COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION

AUDIO

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., with the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

Present: Todd Tefteller – Upshur 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 Tefteller 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.

6. **Discuss and take action to accept for recording the election day polling locations for the March 3, 2026 Primary Election as set by the Parties.**

   Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to accept for recording the election day polling locations for the March 3, 2026 Primary Election as shown on the attached. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

7. **Discuss and take action to set the early voting times and locations for the March 3, 2026 Primary Election.**

   Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Miller to set the early voting times and locations for the March 3, 2026 Primary Election as shown on the attached. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

2. **Citizen comments.** No public comment.

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; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Complex Contracting, Inc. dba JC Stoddard Construction Co.; Complex Transportation, LLC; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Joe Lewis; a contract between ETCOG and Upshur County titled Regional Evaluation Services for Juveniles (RESFJ); Racial Profiling Report for Constable Pct. 1; Racial Profiling Report for Constable Pct. 2; and, applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of way and permit requests.**

Commissioner Nicholson made a motion with a second by Commissioner Dolle to approve items 3A-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.**

No discussion.

5. **Hear an award presentation by Sheriff Larry Webb to an Upshur County Sheriff's Deputy.** Sheriff Larry Webb presented the Life Saving Award to Deputy Drew Willeford for his professionalism, quick response, and commitment to duty that he demonstrated at an incident that occurred on December 9, 2025 while on patrol.

8. **Discuss and take action to approve accepting a donation from Roselle Nix in the amount of $20.00 for the Sheriff's Office.**

Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to approve accepting the donation from Roselle Nix in the amount of $20.00 for the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

9. **Discuss and accept for recording the plat for The Condor Subdivision.**

Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to accept for recording, upon receiving the tax certificate, the plat for The Condor Subdivision. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

10. **Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a Windows 11 computer for the VA Administrator at the cost of $730.00.**

Upshur County VA Administrator, Bobby Baker, was present and advised the Court that he had served 257 veterans and/or their families in 2025. Commissioner Dolle made a motion with a second by Commissioner Miller to approve the purchase of a Windows 11 computer for the VA Administrator at the cost of $730.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Unanimous vote in favor.

11. Hear presentation by Sheriff Larry Webb for handling of nuisance or dangerous dogs in the County. Discuss and take necessary action.

Sheriff Larry Webb gave a presentation to the Court that he had put together regarding numerous calls his office has received regarding the handling of nuisance or dangerous dogs in Upshur County. He indicated that his office has received 1,140 calls for service in 2025. These calls are the top 5 calls that they receive for the County. He showed photos of animals that have been killed and/or injured by these dangerous dogs. He asked the Court to consider funding, adopting regulations, and vote to allow him to go forward in finding a solution to handle these animals. After the presentation and lengthy discussion, the Court moved forward with the following motion. Motion made by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to direct and authorize the County Auditor to draw up and develop a funding plan for animal control in Upshur County to be incorporated into the next County year budget for the fiscal year beginning October 2026 and also authorizing the Sheriff to seek out possible locations that he could proper to implement such an animal control plan and the regulations necessary therewith. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

12. 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,C____ 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 funding status of the Upshur County Employee Health Benefit Plan.

The Court went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 11:23 a.m.

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

    The Court went back into OPEN SESSION at 11:51 a.m.
    There was no action as a result of EXECUTIVE SESSION.

14. **Adjourn.**

    Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Miller to adjourn.
    Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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.