

**07/15/2022 Regular Session**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022  
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION**

**Commissioners met in regular session will 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; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Fikes Wholesale Inc.; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Tri State Fence Co.; Upshur County Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2021 with Independent Auditor's Report prepared by Patillo, Brown & Hill; Interlocal Agreements for School Resource Officer Program between Upshur County and Gilmer ISD, Ore City ISD, Union Hill ISD, Union Grove ISD and New Diana ISD; Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Jail Services between Upshur County, Texas and Smith County, Texas; 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

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 mileage reimbursement for the Commissioners when using their personal vehicles to check, inspect roads and visit with citizens about complaints.**

This item passed. No action taken.

- 4. Discuss and take action to reduce the number of approved Road & Bridge temporary full-time ARPA Grant funded positions from twelve (12) to six (6).**

Motion to approve reducing the number of approved Road & Bridge temporary full-time ARPA Grant funded positions from twelve (12) to six (6) made by Jay W. Miller

Second by Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

- 5. Discuss and take action to approve and accept for recording the Internal Audit Report for the Upshur County Road & Bridge Department.**

Motion to approve and accept the Internal Audit Report for the Road & Bridge Department 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.

- 6. Discuss and take action on the County Road right-of-way maintenance and practices.**

This item was passed. No action taken.

7. **Discuss and take action to terminate the burn ban, allow it to continue as it is presently issued to end July 29, 2022 at 6 p.m. or to extend the burn ban due to the continued need of the unincorporated areas of the County for protection from outdoor burning.**

Motion to continue the burn ban through July 29, 2022 made by Mike Ashley

Second by Gene Dolle

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

Motion approved.

8. **Discuss and take action to approve increasing the fuel budget for Constable Pct. 3 from \$1500 to \$2000 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 3 from \$1500 to \$2000 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.

9. **Discuss and take action to either fund paid COVID leave from the County's General Fund OR require employees to take their accrued sick leave.**

Motion to pay COVID leave from the General Fund instead of the ARPA Grant 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.

- 10. Discuss and take action reclassifying one Jail Deputy to a Jail Sergeant with the increase of salary to be funded by the reduction of the Part-time Salary line item.**

Motion to reclassify one Jail Deputy to a Jail Sergeant with the increase of salary to be funded by the reduction of the Part-time Salary line item made by Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley

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

Motion approved.

- 11. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of the service weapon having been used by Honorably Retired Deputy LP Nolan (TX Govt. Code Sec. 614.051) for \$350.00.**

Motion to approve the purchase of the service weapon from the Honorably Retired Deputy LP Nolan for \$350.00 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.

- 12. Discuss and take action to approve the Tax Assessor/Collector being awarded the Vehicle Special Inventory Tax overages for use at her discretion this year and from this point forward.**

Motion to approve the Tax Assessor/Collector being awarded the Vehicle Special Inventory Tax overages for to use at her discretion from this day forward 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. Hear presentation from officials from Truman Smith Children's Care Center. Discuss only.**

The Judge introduced the officials of Truman Smith who were present in the Courtroom which were Rhonda Rolen, Meera Riner, Cindy Williams, Tim Peimann and Ronda Marsh. The Court heard from several staff members one of whom was Rhonda Rolland, the Administrator. They basically described the kind of services they provide and the different kinds of medical staff they have on hand. They generally service infants to 19 years old, but they do have one resident who is 30. Some residents do go home according to how well they respond to treatment. This facility is the only one of its kind in the East Texas area and Upshur County is fortunate to have it located here.

**14. Discuss and take action to set salaries of ALL elected County and Precinct Officers.**

Motion to approve a \$5000.00 raise for all elected County and Precinct Officers made by Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley                      Dustin Nicholson voted against.

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

Motion approved.

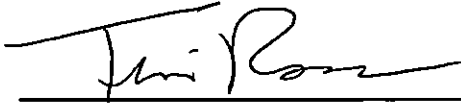
**15. Discuss and possibly take action on the FY23 Proposed Budget.**

No action taken at this time.

16. **DISCUSSION ONLY: Round XII Courthouse Grant Renovation Progress.**

The Judge explained that we are still in the running with three other Courthouses and we have some time to decide whether to accept. However, if we refuse then we will never be considered again.

17. **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.

