

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION and PUBLIC HEARING

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Friday, August 29, 2025 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
 Jay W. Miller – Commissioner Pct. #4
Absent: Todd Tefteller – Upshur County Judge

Commissioner Nicholson called the regular 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. Citizen comments. No comments.

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 report; Treasurer report; Bonds; Oaths; Deputations; Certificates; State and County Taxes Summary; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in excess of \$2500.00; Order Setting Salaries of the Upshur County Auditor and Assistant Auditors; Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services; and, applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of way and permit requests.

Commissioner Dolle made a motion with a second by Commissioner Ashley to approve items 3A-F. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
(SEE ATTACHED)

4. Discuss and possibly take action on the FY26 Proposed Budget.

Auditor Connie Williams updated the Court regarding the two changes to the FY26

Proposed Budget. 1) She requested to move \$100,000 from the Courthouse Renovation Contingency County Match to Contract Services Mitigation; and 2) She requested an increase in stipends for the two Juvenile Board Judges by \$1,800 each. Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Ashley to approve the changes as requested. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

5. **Discuss and take action to schedule the Public Hearing on the Tax Increase (any rate above the No-New Revenue rate) for September 15, 2025 at 10 a.m.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Miller to schedule the Public Hearing on the Tax Increase (any rate above the No-New Revenue rate) for September 15, 2025 at 10 a.m. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

6. **Discuss and take action to schedule the adoption of the property tax rate for the FY26 Budget for September 15, 2025 at 10 a.m.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Dolle to schedule the adoption of the property tax rate for the FY26 Budget for September 15, 2025 at 10 a.m. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

7. **Discuss and take action to schedule the adoption of the FY26 Budget for September 15, 2025 at 10 a.m.**

Motion by Commissioner Miller with a second by Commissioner Ashley to schedule the adoption of the FY26 Budget for September 15, 2025 at 10 a.m. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

8. **Hear any updates and discuss and take necessary action concerning the Round XII Courthouse Grant Renovation.**

Auditor Connie Williams provided an update regarding the furniture. She informed the Court that the furniture has been built and is being stained. She advised the Court that she has not received any other change orders and that the renovation is still on budget.

9. **Hear from the Road & Bridge Administrator with an update of the County roads in each precinct.**

Phil Stegall, Road and Bridge Administrator, informed the Court that his department has completed 14 miles of road divided between each of the precincts.

10. **Discuss and take action to approve a contract with Kofile to preserve Deed Records Volumes D-P in the amount of \$50,969.34 to come from the County Clerk Records Preservation Fund.**

Terri Ross, Upshur County Clerk, presented a contract to the Court for preservation of old Deed Records Volumes D-P in the amount of \$50,969.34 from Kofile with funds generated from the County Clerk Records Preservation Fund. Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Ashley to approve the contract with Kofile to preserve Deed Records Volumes D-P in the amount of \$50,969.34 to come from the County Clerk Records Preservation Fund. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Ashley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

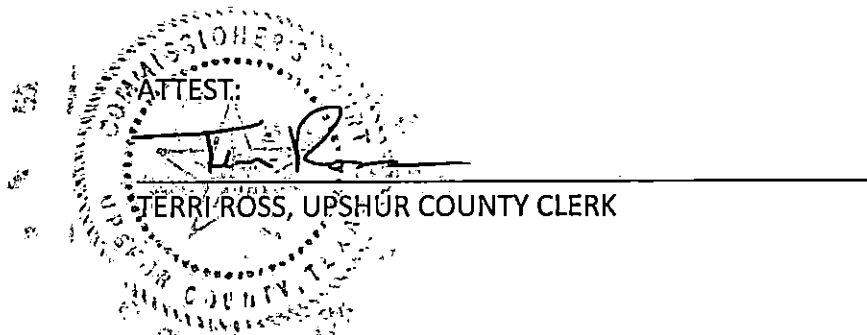
A PUBLIC HEARING of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Friday, August 29, 2025 following the Regular meeting, with the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

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

Commissioner Nicholson called the Public Hearing to order at 10:14 a.m.

- 1. The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing concerning the FY26 Proposed Budget.**
Auditor Connie Williams informed the Court that the General and Insurance Fund Budget is \$23,968,480 which is an increase of \$1,647,157 over the prior year. She further informed the Court that \$400,000 of that increase was for increase of costs to the Insurance Fund and \$500,000 of that increase was for the one time equipment costs for Road and Bridge.
- 2. Discuss and take action on the FY26 Proposed Budget. No action.**

Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Ashley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.



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.