

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026
10:00 A.M. [REGULAR SESSION](#)

[AUDIO](#)

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 10:02 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 10:03 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.** Judge Tefteller announced that he might have to reschedule the Special meeting of the Commissioners Court set for this Thursday about filling the Constable's vacancy as he is unable to be present due to Court in Polk County.

2.1 Recitation of the Declaration of Independence.

Brandon Winn recited the Declaration of Independence.

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; East Texas Council of Governments [Interlocal Contract](#) for County 9-1-1 Database Maintenance; 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 updates to discuss.

5. Discuss and take action to approve and accept for recording the replat for [Magnolia Ridge Subdivision](#), Phase 6.

Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to approve and accept for recording the replat for Magnolia Ridge Subdivision, Phase 6. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

6. Discuss and take action to approve an Emergency Response Radio Services Agreement for Participant between ETMC EMS/UT Health East Texas EMS and the Upshur County Sheriff's Office for access to their Radio System Infrastructure.

Sheriff Webb informed the Court this is one of the first steps that they need to update and improve their radio communications. Scott Berkley with UT Health East Texas EMS was present to explain further the agreement and the cost involved. He advised that there is a \$3,000.00 initial installation fee plus an annual fee which is based on the number of subscriber units at \$115.00 per radio per year. He advised the Court that the Sheriff currently has 5 radios which would be at a cost of \$575.00. He further explained that the contract was based on the Sheriff's goal of 58 radios but would only invoice for the number of radios that are subscribed. Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to approve the Emergency Response Radio Services Agreement for Participant between ETMC EMS/UT Health East Texas EMS and the Upshur County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Judge Tefteller questioned Mr. Berkley about the inclusion of the Upshur County ESDs. Judge Tefteller asked Mr. Berkley to send him a memo that this will also include the Upshur County ESDs.

9. Discuss and take action concerning response to emails sent to Road & Bridge with voicemails attached.

Judge Tefteller announced that this matter had been resolved and that there is no need for discussion nor action.

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

No presentation from the Road & Bridge Administrator.

11. Discuss and possibly take further action on departmental requests presented at the 05/28/2026 Budget Workshop or any subsequent additional requests for the FY27 Budget.

Auditor Connie Williams was not present and asked the Court to pass this matter at this time.

12. Accept for recording the FY 2025 Upshur County Independent Audit and Single Audit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 prepared by Patillo, Brown and Hill.

Auditor Connie Williams was not present and asked the Court to pass this matter at this time.

8. Discuss and take action to enter into an agreement for a parking lot to be built and shared or to sell the County's portion of the grassy lot between the strip center (fronting on Hwy 271 and the NW corner of Cass St.) and the former bank parking lot.

Bethany Nolan with Nolan Properties was present with the franchisee/owners of Little Caesars who purchased the property at the NW corner of Cass Street and Hwy 271. She presented a survey to the Court that they had done in an effort to purchase the property from the County for a parking lot for the employees of the business. She announced that they were willing to pay for the survey and the closing costs. They were also willing to pour concrete at their expense and not purchase the property if they could share this parking lot with the County. Commissioner Nicholson had concerns about the utilities and he announced that doesn't feel that the County should sell any of the property that they own. Commissioner Dolle also advised the Court that they could not sell any real property without going out for bids. He too was not in favor of the County selling any of the property that the County owns. The Court took no action.

7. Discuss and take action to approve Upshur County joining a multi-county effort to create a Regional Groundwater Conservation District along with 15 other Northeast Texas counties.

Brandon Dodd prepared a presentation for the Court and those in attendance explaining in detail the purpose of the Groundwater Conservation District. He went on to say that they would be building a user funded, not property tax funded, Groundwater Conservation District which would consist of 16 counties in the region. He announced that Cass County just passed the Resolution this morning to join the District. He went into great length to explain the purpose of the creation of this District as well as presenting the Court with a Resolution for approval. He took questions from the Court and the media and those in attendance regarding the formation of this District. Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to adopt the Resolution that is identical to Cass County that Upshur County join in the Regional Groundwater Conservation District. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Commissioner Nicholson voiced his concern that the Resolution presented had no Resolution number on the document. Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to adopt [Resolution 2026-06](#) of the Upshur County Commissioners Court whereas the Commissioners have stated their intent to join the effort to create a Groundwater Conservation District with the form of the Resolution being identical to the Resolution voted on and passed by the Cass County Commissioners Court which authorizes and directs that Upshur County join in the efforts to retain the law firm to seek such a Groundwater Conservation District conditioned on 9 other counties adopting similar Resolutions. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

- 13. Discuss and take action to appoint the Upshur County Tax Assessor to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax rate (NNR) and the Voter Approval Tax rate (VAT) and to submit the tax calculation to the Upshur County Appraisal District and post on the Upshur County website, as required by Tax Code 26.04.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Dolle to appoint the Upshur County Tax Assessor to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax rate (NNR) and the Voter Approval Tax rate (VAT) and to submit the tax calculation to the Upshur County Appraisal District and post on the Upshur County website, as required by Tax Code 26.04. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

- 14. 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 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. Consider Departmental requests, if any, that include personnel assignments or any contracts under negotiation.**

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

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

N/A

16. Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

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.