

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025  
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Friday, February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., with the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

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

Judge Todd Tefteller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1. Invocation and Pledges**

Prayer was led by Commissioner Dolle.

Pledges to the U.S. & Texas flags led by Commissioner 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; Cancellation/Non-Renewal Notice pertaining to Fikes Wholesale Inc.; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Markum Enterprises, LLC DBA Flood Out Restoration; copy of invoice from Custom K. Welding & Fencing for fencing labor and supplies for work completed on Upshur County School Land; and, applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of way and permit requests.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Dolle to approve items 3 A-F. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.  
(SEE ATTACHED)

**4. 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 discussion.

5. **Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution regarding water management and resources for the protection of Lake O' the Pines and the Cypress basin North East Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD), i.e., to oppose the planned draining of Lake O' the Pines.**

Commissioner Nicholson read a statement to the Court regarding the action happening with the water management and possible planned draining of Lake O' the Pines. He also introduced Laura Overdike with Caddo Lake Institute. Ms. Overdike gave a brief presentation to the Court regarding their research and what they have been doing to protect Lake O' the Pines, Caddo, and the Cypress basin. Ms. Overdike answered several questions from those present. Sara Bonnette with Lake O' Pines Marina stressed her objection to selling the water from Lake O' the Pines. Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to approve a Resolution regarding water management and resources for the protection of Lake O' the Pines and the Cypress basin North East Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD), i.e., to oppose the planned draining of Lake O' the Pines. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

7. **Discuss and take action to declare the Road & Bridge 1999 International 4700 truck (VIN 1HTSCAANXYH699668) as surplus equipment and approve it for sale at auction.**

Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to declare the Road & Bridge 1999 International 4700 truck (VIN 1HTSCAANXYH699668) as surplus equipment and approve it for sale at auction. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

8. **Discuss and take action to accept for recording the plat for Hubba Dubba Rentals Subdivision in East Mountain.**

Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Ashley to accept for recording the plat for Hubba Dubba Rentals Subdivision in East Mountain. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

9. **Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution for Tim Barnett, Upshur County Constable, Pct. 1 to submit grant applications for Body Cameras, Car Cameras and Software to be used by the Constables to communicate with the District Attorney.**

Tim Barnett, Constable Pct. 1, presented the Resolution to the Court and discussed the importance of applying for these grants and how the cameras and software will help with communication with the District Attorney. Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second

by Commissioner Nicholson to approve a Resolution for Tim Barnett, Upshur County Constable, Pct. 1, to submit grant applications for Body Cameras, Car Cameras and Software to be used by the Constables to communicate with the District Attorney. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

**10. Discuss and take action to accept the resignation of Gene Crutsinger as the Upshur County Building Maintenance Supervisor.**

Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to accept the resignation of Gene Crutsinger as the Upshur County Building Maintenance Supervisor. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

**11. Discuss and take action to appoint an Interim Building Maintenance Supervisor due to the resignation of Gene Crutsinger.**

Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to appoint Kevin Crutsinger as the Interim Building Maintenance Supervisor due to the resignation of Gene Crutsinger. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

**12. Discuss and take action to seek applications for the position of the Upshur County Building Maintenance Supervisor and to post notice of same.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Miller to seek applications for the position of the Upshur County Building Maintenance Supervisor and to post notice of same. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

**6. Open bids for road and bridge fuel and materials. Discuss and take necessary action.**

Commissioner Nicholson recused himself from this portion of the meeting.

Bids were opened as follows:

Refined Road Oil & Emulsified Asphalt

Bryan and Bryan Asphalt - \$680.00/ton

Plant Mixed Asphalt: Oil Dirt and Hot Oil Sand

Longview Asphalt – Oil Dirt \$95.00/ton (\$110.00/ton delivered)

Hot Oil Sand \$95.00/ton (\$110.00/ton delivered)

Sustainable Pavement Technologies – Hot Oil Sand \$60.00/ton (\$100.00/ton delivered)

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

Offen Petroleum LLC – Gasoline \$1.9963

Diesel \$2.4873

Petroleum Traders - Gasoline \$1.9775

Diesel \$2.4404

Rock/Rip Rap

RK Hall LLC – Rock \$30.00/ton (\$63.60/ton delivered)

Rip Rap \$45.00/ton (\$78.60/ton delivered)

Longview Asphalt – Rock \$51.00/ton (\$66.00/ton delivered)

Rip Rap \$57.00/ton (\$72.00/ton delivered)

Limestone Base \$43.75/ton (\$58.75/ton delivered)

Green Dream International – Rock \$51.00/ton (\$64.18/ton delivered)

Rip Rap \$57.00/ton (\$78.10/ton delivered)

Crushed Gravel

Green Dream International - \$45.60/yds (\$59.59/yds delivered)

Culverts

Hewitt Farm Supply – Corr Steel Pipe

48" \$54.71/LF

54" \$72.00/LF

60" \$79.20/LF

72" \$104.54/LF

84" \$120.07/LF

96" \$154.09/LF

120" \$294.47/LF

Polyethylene Pipe

15" \$10.51/LF

18" \$14.73/LF

24" \$24.53/LF

36" \$46.73/LF

42" \$63.77/LF

48" \$81.86/LF

54" \$116.41/LF

Commissioner Dolle made a motion with a second by Commissioner Ashley that the bids will be considered and awarded at the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Commissioner Nicholson stepped back into the meeting.

13. The Court will/may go into CLOSED SESSION under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as indicated:

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney(s));

A,B Section 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property);

A,B,D Section 551.0725 (deliberation and discussion of contracts being negotiated);

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 551.073 (deliberation about gifts and donations);

  C   Section 551.074 and 551.0745 (personnel matters);

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 551.076 (deliberation about security audits or security devices).

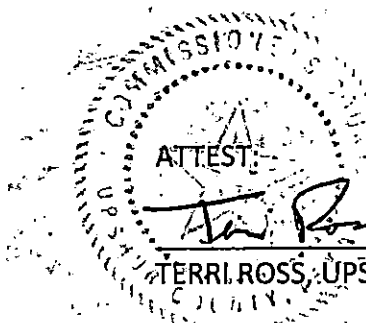

TO WIT:

- A. Consideration of the Round XII Project administration in reference to the Courthouse Renovation.
- B. Consideration of Round XII Renovation Funding and ARPA Grant requirements consistent therewith.
- C. Consideration of the appointment of an Interim Building Maintenance Supervisor due to the resignation of Gene Crutsinger.
- D. Discussion of policies, procedures, and contracts relative to the repair and maintenance of County roads.

There was no need for the Court to go into **CLOSED SESSION**.

**14. Adjourn.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.

 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.