

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026
10:00 A.M. REGULAR SESSION

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas was held on Friday, May 29, 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. Sheriff Webb presented the "Lifesaving Award" to Officer Joshua Davis for his actions on April 1, 2026 that directly contributed to the preservation of life of an Upshur County citizen.

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.; Emergency Services District No. 2 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 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 briefed the Court on the status of the roof issues on the fifth floor. He provided the Court with an email from Kurt Stoddard to Mr. Sacy about the roof repairs on the 5th floor. He informed the Court that the roof was repaired in 2015. It had a warranty but the company that installed the roof is no longer in business. He went on to say that they are going to try to contact the manufacturer to claim the warranty. He further advised the Court that the roof needs to be replaced at a cost of around \$155,000.00. Auditor Williams informed the Court that there is only \$30,000.00 of contingency left in the contractual budget and the County will have to come up with the remaining from County funds. She also advised the Court that the completion date has now been pushed to September. Auditor Williams went on to say that she was able to find a dedicated courthouse support fund that has about \$50,000.00 in it. She informed the Court that they can use this fund together with contingency funds for the cost of the repair. Commissioner Nicholson made a motion with a second by Commissioner Ashley to approve the additional cost to repair the roof on the fifth floor at a cost of around \$154,000.00. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

5. Hear from a report from Julie York and Upshur County 4H members concerning their project activities and a beef presentation.

Julie York, Upshur County Extension Agent, introduced three of their 4H members to the Court. Olivia Vaughn explained what she has done with her feminine hygiene project to the Court. Vivian Low presented her activities as the Texas 4H Water Ambassador. Alexis Tyner presented her beef project to the Court as the Upshur County Livestock Ambassador.

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

Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Dolle to accept for recording the replat of the Thomas Subdivision. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

7. Discuss and take action to accept for recording the plat for Phase 2 of Buckeye Ridge Subdivision in Pct. 4.

Motion by Commissioner Miller with a second by Commissioner Nicholson to accept for recording the plat for Phase 2 of Buckeye Ridge Subdivision. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

8. Discuss and take action on the disbursement of available school funds.

This matter will be passed at this time.

9. Discuss and take action to approve Cynthia King's applying for a grant that will cover partial reimbursement costs for resource sharing Inter-Library Loan books, postage and fees associated

with sending items to other libraries.

Commissioners had questions regarding the reimbursement costs requested. This matter will be tabled at this time until further clarification.

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

Phil Stegall, Road and Bridge Administrator, updated the Court regarding some projects they have been doing. Upshur Rural Electric moved the pole over on Bison and he has also been in contact with the City Manager and the City of Gilmer has been helping the County with the beaver issue.

11. Discuss and possibly take further action on departmental requests presented at the 5/28/2026 Budget Workshop for the FY27 Budget.

No further discussion or action needed.

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);

_____ 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 Road & Bridge fuel contract.**

The Court went into CLOSED SESSION at 10:48 a.m.

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

The Court re-convened into OPEN SESSION at 11:03 a.m.

It was brought to the Court's attention that the Road and Bridge Department has been unhappy with the lack of compliance and delivery with Offen Petroleum. The Auditor has also had issues with invoicing, billing and accounting. Motion by Commissioner Nicholson with a second by Commissioner Ashley that the Court issue a letter to Offen Petroleum regarding their deficiencies. Motion passed 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

14. Adjourn.

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

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.