COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION

Commissioners met in regular session with all members present.

Audio

1. Invocation and Pledges

Prayer said by Paula Gentry
Pledges led 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 Jeff Wilson Boring; Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear (FTA) Program; 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 Paula Gentry
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copies attached.

3. Discuss and take action to approve expenditure from the JP Technology Fund for the purchase of an HP Laserjet 4350n printer for JP1.

No action needed.

4. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a copy machine for the Sheriff's Office to be paid from the Office Machines/Equipment line.

Motion to approve the purchase of a copy machine for the Sheriff's Office for $3,866.00 out of Office Machines/Equipment made by Frank Berka
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

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

Motion to accept the following bids made by Paula Gentry
Second by Frank Berka
Paula Gentry, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller
voted for.
Motion approved.

Gas and Diesel Bids: Lykins Energy Solutions
Plant Mix Asphalt: Longview Asphalt
Hot Oil Sand: Longview Asphalt
Type D Hot Oil: Longview Asphalt
Road Oil: Bryan & Bryan
Emulsified Asphalt: Ergon
Pug Milling: Material Resources Inc.
3x5 Rock: H.E. Spann
Rip/Rap: Longview Asphalt

NOTE: Commissioner Dustin Nicholson left the Courtroom due to conflict of interest.

6. Discuss and take action to close the last 400 feet of Salvia Road.

Motion to approve closing the last 400 feet of Salvia Road with both Upshur Rural and Centerpoint Energy's permission, being the only two landowners it will affect made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Paula Gentry
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copies attached.

7. Discuss and take action to use money from the sale of dump trucks toward the purchase of new fuel system.

Motion to approve using the money from the sale of a dump truck toward the purchase of a new fuel system made by Paula Gentry
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

8. Hear a Road Report from Andy Jordan. Discuss and take necessary action.

The Court heard a report from Andy Jordan, the Road Administrator. He explained in 2019 we had over 50 inches of rain in Upshur County so they weren't able to start oiling roads until June. They are still battling the same problems this year with all the recent rain. At this point they are only able to fix potholes because the ground is so saturated they can't afford to do any ditching without further damage. The Road Crews are cutting trees and patching roads as weather permits. A contractor was hired to come in and spray precinct two and precinct four with herbicides to control the grass problem since they are both more rural areas and this helps cut down on the mowing so they can concentrate more on the south end of the county which is more residential areas. They are waiting on the Legislature to release the rules for the TIF Grant. He has eight roads, in precinct one and precinct three, in mind that the $800,000.00 will be spent on. So as fast as they can finish those eight roads and get the money turned back in that will put them in the running for more money.

The next roads will be in precinct four and if there is a third allocation it will be used in precinct two. If there isn't a third allocation, when they get their reimbursement back then they will begin their budget work in precinct two.

No action was needed.

9. Hear from Employee Benefits Consulting concerning a four month financial review of Upshur County employee insurance benefits.

The Court heard a report from Rachel Means from Employee Benefits regarding cost and savings to the county. She said they have made a lot of progress since the renewal date of 10/01/2019. She takes the last two plan years and averages monthly what the county has been spending which has been running about $255,000.00 on medical cost, pharmacy cost, stop loss and admin fees. At this point throughout the plan year the average is $172,000.00 per month with lower deductibles and lower out of pocket cost. Rachel said she would budget for another shock claim. They had one come in for $900,000.00 and they were able to negotiate it down to $135,000.00. She believes conservatively the savings will be $250,000.00 to $300,000.00 by the end of the budget year.

No action was needed.

10. The Court will go into CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the appointment of a GAME ROOM HEARING EXAMINER/OFFICER(S) relative to the proposed UPSHUR COUNTY GAME ROOM REGULATIONS, pursuant to V.T.C.A.Sections 551.074(a)(1) et.seq.

11. Discuss and take action appointing a GAME ROOM HEARING EXAMINER/OFFICER(S).

Motion to appoint Don Gross as the GAME ROOM HEARING EXAMINER/OFFICER(S) made by Frank Berka
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

12. **Discuss and take action to adopt UPSHUR COUNTY TEXAS GAME ROOM REGULATIONS.**

Motion to adopt the proposed UPSHUR COUNTY GAME ROOM REGULATIONS made by Paula Gentry
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

13. **Discuss and take action approving donations from the Friends of the Upshur County Library to the Upshur County Library, ie., materials, supplies and equipment, computers, light fixtures, etc.**

Motion to approve a donation of 20 LED lights from the Friends of the Library for the Children's section made by Paula Gentry
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

14. **Adjourn.**

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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.