

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023  
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., with the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

Present: Gene Dolle – Commissioner Pct. #1  
Dustin Nicholson – Commissioner Pct. #2, presiding,  
Mike Ashley – Commissioner Pct. #3

Judge Tefteller and Jay W. Miller were absent. Dustin Nicholson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1. Invocation and Pledges**

Prayer was led by Gene Dolle.

Pledges to the U.S. & Texas flags led by Mike Ashley.

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

- A. The minutes of the previous meetings;
- B. Payroll changes;
- C. Payroll;
- D. Budget amendments;
- E. Accounts Payable;
- F. 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; Statement of Officer for Melva Foster; and, applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of way and permit requests.

Motion by Gene Dolle with a second by Mike Ashley to approve items A-F.

Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

(SEE ATTACHED)

**3. Discuss and take action to canvass the November 7, 2023 Constitutional Amendment Election results.**

Motion by Mike Ashley with a second by Gene Dolle to canvass the November 7, 2023 Constitutional Amendment Election results. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

**4. Hear from the Yulefest Committee concerning Christmas Decorations on the Courthouse**

**Square this holiday season. Discuss and take necessary action.**

Brent Goudarzi, Marty Young, Rhonda Adkinson, and Gloria McLuckie were present to discuss the relocation of the Christmas decorations on the Courthouse square this holiday season due to the renovation of the courthouse. After discussion of possible other places to relocate the decorations, it was determined that Gloria McLuckie and Dustin Nicholson would meet together with the City of Gilmer to ask permission to use the lawn in front of the Gilmer Civic Center as a possible place to relocate the Christmas decorations. Gloria McLuckie asked if decorations could be put on the lamp posts around the courthouse. The Court informed her that the lamp posts could be used to mount the decorations. Brent Goudarzi also asked the Court if county employees would be available to help move the decorations. Sheriff Larry Webb was present and said that he could get inmates to assist. Dustin Nicholson also commented that he had spoken with Upshur Rural Electric and they were still willing to put the Christmas tree up. Gloria McLuckie advised the Court that they had a County budget for Christmas lights. She asked if they could use these funds if needed to hire someone to put up these decorations. The County Auditor informed her that she could use these funds for setting up the Christmas decorations. Motion by Mike Ashley with a second by Gene Dolle that there will be no Christmas decorations on the courthouse lawn. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

- 5. **Hear any updates and discuss and take necessary action concerning the Round XII Courthouse Grant Renovation and/or the Courthouse employee relocation during the renovation.**

No action.

- 6. **The Court will go into CLOSED SESSION under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as indicated:**

- Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney(s));**
- A   **Section 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property);**
- A,B,C **Section 551.0725 (deliberation and discussion of contracts being negotiated);**
- Section 551.073 (deliberation about gifts and donations);**
- Section 551.074 and 551.0745 (personnel matters);**
- Section 551.076 (deliberation about security audits or security devices).**

**TO WIT:**

- A. Deliberation regarding contracts for facilities which may be used during the Courthouse**

renovation.

- B. Consideration of contracts being negotiated in connection with the Round XII Courthouse Renovation.
- C. Consideration of terms and conditions of the proposed contract between Upshur County and J.C. Stoddard Const. Co. in reference to the recently awarded CMAC position.


The Court determined there was no need to enter into CLOSED SESSION.


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

N/A

**8. Adjourn.**

Motion by Mike Ashley with a second by Gene Dolle to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.



ATTEST:  
  
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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.