COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020
10:00AM SPECIAL SESSION

Commissioners met for a special session with all members present.

Audio

1. Invocation.
Prayer said by Paula Gentry

2. Consider, discuss and take action ratifying and extending the UPSHUR COUNTY LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION dated March 17, 2020 and the DIRECTIVE NO. 1 issued under said DECLARATION dated March 17, 2020.

Motion to extend the local disaster declaration indefinitely, dated March 17, 2020 which includes Directives 1 & 2 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.

2.1 Hear report from Upshur County Emergency Management Coordinator and the COVID-19 RESPONSE COMMITTEE

There has been a committee formed to help Marc Nichols, The Emergency Management Coordinator which includes Trace Hudgins and Julie York. The Court heard from Marc Nichols and the committee regarding COVID-19. Mr. Nichols said there has been one case of the virus confirmed in Upshur County by the Department of State Health Services. Julie York said there is a form for the Department Heads to fill out if anyone calls in sick so they can keep an eye on the situation with the employee. The Judge said if a lot of people start calling in sick then the court may need to change their views on what action might be taken.
No action was needed.

3. **Consider, discuss and take action on possible new actions, directives or measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as:**

A. **Emergency paid administrative leave policy for employees of Upshur County.**
Motion to approve the temporary emergency paid leave policy due to Covid-19 made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

B. **Adjusting dates, times and methods of conducting County business while still performing the functions of local government.**
Motion to close the county offices at 12:00 noon Monday thru Friday, except for performing essential governmental services, and does not affect the county benefits to the employees that do not work over the 30 hours minimum set by county policy made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Paula Gentry
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

C. **Implementing CDC's directives and orders of the President and the Governor;**
Motion to close all non-essential activities such as game rooms, soccer, baseball etc. 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.

D. **Set guidelines defining social gatherings; and,**
No action

E. Such other matters as may be necessary to promote and support the Upshur County Emergency Plan.

Motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Civic Center and the City of Gilmer and sign any other Interlocal Agreements that may become necessary made by Paula Gentry
Second by Frank Berka
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

4. Consider, discuss and take action creating an Upshur County Facebook page.

Motion to create an Upshur County Facebook page made by Jay Miller
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

5. Consider, discuss and take action to allow public alternate participation in future Commissioners' Court meetings, such as via Facebook and limiting public attendance at said meetings.

Motion to allow the public to participate in the meetings via Facebook until such time this crisis has passed made by Paula Gentry
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

6. Adjourn.

_____

Attest: Terri Ross, Upshur County Clerk
Attendance Sheet