

01/15/2021 Regular Session

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
Friday, JANUARY 15, 2021
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioners met in regular session. Commissioner's Gene Dolle and Mike Ashley were not present.

1. Invocation and Pledges

Prayer said by Steve Dean

Pledges said by Dustin Nicholson

2. Consider and take action on approval of:

A. The minutes of the 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; copy of check and explanation of funds from TransOil Marketing, LLC for Upshur County School Land; HARTintercivic Verity Master Agreement (RE: Election Equipment); Commission on Jail Standards notice of Certificate of Compliance for Upshur County Jail; and applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of way and permit request.

Motion to approve and record items A-F made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Jay W. Miller

Dustin Nicholson, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

- 3. Hear from Sheriff Larry Webb concerning recognition of Law Enforcement personnel for actions during the critical incident on November 16, 2020.**

The Court heard from Sheriff Larry Webb. Several officers were recognized for their part in a critical incident on November 16, 2020. Upshur County Sergeant Josh Davis, Upshur County Deputy Matt Sartor, Gilmer PD Sergeant Douglas Jackson and Gregg County Sheriff Deputy James Spencer were each given an accommodation. No action was needed.

- 4. Discuss and take action to approve a request by District Attorney Billy Byrd to assign the vacant office on the second floor, previously used by the Election Administrator for equipment storage, for use for DA office space.**

Motion to approve the request by DA Billy Byrd to assign the vacant office on the second floor to be used for DA office space made by Jay W. Miller
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Dustin Nicholson, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

- 5. Discuss and take action to approve a request by District Attorney Billy Byrd to have a WiFi switch added for the District Attorney's Office at both the Courthouse and Justice Center that is password protected and secure.**

Motion to approve the request by DA Billy Byrd to have a WiFi switch added for the DA Offices at the Courthouse and Justice Center that is password protected and secure made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Jay W. Miller
Dustin Nicholson, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

- 6. Discuss the probability of permanently closing the Diana branch of the Upshur County Tax office and take possible action on requests or advice to the Upshur County Tax Assessor-Collector.**

No action was taken.

7. Discuss and take action as to where to place the AED at the Upshur County Courthouse and the Upshur County Justice Center.

Motion to place AED on the second floor of the County Courthouse across from the Security Officer and in the Foyer of the Justice Center close to the metal detector and Security Officers made by Jay W. Miller
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Dustin Nicholson, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approve.

8. Discuss and take action to adopt a written resolution of the Upshur County Commissioners Court requesting that the Texas Department of State Health Services allocate COVID-19 vaccine to rural counties such as Upshur County to be administered by local health authorities.

Motion to adopt a written resolution of the Upshur County Commissioners Court requesting that the Texas Department of State Health Services allocate COVID-19 vaccine to rural counties such as Upshur County to be administered by local health authorities made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Jay W. Miller
Dustin Nicholson, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

9. Hear from Employee Benefits Consulting concerning finalizing the dental premiums for the Upshur County employee dental plan.

Motion to approve the proposed rates for dental only plan made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Jay W. Miller
Dustin Nicholson, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

10. 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.

