

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026  
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 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 Tefteller called the regular meeting to order at 10:02 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.    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; Certificate of Liability Insurance for Gab's Tree Service, Inc.; Certificates of Appointment to the Big Sandy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for the present members; 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.**

Judge LeFleur was present and advised the Court that they will have their bi-weekly meeting tomorrow and they will put together something to bring to the Auditor regarding the flag pole as to whether they decide to restore, touch-up, or replace the flag pole with an aluminum flag pole. Judge LeFleur commented that when they get to the point of putting in fixtures, it will probably be the best time for him to back out of his service as Project Manager. He also updated the Court regarding the pews. They are in the process of trying to get those pews back to Upshur County for restoration.

**5. Discuss and take action to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Upshur County by approving a Proclamation.**

A representative with East Texas CASA was present to read the Proclamation to the Court. Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to adopt and sign the Proclamation as presented and to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Upshur County. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Judge Tefteller further ordered that a copy of this Proclamation be posted in all prominent public places including entrances to all of our county buildings.

**6. Discuss and take action to proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week by approving a Proclamation.**

Patti Brady with Community Health Corp was present to read the Proclamation to the Court. Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to adopt and sign the Proclamation as presented and to proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week and that this Proclamation be posted in prominent public places in Upshur County. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

**7. Discuss and take action to approve Constable Tim Barnett's request to purchase a Windows 11 Laptop (up to \$999.99) from Amazon to replace the aged desk top computer in his office with payment to be made from the IT Department budget.**

Constable Tim Barnett presented his request to the Court to purchase a laptop from Amazon to replace the aged desk top computer in his office. Auditor Williams commented that Gilmer Computer Tech was updating all of the computers in the County department by department to the Windows 11. Constable Barnett explained to the Court his reason for wanting a laptop vs a desktop. There were concerns with him requesting administrative rights to the laptop. Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to approve Constable Tim Barnett's request to purchase a Windows 11 laptop to be purchased by Gilmer Computer Tech with the security features in place with the increased cost to come out of the Constable's budget. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

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

- C   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);
- 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 County Health Insurance Plan.**

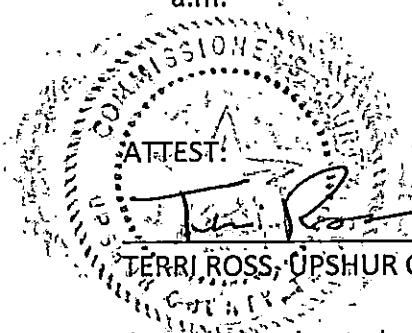
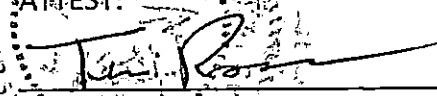
The Court did not go into **CLOSED SESSION**.

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

N/A

**10. Adjourn.**

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Dolle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 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.