

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
AUGUST 15, 2018  
9:00 AM REGULAR SESSION**

**Commissioners met in regular session with all members present.**

**1. Invocation and Pledges**

Prayers said by Judge Fowler

**2. Consider and take action on approval of:**

**A. The minutes of previous meeting:**

Motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting as written made by Mike Spencer

Second by Don Gross

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

Motion approved. (Minutes of meeting held on July 31st)

**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 Don Gross

Second by Mike Spencer

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

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

**E. Accounts payable:**

**Expense Approval Report:**

Motion to approve accounts payable made by Frank Berka

Second by Mike Spencer

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

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

**F. Accept for recording: Auditor reports; Treasurer reports; Bonds; Oaths; Deputations; Certificates; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in excess of \$2500.00; Upshur County Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2017 and Independent Audit's Report; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Hayes Engineering, Inc; and applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of-way and permit requests.**

Motion to record all documents listed above made by Mike Spencer

Second by Paula Gentry

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

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

**3. Recognize 4-H members who received awards for 4-H record books.**

Upshur County Extension Agent, Julie York, recognized all the 4-H members who received awards for their end of the year record books. She explained that 4-H members must do record books if they want to be eligible to receive college scholarships or TEA scholarships.

- No action needed.

**4. 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 Mike Spencer

Second by Paula Gentry

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

Motion approved.

**5. Discuss and take action to appoint the election judges and alternate election judges for the term beginning September 1, 2018 and designate the polling locations and times for early voting for the November 6, 2018 General Election.**

Motion to approve the proposal for elections judges, polling locations and early voting times made by Don Gross

Second by Mike Spencer

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

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

**6. Discuss and take action to authorize the following:**

**A. Upshur County to sponsor a 2019/2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture on behalf of Union Grove Water Supply Corporation; and,**

**B. To appoint a Selection Committee to perform procurement of professional services for the County's anticipated 2019/2020 BLOCK grant application/project.**

Motion to approve the above listed actions made by Paula Gentry

Second by Mike Spencer

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

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

**7. Discuss and take action to accept road materials donation from R & G Construction.**

Motion to accept the donation from R & G Construction made by Frank Berka  
Second by Mike Spencer  
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for.  
Motion approved.

**8. Discuss and take action to approve the Body Camera Contract with Axon Enterprise.**

Motion to approve the Body Cameral Contract with Axon Enterprises made by Mike Spencer  
Second by Paula Gentry  
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for.  
Motion approved.

**9. Discuss and take action on the burn ban.**

Motion to remove the burn ban made by Mike Spencer  
Motion fails for lack of a second.  
This item will be brought back August 31<sup>st</sup> unless the county receives sufficient rainfall, before then. If so, the Judge will remove it.

**10. Hear presentation from Tax Assessor Collector Luana Howell regarding actual costs incurred collecting taxes for entities other than the county. Discuss and make determination as to the actual costs incurred collecting taxes for entities other than the county.**

Motion to make a determination that the actual costs incurred collecting taxes for the other entities in the county are as proposed by the Tax Assessor Collector made by Don Gross  
Second by Paula Gentry  
Paula Gentry, Don Gross, Frank Berka and Mike Spencer voted for.  
Motion approved.

**11. Discuss and take action to make changes in the County Employee Health Plan.**

Due to an affidavit of conflict which is filed with the County Clerk and from the advice of Billy Byrd, the Upshur County DA, Judge Fowler excused himself and left the courtroom. Commissioner Mike Spencer now resides.

Motion that the County pay 100% Medicare allowable on out of pocket network ambulance services made by Don Gross

Second by Paula Gentry

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

Motion is that the county will adopt, beginning January 1, 2019, a policy of \$500.00 deductible at a 50% co-insurance on specialty drugs made by Frank Berka

Second by Paula Gentry

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

Motion approved.

Motion to look into the cost savings for 65 and over, making them not eligible for the county insurance and also look into the cost savings of using only Longview Regional and Diagnostic Clinic and excluding Good Shepherd in Longview made by Mike Spencer

Second by Don Gross

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

Motion approved.

**12. 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.

