

UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSION
EMERGENCY MEETING
April 4, 2023

The County Commission of Upshur County, West Virginia, held an Emergency Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Annex, located at 91 W. Main Street, Suite 101. Kristie Tenney called the meeting to order. Present were: Douglas K. Bush, Commissioner; Tabatha R. Perry, County Administrator and Cindy M. Hughes, Assistant County Administrator. Present via teleconference: Kristie G. Tenney, Commission President and Samuel R. Nolte, Commissioner.

The meeting began with President Kristie Tenney announcing the death of Sheriff Virgil D. Miller, thereby creating a vacancy in the Upshur County Sheriff position. Tabatha Perry outlined the rules that come with appointing a sheriff during an unexpired term. Ms. Perry stated that Carol Smith had spoken with the Secretary of State's Office for clarification and due to the West Virginia Constitution placing a two-year consecutive term limit on a sheriff's service and with Sheriff Miller's term expiring in December, 2024, the appointment would count toward consecutive term limits. Ms. Perry added that whomever is appointed to Sheriff during the current term, may run for office one more time consecutively.

At 1:15 p.m., on motion by Doug Bush, seconded by Sam Nolte, the Commission went into Executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of a successor to the office of the Upshur County Sheriff *per West Virginia Code §3-10-1 and §3-10-8*.

At 1:20 p.m., on motion by Doug Bush, seconded by Sam Nolte, the Commission exited Executive Session with no decisions being made.

At 1:21 p.m., on motion by Doug Bush, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission appointed John Michael Coffman as permanent successor to fill the vacancy of Upshur County Sheriff, effective immediately upon taking the Oath of Office. Chief Deputy Coffman will take the Oath of Office later in the day of April 4, 2023.

With no further business, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission meeting adjourned at 1:24 p. m.