

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., with the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

Present: Dustin Nicholson – Commissioner, Pct. #2, presiding
 Gene Dolle – Commissioner Pct. #1
 Mike Ashley – Commissioner Pct. #3
 Jay W. Miller – Commissioner Pct. #4

Judge Tefteller was absent.

Dustin Nicholson, Commissioner, Pct. #2, presided over the meeting in Judge Tefteller's absence. 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 Dustin Nicholson.

2. Citizens Comments.

None

3. Consider and take action on approval of:

A. The minutes of previous meetings;

B. Payroll changes;

C. Payroll;

D. Budget amendments;

E. Accounts Payable;

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; the Services Agreement between Texas Association of Counties (TAC) County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) and Upshur County; 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 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

(SEE ATTACHED)

4. Hear from Cynthia King, Upshur County Librarian concerning the Lex Frieden Award from

Governor Gregg Abbott's Office, hear the State of the Library Report and discuss and take action to accept for recording the Library's Annual Report.

Cynthia King, Upshur County Librarian, presented her Annual Library Report to the Court.
No action necessary.

5. Discuss and take action to allow the Friends of the Library to hold their semi-annual book sale and craft fair at the Library building.

Motion by Mike Ashley with a second by Jay W. Miller to allow the Friends of the Library to hold their semi-annual book sale and craft fair at the Library building on May 4th for the craft fair and the book sale to be the first week of May. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of shelving for the teen area. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

6. Discuss and take action to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Upshur County.

Billy Byrd, Upshur County District Attorney, read the Proclamation to the Court. Billy Byrd commented that he was thankful for the Commissioners Court for signing this Proclamation and of their support of law enforcement, advocates, the Clerks, the Courts, and the Prosecution Office. He further commented that we have strong community support here in Upshur County. Motion by Mike Ashley with a second by Gene Dolle to declare April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Upshur County. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

7. Discuss and take action to proclaim April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in Upshur County by approving a Proclamation as well as approving the display of signs at the Upshur County Courthouse and the Upshur County Justice Center.

Yecenia Hernandez, Crime Victims Coordinator with the Upshur County District Attorney's Office, read the Proclamation to the Court. Motion by Gene Dolle with a second by Mike Ashley to proclaim April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in Upshur County and approve the display of signs at the Upshur County Courthouse and the Upshur County Justice Center. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

8. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase and implementation of Tyler Technologies Enterprise Jury Manager Software.

Connie Williams, Upshur County Auditor, spoke in regards to the current software and that it does not service our needs. She further stated that she attended a demo of the new software together with Greg Dodson and Terri Ross. The new software is a web based program and it would solve a lot of the current issues that we are currently having. This software allows text messages to jurors and allows them to fill out the questionnaire online as well. She advised the Court that the new software is a very efficient jury management.

She advised the Court that the original implementation cost would be \$45,065.00. \$12,000.00 of that could come from dedicated funds. She further stated that the County would only have to cover the \$45,065.00 less the \$12,000.00. The ongoing annual maintenance would be \$17,350.00 a year. She also advised the Court that there is an additional package available that would mail out postcards to the jurors and would perform address checks at a cost of \$9,520.00 a year. She stated that this charge could also come from dedicated funds. Billy Byrd, Nicole Hernandez, and Terri Ross also commented on their issues with the current software and their support of this new software to make their process more efficient. Motion by Jay W. Miller with a second by Gene Dolle to approve the purchase and implementation of Tyler Technologies Enterprise Jury Manager Software. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

9. Discuss and take action to purchase new and matching chairs for the Commissioners Court.

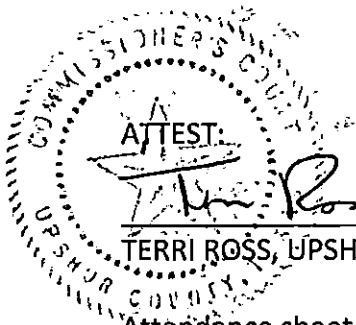
Mike Ashley presented the Court with options for chairs from Sam's ranging from \$219.00 to \$369.00 each. After discussion, Mike Ashley made a motion with a second by Gene Dolle to approve the purchase of 5 new chairs for the Commissioners Court in the amount of \$369.00 each from non-departmental and contingency line items. Motion was 2 for and 2 against. Motion failed.

10. 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.

Gene Dolle announced that they are in the process of removing the lead paint and working on water issues.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by Mike Ashley with a second by Jay W. Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.



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.