

05/31/2022 Regular Session

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

Commissioners met in regular session with 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: Election 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; Cooperative Agreement Between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Upshur County; 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 Gene Dolle
Gene Dolle, Dustin Nicholson, Mike Ashley, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copies attached.

- 3. Hear from Employee Benefits Consulting concerning a six month review of Upshur County employee insurance benefits plan. Discuss and take necessary action.**

The Court heard from Rachel Means of Employee Benefits. She presented a six month review of the County Insurance plan and said everything is going great and feels it will continue. Jim Tennison of Club Soleil 24 hour fitness also spoke to the Court about possibly offering the County Employee's a discount on membership. He said keeping employees fit will also reduce the cost of health care. Rachel also agreed with him and thought it was a good idea.

No action was taken.

- 4. Discuss and take action to accept the roads in Eagle Creek Estates into the waiting period for the County Road Inventory.**

Motion to accept the roads in Eagle Creek Estates into the waiting period 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.

- 5. Discuss and take action on disbursement of available school funds.**

Motion to disburse the available school funds as suggested by the County Treasurer 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.

Copy attached.

- 6. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Defender Supply for \$43,338 for the DA's Investigator with payment to be made from the ARPA grant or by lease agreement.**

No action taken at this time.

7. **Discuss and take action to approve the installation of fence and entry system at Road and Bridge by Tri-State Fence Company at a cost of \$10,800 to be funded by either the ARPA Grant or Building Improvement Contingency.**

Motion to approve the installation of fence and entry system at Road and Bridge by Tri-State Fence Company at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00 to be paid out of the Building Improvement Contingency fund made by Dustin Nicholson

Second by Gene Dolle

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

Motion approved.

8. **Hear report, discuss and take action on the vacant lot renovation project on the Square – to let out or seek bids for the sale of the vacant lot on the Square with limitations on use by the grantee.**

The Judge said more information is needed before any decision can be made.

No action taken.

9. **Hear from Cynthia King, Upshur County Librarian concerning the state of the Upshur County Library and the Annual Report. Discuss and take necessary action.**

The Court heard a presentation from Cynthia King, the Upshur County Librarian on the state of the Library and she gave an Annual Report.

No action taken.

Copy attached.

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

The Judge said he didn't have any update. He is still waiting to hear when the hearing is going to be on the grant renovation.

11. **The Court will go into CLOSED SESSION under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.074(1) (Personnel Matters) and 551.076 (Security Issues).**
- A. **Consider personnel matters (appointments, leaves, reassignments, resignations, retirements, termination, termination of probationary contracts, contract extensions); and**
- B. **Consider Security issues.**

The Court did not feel it necessary to go into Closed Session at this time.

12. **The Court will re-convene into open session and take any action necessary as a result of Executive Session.**
13. **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.

