

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioners met in regular session with all members present.

1. Invocation and Pledges

Prayer said by Gene Dolle

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; Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report, September 30, 2020; 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 Gene Dolle

Second by Dustin Nicholson

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

3. **Discuss and take action to approve Upshur County 4-H use of the Courthouse lawn to host the 4-H Kick-off on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 5-7 p.m.**

Motion to allow the Upshur County 4-H to use the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, September 4, 2021 all day made by Mike Ashley

Second by Jay W. Miller

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

4. **Recognize six (6) 4-H members who completed 4-H record books.**

Kaitlyn Slover, the Upshur County Extension Agent recognized several of her 4-H members who completed 4-H record books. The members are listed below:

Timothy Poorman (advanced to state), Maggie Mayes (advanced to state), Ryann Murphy, Jayden Taylor, Caylee Potter and Lilly Poreman

No action was needed.

5. **Discuss and take action to accept for recording the plat for Eagle Lake Estates.**

Motion to accept for recording the Eagle Lake Estates Subdivision plat made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Gene Dolle

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

6. **Discuss and take action to re-appoint Mrs. Bridget Fowler to serve another 2-year term on the Community Healthcore Board of Trustees from September 1, 2021-August 31, 2023.**

Motion to re-appoint Bridget Fowler to the Community Healthcore Board of Trustees from September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2023 made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Jay W. Miller

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

7. **Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution authorizing premium pay to Upshur County employees and essential workers for service during the COVID-19 Health Emergency under the American Rescue Plan Act. (The Stipend).**

Motion to adopt the Resolution 2021-04 authorizing premium pay to all Upshur County Employees and essential workers for service during the COVID-19 Pandemic made by Gene Dolle

Second by Dustin Nicholson

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

8. Discuss and take action on the proposed salary increases for employees of the Sheriff's Office and Jail.

Motion to approve salary increases for the Lieutenants and Chiefs in the Sheriff Office and Jail made by Gene Dolle

Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Motion to approve raises of \$1,273.20 for the Sheriff's Office CID Sergeant, Patrol Sergeants, CID Investigators and raises of \$5,337.60 for Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies, Civil Deputies and the SRO's (School Resource Officers) made by Gene Dolle

Second by Jay W. Miller

Motion was then amended to lower the Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies, Civil Deputies and SRO's to \$4,337.60 made by Gene Dolle

Second by Jay W. Miller

After more discussion the first motion stated above was then voted on.

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved

9. Discuss and take action to approve the revised school contracts for School Resource Officers.

Motion to approve the revised school contracts for School Resource Officers made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Mike Ashley

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

10. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of members to the Upshur County Road Committee.

No action taken

- 11. Hear from Melissa Laurent, Veterans Administration Officer for Wood County, Camp County and Titus County concerning the benefits of a Veterans Officer. Discuss and take action to appoint a part-time Veterans Officer and possibly appointing Ms. Laurent.**

Melissa Laurent a Veterans Administration Officer explained to the court, the benefits of a Veterans Service Officer. Ms. Laurent also explained that she is an accredited Veterans Service Officer and that means she has a higher level of security and can do a lot of things a regular Veterans Service Officer can't. She said she already has Veterans from Upshur County who call upon her for help because Upshur County has no Veterans Officer. Ms. Laurent said if the court was willing, she would be willing to work one day a week and asked the court to provide her a space, a computer and that she generally gets \$17.52 per hour and would suggest that.

Motion to appoint a part-time VA Officer funded by the ARP grant for one day a week made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Gene Dolle

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

- 12. Discuss and take action to seek bids for Road and Bridge materials: Iron ore gravel, Common base, Limestone flex base, select fill dirt and culverts.**

Motion to seek bids and publicize bids for Road and Bridge materials including Iron ore gravel, Common base, Limestone flex base, select fill dirt and culverts made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Jay W. Miller

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

13. Discuss and take action on the FY 21-22 Proposed Budget.

Motion to give a \$1,000.00 pay increase across the board to every Upshur County Employee excluding Elected Officials and those in the Sheriff's Office and Jail who received salary increases (see item 8) and leave the 1.5 to 1 retirement match for every Upshur County Employee with no exclusions made by Jay W. Miller

Second by Dustin Nicholson

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

14. Discuss and take action to approve the filing of the proposed budget with the Upshur County Clerk.

Motion to file the proposed budget with the Upshur County Clerk by August 13, 2021 and publicize according to law made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Jay W. Miller

Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.


Motion approved.

DISCUSSION ONLY ITEM:

D-1. Discuss the repair and/or replacement of the Upshur County Courthouse roof.

The Judge said there is still a lot of people to speak to and a lot to be considered before being able to move forward on the repair or replacement of the roof.

15. 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.



