

09/15/2021 Regular Session

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in excess of \$2500.00; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Luminous Services, LLC; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Longview Asphalt; 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 a request by New Beginnings Baptist Church to use the Courthouse lawn and/or vacant lot on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 6-9 p.m. for a movie night in conjunction with their annual for the City Serve Day.**

This item was passed.

4. **Hear from Employee Benefits Consulting concerning the County Employee Insurance Stop Loss renewal. Also hear from EBC concerning the Notice of Cancellation of Payment Agreement received from Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center dated August 24, 2021. Discuss and take necessary action.**

Motion to continue using Reunion as the stop loss carrier 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.

No action taken regarding the Notice of Cancellation until the court hears back from Rachel with EBC.

5. **Discuss and take action to donate the cabinet in the Tax office from the Farmers & Merchants Bank to the Historic Upshur Museum.**

Motion to donate the cabinet in the Tax Office to the Historic Upshur Museum made by Mike Ashley

Second by Dustin Nicholson

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

Motion approved.

6. Discuss and take action to appoint Bobby Baker as part-time Veterans Services Officer to be paid from the ARP grant.

Motion to appoint Bobby Baker as the part-time Veterans Services Officer to be paid from the ARP grant made by Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

7. Discuss and take action to accept for recording the final plat for the Greenbriar Subdivision.

Motion to accept and record the final plat of the Greenbriar Subdivision made by Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

8. Discuss and take action to set Sheriff's and Constables' Fees for 2022.

Motion to set the Sheriff's and Constables' Fees at the current rate for 2022 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.

9. Discuss and take action to approve County Holidays and Commissioner Court meeting dates for 2022.

Motion to approve the County Holidays and Commissioner Court meeting dates as stated made by Gene Dolle

Second by Jay W. Miller

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

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

10. Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution authorizing a County grant to Meals on Wheels Ministry.

Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing a County grant to Meals on Wheels Ministry 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.

11. Discuss and take action to make nominations to the Upshur County Appraisal District Board of Directors by the October 14 deadline.

Motion to re-instate the current UCA District Board of Directors which consist of Jay W. Miller, Luana Howell, Mike Spencer, Richard Gage, David Fonteno and John Ussery made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

12. Discuss and take action creating an advisory Upshur County Road Committee with the persons appointed thereto to be named at the September 30, 2021 meeting.

No action taken.

13. Discuss and take action on interlocal agreement with ETCOG for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services.

Motion to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with ETCOG for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services 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.

14. Discuss and take action on entering into an agreement with Union Pacific concerning the construction of the new railroad track siding road being constructed in Southwest Upshur County near Hwy 80, West of Big Sandy, TX.

Motion to enter into an agreement with Union Pacific concerning the construction of the new railroad siding road in Southwest Upshur County near Hwy 80, West of Big Sandy, TX made by Mike Ashley
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

15. Discuss and take action to award road and bridge bids.

Motion to accept the bid from Longview Asphalt for Limestone Flex Base and accept the bid from Holmes Concrete & Pipe Co. for Culverts made by Mike Ashley
Second by Jay W. Miller
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved. Dustin Nicholson abstained.
Original bid packets filed in the August 31, 2021 Commissioner Court Meeting.

- 16. Discuss and take action authorizing Upshur County Road & Bridge Department to re-surface Cherokee Trace Road from Madelaine Street North to Tanyard Creek with the City of Gilmer reimbursing the County for one-half of the cost pursuant to the County's interlocal agreement with the City of Gilmer.**

Motion to authorize Andy Jordan to resurface Cherokee Trace from Tanyard Creek on the North to the city limit sign on the South contingent on the City agreeing to pay \$34,000.00 for their half of the work up to the city limit sign and \$9,350.00 for their portion of the work from the city limit sign to Madelaine Street and the city agreeing that Longview Asphalt will bill them directly for their portion of the expense 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.

At 11:03am the Court opened the Special Session.

At 11:10am the Court re-opened the Regular Session.

- 17. Discuss and take action to approve the Upshur County Clerk's Records Archive Plan and the Upshur County District Clerk's Records Archive Plan.**

Motion to approve the Upshur County Clerk's and Upshur County District Clerk's Records Archive Plans made by Mike Ashley

Second Dustin Nicholson

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

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

- 18. Discuss and take action to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget by record vote.**

Motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget by record vote made by
Dustin Nicholson

Second by Jay W. Miller

Record votes are as follows:

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

Motion approved.

- 19. Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase of \$386,932 reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget by record vote.**

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

Action approved.

- 20. Discuss and take action to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.615 for Upshur County by record vote.**

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

Action approved.

- 21. Discuss and take action to approve the Position and Salary List for Fiscal Year 2022- revised 09/15/2021.**

Motion to approve the Position and Salary List for Fiscal Year 2022 –
revised 09/15/2021 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.

22. **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.

