

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019  
9:00 AM REGULAR SESSION**

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

**1. Invocation and Pledges**

Prayer said by Paula Gentry

Pledges led by Dustin Nicholson

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

- A. The minutes of previous meeting:**
- B. Payroll changes:**
- C. Payroll:**
- D. Budget amendments:**
- E. Accounts payable:  
Expense Approval Report:**
- F. Accept for recording: Auditor reports; Treasurer reports; Bonds;  
Oaths; Deputations; Certificates; State and County Taxes  
Summary; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in  
excess of \$2500.00; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Jeff  
Wilson Boring; and applications for use of Upshur County roads  
and rights-of-way and permit requests.**

Motion to approve and record items A-F made by Paula Gentry

Second by Dustin Nicholson

Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge  
Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

**3. Hear from the Upshur County Historical Commission.**

The Court heard from Gwen Jewett, who is the Coordinator of the Historic Museum, which first thanked the court for the funds that were allocated to the Historic Commission and received in September 2019. She said three historical markers had been received. One each for East Springfield, Valley View and Dixon Cemeteries. She asked the court to consider forming some kind of committee to address the abandoned cemeteries. She also explained they are trying to get the school districts to bring students and do tours of the museum. So far Gilmer ISD is the only one who has participated. Ms. Jewett then turned it over to Eddie Turner who spoke to the court concerning the Dixon Cemetery project. He said the right of way has been cut thanks to Andy Jordan, Dustin Nicholson will supply the surface material to go over the right of way and then Ms. Rebecca Wells from TxDOT will install the marker. No action was needed.

**4. Discuss and take action to appoint one or more members to the Emergency Services District Board.**

Motion to appoint Ricky Evans, Jr. and re-appoint David Tackett to the ESDB made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Paula Gentry      Judge Tefteller abstained.

Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka and Jay Miller voted for.

Motion approved.

**5. The Court will go into CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters pertaining to procedure and policies concerning the rehiring of a prior County employee pursuant to V.T.C.A. 551.074(a)(1) et. Seq.**

The Court decided there was no need to go into Executive Session.

**6. The Court will reconvene in open session to discuss and take action pertaining to personnel procedure and policies concerning the rehiring of a prior County employee.**

No action was needed.

**7. Hear from Steve Dean concerning the creation of The Upshur County Economic Development Partnership.**

Mr. Dean spoke to the Court on why he thought it was important to create an Economic Development Partnership and have someone to stand up for Upshur County and say let's go forward, move ahead and to get its part of the growth available from the State of Texas. He brought forth many ideas and examples for the court to consider. No action was taken at this time.

**8. 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.

