

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022  
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION**

**Commissioners met in regular session. Dustin Nicholson was not present.**

**1. Invocation and Pledges**

Prayer said by Gene Dolle

Pledges said by Judge Tefteller

**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; Declaration of Local Disaster Due to the March 22, 2022 Spring Storm; Outline of Disaster Assistance provided by Animal Investigation and Response (AIR) to Upshur County in response to the Tornado; Resignation of Kaitlyn Slover as County Extension Agent; First Amendment to Service Agreement Between Upshur County Public Library and Learn: Lonestar Education and Research Network; Notice of price increase from Bryan & Bryan Asphalt, LLC and Longview Asphalt, Inc.; 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 Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

**3. Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Upshur County.**

Motion to approve a Resolution declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Upshur County made by Gene Dolle  
Second by Jay W. Miller  
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.  
Motion approved.  
Copy attached.

**4. Discuss and take action to proclaim April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in Upshur County.**

Motion to proclaim April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in Upshur County made by Mike Ashley  
Second by Jay W. Miller  
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.  
Motion approved.  
Copy attached.

**5. Discuss and take action to approve "Windsinger" Bob Despennet's use of the Courthouse lawn to display his teepees during the Cherokee Rose Festival on May 5-8, 2022.**

Motion to approve use of the Courthouse lawn during the Cherokee Rose Festival on May 5-8, 2022 to "Windsinger" Bob Despennet to display his teepees made by Mike Ashley  
Second by Jay W. Miller  
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.  
Motion approved.

- 6. Discuss and take action to designate times of early voting for the May 24, 2022 Primary Run-off election and to accept for recording the polling locations for this election.**

Motion to designate times of early voting for the May 24, 2022 Primary Run-off election and to accept for recording the polling locations for this election made by Gene Dolle

Second by Jay W. Miller

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

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

- 7. Discuss and take action to make a nomination to fill the vacancy on the Upshur County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 term by the April 22, 2022 deadline.**

Motion to nominate John Ussery to fill the vacancy on the Upshur County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 term by the April 22, 2022 deadline made by Mike Ashley

Second by Jay W. Miller

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

Motion approved.

- 8. Discuss and take action to approve the County inmates planting a garden on the County property just South of the Rock Building.**

Motion to approve the County inmates planting a garden on the County property south of the Rock Building made by Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

- 9. Discuss and take action to approve the Red Rock Roofing subdivision name to be amended to Montesview Village.**

Motion to approve renaming the Red Rock Roofing Subdivision to Montesview Village made by Mike Ashley  
Second by Gene Dolle  
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.  
Motion approved.  
Copy attached.

- 10. Discuss and take action to accept for recording the plats for Jenkins Landing subdivision and Oak Grove Estates subdivision. This action does not approve the roads of either plat, they are to be maintained by the property owner.**

Motion to accept the plats for Jenkins Landing subdivision and Oak Grove Estates subdivision. This action does not approve the roads of either plat and will be maintained by the property owner made by Gene Dolle  
Second by Mike Ashley  
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.  
Motion approved.  
Copies attached.

- 11. Discuss and take action to appoint a new member to the Emergency Services District Board #1 created by the resignation of Mike Fennell.**

Motion to table this item made by Jay W. Miller  
Motion dies for lack of a second.  
Motion to appoint Bobby Jenkins to the Emergency Services District Board #1 made by Gene Dolle  
Second by Mike Ashley  
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley voted for.  
Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted against.  
Motion Failed.  
This item will be brought back at a later court date.

- 12. Discuss and take action to approve increasing the fuel budget for Constable Pct. 1 from \$1500 to \$3500 due to the recent fuel price increase with funding from the General Contingency line item.**

Motion to approve increasing the fuel budget for Constable Pct. 1 from \$1500 to \$3500 due to the recent fuel price increase with funding from the General Contingency line item made by Gene Dolle

Second by Jay W. Miller

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

Motion approved.

- 13. Discuss and take action to determine the means by which to fund the painting of the Upshur County District Courtroom by Quality Painting:**
- A. Pay from the Building and Maintenance budget;**
  - B. Approve payment to be made from the Capital Improvement Contingency line item; or,**
  - C. Approve payment to be made from the ARPA Grant.**

Motion to approve payment to be made from the ARPA Grant made by Mike Ashley

Second by Jay W. Miller

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

Motion approved.

The Judge moved to item 15 which is a Discussion Item Only. After the Discussion was over.

Motion to take a lunch break and return to open session at 1:15 was made by Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

Court re-convened at 1:22 to open session with Item 14.

**14. Open proposals for lease of the Upshur County School Land. Discuss and take action.**

Motion to table this item until the April 14, 2022 Commissioner's Court Meeting made by Mike Ashley

Second by Jay W. Miller

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

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

Bids submitted by: Cooper Ranches, LLC, Goldsmith Cattle Company, LLC, Young Land & Cattle Company, Inc. and Calthan Cattle Company, LLC

**15. DISCUSSION ONLY: Hear from Charlie Kern with Komatsu Architecture about Courthouse maintenance, renovations, upkeep and the vacant lot on the square. Discuss also our suitability for the Courthouse Renovation Grant offered through the Texas Historical Commission.**

The Court heard from Charlie Kern with Komatsu Architecture. Mr. Kern said Upshur County came in second last time for the Renovation Grant. He said he thought our chances look really good for the next round. He suggested to our Court to re-apply by the deadline to stay in the running. The Court also heard from Judge Leward Lefleur, the Marion County Judge regarding the renovation and restoration of the Marion County Courthouse. Marion County received the grant a few years ago. No action was needed.

**16. 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.

