COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION

Commissioners met in regular session with all members present.

Audio

1. **Invocation and Pledges**
   Prayer said by Judge Tefteller
   Pledges said by Preston Davis

2. **Consider and take action on approval of:**

   A. **The minutes of the previous meeting:**
   B. **Payroll changes:**
   C. **Payroll: Election Payroll**
   D. **Budget amendments:**
   E. **Accounts Payable:**
   Expense Approval Report:
   F. **Accept for recording: Auditor reports; Treasurer reports; Bonds; Oaths; Deputations; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in excess of $2500.00; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Material Resources Inc.; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Hayes Engineering, Inc.; Directive No. 8 Guidance for County Department Heads; 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 Frank Berka
   Second by Jay Miller
   Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
   Motion approved.
   Copies attached.

3. **Discuss and take action to approve the installation of a Rose Garden around the flag pole at the Courthouse for an Eagle Scout Project.**

The Court heard from Preston Davis who is wanting to plant a rose garden around the flag pole on the Courthouse lawn for an Eagle Scout Project. Preston said the project is to honor his great grandmother Hughlene Stokes and other women from Upshur County who was known as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II.
Motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project made by Frank Berka
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

4. **Discuss and take action to approve the expansion of storage space in the Courthouse for Upshur County Clerk records.**

No action was taken.

5. **Discuss and take action appoint the election judges and alternate election judges for the term beginning September 1, 2020.**

Motion to approve the election judges and alternate judges as recommended by the Election Administrator made by Jay Miller
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

6. **Discuss and take action to designate the polling locations and times for early voting and to designate the election day polling locations for the November 3, 2020 General Election.**

Motion to approve the designated polling locations and times for early voting and designated polling locations for November 3, 2020 General Election as recommended by the Election Administrator made by Dustin Nicolson
Second by Frank Berka
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

7. **Discuss and take action to appoint Upshur County Sick Leave Pool Board members.**

Motion to appoint Vicki Jones to a one year term on the Upshur County Sick Leave Pool Board made by Frank Berka
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

8. **Discuss and take action to approve a change in the withdrawal rules on the 457(b) governmental plan with VALIC to lower the in-service distribution age from 70.5 to 59.5 years of age.**

Motion to approve lowering the age to 59.5 years when an employee can withdraw from the retirement amount the employee has paid in made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

9. **Discuss and take action to approve a Contract Addendum between Upshur County and NCIC Inmate Communication, INC. adding video calling to the phones in the jail.**

Motion to approve to extend the Contract with NCIC an additional two years and allow them to add video calling to the jail phones made by Frank Berka
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

10. **Discuss and take action to place speed bumps, other speed control devices and/or speed limit restrictions on Arrowwood Road in proximity to the Rosewood Baptist Church to curb or slow the speed of traffic.**

Motion to approve adding rumble strips to 800 feet of Arrowwood Road in the vicinity of Rosewood Baptist Church and lowering the speed limit to 15mph on Wednesday evenings from 4:00pm – 9:00pm and Sundays from 7:30am – 8:30pm made by Jay Miller
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

11. **Hear from Imelda Tatsch with Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center regarding child safety fee. Discuss and take action regarding implementation and use of fee.**

Motion to add an additional .50 cents to the vehicle registration to go to the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Jay Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

12. **Hear from Employee Benefits Consulting concerning Upshur County Health Insurance Plan.**
Discuss and take necessary action.

Rachel Means from Employee Benefits gave a report and presented a slide show to the Court explaining the cost and savings for prescriptions to the County as to the Health Insurance Plan.
Motion to approve updating our Prescription Health Care Plan made by Jay Miller
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

13. **Discuss and take action to approve the FY21 PROPOSED TAX RATE by record vote.**

Motion to keep the current tax rate of .615 the same for the FY21 made by Frank Berka
Second by Dustin Nicholson
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.