

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Thursday, April 30, 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 10:02 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. Commissioner Dolle and Commissioner Ashley publically thanked those that assisted with the County Wide Dump Day held Saturday, April 25, 2026.

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 Beekat Oil & Fuel LP dba Eagle Fuel & Oil LP; 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 Leward LeFleur was present to update the Court regarding the progress on the Round XII Courthouse Grant Renovation. He informed the Court that they are still putting in the windows. He further stated that the furniture has been returned by the Texas Department of Corrections and stored at Judge Tefteller's airport hangar until Stoddard can come get it and take it to be refurbished. He said that there was still a moisture issue. He also personally thanked Auditor Connie Williams and her office for seeing that the County is getting reimbursed by the Texas Historical Commission. He further stated that the completion date is still set for the latter part of July.

5. Discuss and take action to approve a Proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Upshur County.

Kylie Pate with Community Healthcare was present and read the Proclamation to the Court. Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Dolle to approve the Proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Upshur County. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

6. Discuss and take action to approve the additional global settlements in the Texas Opioid multi-district Litigation case with Defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. and American Associated Pharmacies, JM Smith Co., Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company Inc., Morris and Dickson, N. Carolina Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and UNFI/SuperValu, as well as authorizing the County to execute the Participation Form and Releases approving same.

Judge Tefteller recused himself from the meeting at 10:20 a.m. as he has a conflict of interest with this agenda item. Commissioner Nicholson presided in his absence. Motion by Commissioner Dolle with a second by Commissioner Ashley to approve the additional global settlements in the Texas Opioid multi-district Litigation case with Defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. and American Associated Pharmacies, JM Smith Co., Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company Inc., Morris and Dickson, N. Carolina Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and UNFI/SuperValu, as well as authorizing the County to execute the Participation Form and Releases approving same. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Judge Tefteller returned to preside over the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

7. Discuss and take action to accept for recording the plat for Sunshine Estates subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to accept for recording the plat for Sunshine Estates Subdivision. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

8. Discuss and take action to accept for recording the replat for Thomas Subdivision.

Commissioner Nicholson asked that this matter be tabled until the next meeting.

9. Discuss and take action to approve the Lions Club of Gilmer placing a donation box at the library until Friday, May 15, 2026 to collect food and/or clothing – NO MONEY.

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Dolle to approve the Lions Club of Gilmer placing a donation box at the library until Friday, May 15, 2026 to collect food and/or clothing – NO MONEY. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

10. Discuss and take action to approve proposed changes to the Upshur County Health Insurance Plan for FY 2027.

Auditor Connie Williams explained to the Court that the percentage of the property tax revenue that we are allocating to the Insurance Fund has been increasing quite substantially over the past three years. She went on to say that she is currently working on the 2027 budget and informed the Court that she is needing to increase the budget and the Insurance Fund by a million dollars which means that we will be allocating approximately 24-25% of our total property taxes to the Insurance Fund. Auditor Williams also informed the Court that we are already at our budget level of 2 million in claims that we have paid this year. She informed the Court that we will need to do a transfer this year to cover the remainder. She has been working with Paige Mendez, our Plan Administrator, and has been trying to figure out ways to control the Insurance Fund without hurting the employees. They have been exploring different things without having to do a premium increase. She discussed a couple of other alternatives with input from the Court as well as with some employees that were present. After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Nicholson made a motion to table this matter to the June 15th meeting. Commissioner Ashley made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

11. Discuss and take action to award the bids for Road & Bridge Rip Rap/Rock, Gravel, and Limestone Flex Base.

Commissioner Nicholson recused himself from the meeting at 11:25 a.m. due to a conflict of interest on this matter.

Lisa Tefteller, Assistant to the Road and Bridge Administrator, was present to inform the Court of the Road and Bridge Administrator's recommendations for the award of bids for Rip Rap/Rock, Gravel, and Limestone Flex Base. She informed the Court that the following are his recommendations:

Rip Rap/Rock and Gravel to Penn Custom Construction; Limestone Flex Base to Longview Asphalt. Commissioner Dolle made a motion with a second by Commissioner Ashley to award the bids for Road and Bridge materials as recommended by the Road and Bridge Administrator. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Commissioner Nicholson returned to the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

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

Phil Stegall, Road and Bridge Administrator, was not present. No discussion.

13. 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.


There was no need for the Court to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

N/A

15. Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Ashley with a second by Commissioner Miller to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 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.