I also have been discussing with Janet Ulrich about the preparedness of the possibility of school shootings in our area.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is Enterprise Zone.

Don Denny: We need to discuss about expanding and acquiring land for this project.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is the Courthouse project.

Mike Smith: Presented updates on the new Courthouse project.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is Tabitha Tripp.

Tabitha Tripp: Requests that there should be a two (2) year moratorium on fracking in the county till more information is available.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda Rollie Hawk.

Rollie Hawk: Presented a synopsis on the IT conference he attended in Naperville on February 5th and February 6th. A new contract was signed and sent back to NewWave for dropping internet cost and removing phone service from the existing contract.

Don Denny: Need a motion to go into executive session to discuss 2(c)11-pending litigation and 2(c)(6)-real estate.

Dale Russell: I will make a motion to go into executive session.

Max Miller: I will second it.

Don Denny: All those in favor say aye, opposed none. Motion carried.

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Don Denny: I'll make a motion to return to open session.

Danny Hartline: I'll second it.

Don Denny: All those in favor say aye, opposed none. Motion carried.

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Don Denny: Next on the agenda is the drainage district. I met with the interested parties and came to a resolution that satisfied both parties.

Don Denny: We need to discuss Southern Pride. We received a letter from them and got an unsatisfactory response. Currently the Board has decided not to entertain the idea of giving any tax money to Southern Pride without getting all the information that we requested.

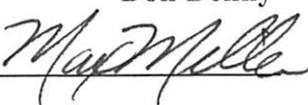
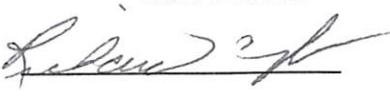
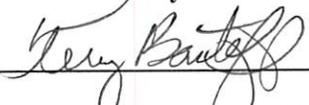
Danny Hartline: I would like to comment on the Ambulance Service's handbook and forms. I would like to see uniformity throughout the County.

Max Miller: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Richard Cunningham: I will second it.

Don Denny: All those in favor say aye, opposed none. Motion carried.

Time 11:00 a.m.

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Max Miller	Richard Cunningham	Terry Bartruff