

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022  
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION

Commissioners met in regular session. Dustin Nicholson & Jay W. Miller were not present.

**1. Invocation and Pledges**

Prayer said by Gene Dolle

Pledges said by Mike Ashley

**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 Material Resources Inc.; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Gabriel Escalante, Gab's Tree Service, Inc.; 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 Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley

Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copies attached.

**3. Hear from the Upshur County Historical Commission.**

The Court heard from Gwen Jewett of the Upshur County Historical Commission. Ms. Jewett gave a report of all the things they have done over the last year and some request they have made concerning some historical markers. She said they are still waiting to hear back on a few things.

No action was taken.

**4. Hear from Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center (NETCAC) concerning increasing the Child Safety Fee and awarding it to NETCAC. Discuss and take necessary action.**

The Court heard from Freddy Fitzgerald and Lauren Fleming of the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center. They serve eight (8) counties, Upshur, Camp, Titus, Franklin, Hopkins, Delta, Wood and Rains, helping children who are abused or live in abusive homes.

Motion to raise the Child Safety Fee from \$.50 to \$1.00 made by Mike Ashley

Second by Gene Dolle

Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

**5. Discuss and take action to amend the Upshur County COVID-19 Paid Leave Policy to change the amount of paid COVID Leave hours from 80 to 40 hours effective immediately.**

Motion to amend the COVID-19 Paid Leave Policy from 80 hours to 40 hours effective immediately made by Mike Ashley

Second by Gene Dolle

Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

Copy attached.

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

No action taken at this time.

- 7. Discuss and take action concerning the number of School Resource Officers needed by Gilmer ISD for the 2022-2023 school year.**

No action.

- 8. Discuss and take action to approve transferring up to \$50,000 from Contingency to the Sheriff's Office gasoline budget, on an as needed basis based on usage and prevailing price.**

Motion to approve transferring up to \$50,000 from Contingency to the Sheriff's gasoline budget as needed made by Mike Ashley

Second by Gene Dolle

Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley and Judge Tefteller voted for.

Motion approved.

- 9. 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.**

This item was passed.

- 10. Discuss and take action to change the June 30, 2022 Commissioners Court date so as to allow the Judge to attend the Texas Historical Commission public comment meeting on June 30, 2022.**

Motion to move the Commissioners Court meeting to June 28, 2022 made by Gene Dolle

Second by Mike Ashley

After the motion was made the Judge called Dustin Nicholson to see if he will be available for Court on June 30. The Judge and Jay W. Miller will both be gone to the meeting in Austin. He said he would, so the meeting will remain as originally scheduled. The motion was not voted on.

- 11. DISCUSSION ONLY: Round XII Courthouse Grant Renovation Progress.**

There was no discussion.

12. **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.**

This item was passed.

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

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

No action was needed.

15. **Discuss and take action to publish any proposed salary or other allowance increases for Elected Officials and Precinct Officers.**

Motion to publish a proposed salary increase of \$5,000.00 for Elected Officials made by Gene Dolle  
Second by Mike Ashley  
Gene Dolle, Mike Ashley and Judge Tefteller voted for.  
Motion approved.

16. **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.

