

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Monday, March 16, 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  
Mike Ashley – Commissioner Pct. #3  
Jay W. Miller – Commissioner Pct. #4

Absent: Dustin Nicholson – Commissioner Pct. #2

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 Judge Tefteller.

**2. Citizen 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 report; Treasurer report; Bonds; Oaths; Deputations; Certificates; State and County Taxes Summary; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in excess of \$2500.00; Contract between Upshur County and Etex for services at the Library; Emergency Services District No. 1 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report as of September 30, 2025; 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)

**5. Discuss and take action to terminate the burn ban, allow it to continue as it is presently issued or to extend the burn ban due to the continued need of the unincorporated areas of the County for protection from outdoor burning.**

Judge Tefteller announced that the burn ban had been lifted prior to today's meeting. It was of an informal consensus not to reinstate the burn ban.

**6. Discuss and take action to award the bids for Road & Bridge fuel and materials.**

Road & Bridge Administrator, Phil Stegall, provided the Court with his recommendations as to the lowest and best bids for Road & Bridge fuel and materials. Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Dolle to award the following bids:

Gasoline and Diesel to Offen Petroleum; Plant Mixed Asphalt: Oil Dirt, Hot Mix and Hot Oil Sand to Longview Asphalt; and Refined Road Oil & Emulsified Asphalt to Ergon. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

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

Road & Bridge Administrator, Phil Stegall, gave an update to the Court regarding the County Roads in each precinct. He informed the Court that they are cleaning up trees from last night's storm. He also advised the Court that they have a big project coming up on Bison Road in Precinct 4.

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

Project Manager Rick Sacy and Project Administrator Leward LeFleur were present to update the Court regarding the status of the Round XII Courthouse Grant Renovation. Mr. Sacy informed the Court that they are having issues with the re-plaster issue as the finish of the plaster is not drying quick enough due to the weather conditions which is delaying the project. He explained that the plaster has to dry at least 5-7% before the paint can be applied. The percentage is at 22-25% presently. He advised the Court that it looks like it will be mid-late July before he can provide a completion date. The installation of the elevator is also being delayed due to the plaster issue. Mr. Sacy further advised the Court that Texas Correctional Industries has cancelled the County's order to refurbish the courtroom furniture and woodwork. Judge LeFleur advised the Court that J.C. Stoddard has found a company that will take up this project to refurbish the courtroom furniture and woodwork. Auditor Connie Williams confirmed with Mr. Sacy that the late July but no later than the second week of August as the projected completion date as she is working this into the budget for this year. Auditor Connie Williams also asked about the geo-thermal project. She has received an email from the tax firm that is working on the credit. They are needing to plan a site visit but want to do that when it has been cleared for operation. She asked Mr. Sacy to follow up on that email since we have paid them a substantial amount of the contract for what they have done. Mr. Sacy will respond to the geo-thermal firm.

**8. 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);

           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.**

The Court went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:46 a.m.

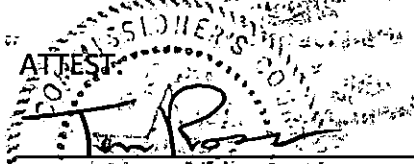
- 9. The Court will re-convene into open session and take any action necessary as a result of Executive Session.**

The Court went back into OPEN SESSION at 11:17 a.m.

No action as a result of Executive Session.

**10. Adjourn.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Miller to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 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.