

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016
9:00 AM REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioners met in regular session with all members present.

1. Invocation and Pledges.

Prayer said by Paula Gentry

2. Consider and take action on approval of:

A. The minutes of previous meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting made by Paula Gentry

Second by Don Gross

Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for.

Motion approved. (Minutes of meeting held on July 29th)

B. Payroll changes:

Motion to approve payroll changes made by Mike Spencer

Second by Don Gross

Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for.

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

C. Payroll:

Motion to approve payroll made by Mike Spencer

Second by Paula Gentry Frank Berka abstained

Paula Gentry, Don Gross and Mike Spencer voted for

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

D. Budget amendments:

Motion to approve budget amendments made by Paula Gentry

Second by Frank Berka

Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

**E. Accounts payable:
Bills Previously Paid:**

Motion to approve accounts payable made by Frank Berka
Second by Don Gross Mike Spencer abstained
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

**F. Accept for recording: Auditor reports; Treasurer reports; Bonds; Oaths;
Deputations; Certificates; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Hayes
Engineering, Inc.; 2016-2017 Annual Compensation order (Auditor,
Assistant Auditors and Court Reporter); Contract between Upshur
County and the Department of State Health Services for DSHS Program
Vital Statistics; and applications for use of Upshur County roads and
rights-of-way and permit requests.**

Motion to record all documents listed above made by Frank Berka
Second by Paula Gentry
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for
Motion approved.
Copies attached.

**3. Discuss and take action to accept offer for full struck-off amount for property
described in tax suit 09-83TX.**

Motion to accept offer for full struck-off amount for property described in tax suit 09-
83TX made by Mike Spencer
Second by Paula Gentry
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for
Motion approved.
Copies attached.

4. Hear from Tom Stamper and the Good Shepherd Health System concerning the proposed affiliation with Duke LifePoint Healthcare and the impact to the community.

The Court heard from Tom Stamper concerning the proposed affiliation with Duke LifePoint Healthcare. He explained they hired Juniper Advisory to guide them through the process. Eighteen Health systems were interested in affiliating with Good Shepherd. Thirteen signed un-disclosure agreements, eight submitted bids, five were selected to review, all submitted second written proposals, four were selected for site visits, it was narrowed to two final candidates and Duke LifePoint was selected as the new potential partner. He explained they took the process very seriously and a lot of time and effort was put into this decision. He said they feel that Duke LifePoint, as a partner, will be a great asset to the community. They have to get final approval by state and local agencies and are expected to close the deal by the end of the year.
No action needed.

5. Discuss and take action to appoint the election judges and alternate election judges for the term beginning September 1, 2016.

Motion to accept the list for election judges and alternated judges provided by the Election Administrator made by Mike Spencer
Second by Don Gross
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

6. Discuss and take action to designate the polling locations and times for Early Voting for the November 2016 General Election.

Motion to approve early voting Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with no voting on Sunday for the November 2016 General Election made by Paula Gentry
Second by Don Gross
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for
Motion approved.

7. Discuss and take action to perform work at the Yamboree grounds under the interlocal agreement with the City of Gilmer.

Motion to approve the work at the Yamboree grounds under the interlocal agreement with the City of Gilmer made by Don Gross
Second by Frank Berka
Motion approved.

8. Discuss and take action to approve building a fence around property on Hwy 155.

Motion to approve building a five wire barbed wire fence on the Road and Bridge property on Hwy 155 made by Don Gross
Second by Frank Berka
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for
Motion approved.

9. Discuss and take action to approve swapping truck beds with Terry Leavelle.

No action taken at this time.

10. Discuss and take action to approve appointment of Larry Sewell as Deputy Constable for Pct. 4 and to approve payment of the bond out of Constable Pct. 4 budget.

Motion to approve appointment of Larry Sewell as Deputy Constable for Pct. 4 made by Frank Berka
Second by Mike Spencer
Motion to approve payment of bond made by Don Gross
Second by Mike Spencer
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for
Motion approved.

11. Discuss and take action to accept the cul-de-sac at the end of Widgeon Road, Barton Springs into the County road inventory.

Motion to accept the cul-de-sac at the end of Widgeon Road, Barton Springs into the County road inventory made by Paula Gentry
Second by Mike Spencer
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for.
Motion approved.

12. Discuss and take action to designate location of new shredder at the Courthouse and guidelines for use.

Motion to approve the location of the new shredder in the old Auditor's Office made by Don Gross


Second by Mike Spencer

Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for Motion approved.

13. Open proposals for County Employee Health Plan. Hear from providers. Take necessary action.

The court received a letter from the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) stating they were unable to submit a proposal at this time. Health care bids were received from All Star Insurance, Health First and Group and Pension (GPA). The court heard from representatives of All Star Insurance and Health First about what each of their plans offer. Bid will be awarded during Commissioner's Court on August 31st.

14. Adjourn.



Attest: Terri Ross, Upshur County Clerk

Attendance sheet placed into minutes for recording purposes only.

Bills previously approved placed into minutes for recording purposes only.

Jury payroll placed into minutes for recording purposes only.