

UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 4, 2021

The County Commission of Upshur County, West Virginia, held their regular meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Kristie Tenney called the meeting to order. Present were: Samuel R. Nolte, Commissioner; Kristie G. Tenney, Commissioner; Carol J. Smith, County Clerk; Carrie L. Wallace, County Administrator/DHSEM Director; Tabatha R. Perry, Assistant County Administrator/Assistant DHSEM Director and Lois A. Marsh, Secretary. Absent: Terry B. Cutright, Commissioner.

The meeting began with a moment of silent meditation and prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved the regular meeting minutes of October 28, 2021, as submitted.

At 9:05 a.m., Susie Haught, Case Manager for Community Care of WV, appeared before the Commission and read a Proclamation of Lung Cancer Awareness, which designates November, 2021, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Upshur County. Ms. Haught stated that one in three deaths in West Virginia is attributed to lung cancer. After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved and signed the Proclamation of Lung Cancer Awareness. (copy included)

Kristie Tenney reviewed scheduled appointments and agenda items.

After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved the sale of 2010 Ford Crown Victoria to Burnsville Police Department for \$1 per *WV Code §7-3-3*. Carrie Wallace reported that the Sheriff is supportive of the sale and the car has been stripped of lights, sirens, radios, etc. (copy included)

After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved and authorized the President to sign the correspondence to Ryan Halsey, Project Manager, enclosing Community Development Block Grant – Small Cities Block Grant Request for Payment for the Elkins Road PSD Phase III Water System Improvements in the amount of \$14,225.45. This is for Request for Funds #25. (copy included)

After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved Dorothy Allen as a Lewis-Upshur Animal Control Facility Volunteer.

After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved William Jacob Taylor as a 26th Judicial Community Corrections intern. Mr. Taylor will be employed by the State of WV and the internship will commence on November 9, 2021.

Kristie Tenney reviewed the following “For Your Information” items: (copy included)

1. Correspondence from Governor Jim Justice announcing the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant award in the amount of \$29,118.00.
2. Upshur County Building & Floodplain Permits for the month of October, 2021.
3. Upshur County Sheriff’s Financial Statement for period ending September, 2021.
4. Upshur County E911 Communication Reports – October, 2021
 - Monthly Department Summary Report
 - Monthly Wrecker Report
 - YTD Wrecker Report
5. Public Notices:
 - a) Newsletters and/or Event Notifications:
 - James W. Curry Public Library November Calendar of Events
 - b) Agendas and/or Notice of Meetings:
 - James W. Curry Library/Park October 27, 2021
 - Elkins Road PSD November 2, 2021
 - City Council of Buckhannon November 4, 2021
 - c) Meeting Minutes:
 - WesMonTy RC&D Board of Directors January 21, 2021
 - WesMonTy RC&D Board of Directors February 26, 2021
 - WesMonTy RC&D Board of Directors March 16, 2021
 - WesMonTy RC&D Board of Directors April 27, 2021
 - WesMonTy RC&D Board of Directors May 18, 2021
 - WesMonTy RC&D Board of Directors June 15, 2021
 - WesMonTy RC&D Board of Directors July 13, 2021
 - James W. Curry Library/Park August 25, 2021
 - Upshur County Enhanced Emergency Telephone Advisory Board September 28, 2021

UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 4, 2021

- Hodgesville PSD

October 5, 2021

d) Meetings:

- 11/02/21-4:00 p.m.-Hodgesville PSD
- 11/02/21-5:00 p.m.-Elkins Road PSD
- 11/04/21-3:00 p.m.-Adrian PSD
- 11/04/21-6:00 p.m.-Buckhannon-Upshur Board of Health
- 11/04/21-7:00 p.m.-Banks District VFD
- 11/04/21-7:00 p.m.-Selbyville VFD
- 11/08/21-12:00 p.m.-Upshur County Family Resource Network
- 11/08/21-4:00 p.m.-Buckhannon Upshur Airport Authority
- 11/08/21-4:30 p.m.-Upshur County Solid Waste Authority
- 11/08/21-5:30 p.m.-Buckhannon-Upshur Recreational Park Advisory Board
- 11/09/21-7:00 a.m.-Upshur County Development Authority–Executive Board
- 11/09/21-7:00 p.m.-Warren District VFD
- 11/09/21-7:30 p.m.-Adrian VFD
- 11/10/21-12:00 p.m.-Upshur County Senior Center Board
- 11/10/21-3:00 p.m.-Tennerton PSD
- 11/10/21-3:00 p.m.-Upshur County Conventions & Visitors Bureau
- 11/10/21-3:00 p.m.-Upshur County Safe Sites & Structures Enforcement Board-Special
- 11/10/21-6:00 p.m.-Buckhannon River Watershed Association – Farm Bureau
- 11/10/21-7:00 p.m.-Ellamore VFD
- 11/11/21-3:00 p.m.-Upshur County Safe Sites & Structures Enforcement Board-CANCELLED
- 11/11/21-7:30 p.m.-Buckhannon VFD
- 11/14/21-6:00 p.m.-Washington District VFD
- 11/15/21-12:00 p.m.-Buckhannon-Upshur Chamber of Commerce
- 11/16/21-6:30 p.m.-Upshur County Fire Board, Inc.
- 11/17/21-12:00 p.m.-Lewis Upshur LEPC – Upshur County
- 11/17/21-4:00 p.m.-Upshur County Public Library Board
- 11/18/21-6:00 p.m.-Upshur County Farmland Protection Board
- 11/18/21-6:30 p.m.-Upshur County Youth Camp Board
- 11/18/21-7:00 p.m.-City Council of Buckhannon
- 11/19/21-10:00 a.m.-Wes-Mon-Ty Resource Conservation & Development Council
- 11/22/21-7:00 p.m.-Upshur County Fire Fighters Association
- 11/23/21-3:00 p.m.-UC Enhanced Emergency Telephone Advisory Board
- 11/24/21-1:00 p.m.-James W. Curry Advisory Board
- 12/06/21-6:00 p.m.-Lewis-Upshur Community Corrections Board-Upshur County

Appointments Needed or Upcoming:

- Upshur County Fire Board (unexpired term 6/30/22)-Community Representative - 1st Mag. District

****If you are interested in serving on an Upshur County board, please submit your letter of interest to the Commission Office at 91 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Buckhannon, WV 26201 or trperry@upshurcounty.org. Upcoming term expirations are listed in this section of the agenda; however, letters of interest can be submitted at any time. Letters of interest for boards that do not currently have a vacancy will be held until a vacancy occurs. Please note that submitting a letter of interest does not guarantee appointment.****

The Commission approved all Invoices for Payment. (list included)

The Commission approved all Vacation Orders. (list included)

The Commission approved the following Settlements. (as listed)

- Sharon A. Fincham– Final Settlement Waiver
- Gary Gibson – Final Settlement Waiver
- Denzil J. Lewis – First Annual Settlement
- Denzil J. Lewis – Second Annual Settlement
- Denzil J. Lewis – Third Annual Settlement
- Denzil J. Lewis – Fourth Annual Settlement
- Douglas Kent White – Final Settlement Waiver

UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 4, 2021

The Commission approved the following Certification of Completion of Ancillary Administration of WV Real Estate Without Appointment: (none)

The Commission approved the following Corrections, Exonerations and/or Refunds: (none)

The Commission approved the following Requests to Attend Meeting: (none)

The Commission approved the following Consolidation of Land Tracts: (none)

Tabled Items:

1. Justin Bowers, Appalachian Impact – request for use of Hampton Community Building. Kristie Tenney requested that this remain on the tabled items list until a later date. No action was taken.

At 9:30 a.m., Amanda Hayes, representing the Upshur County Tobacco Prevention Coalition, appeared before the Commission and read the Great American Smokeout Proclamation. Ms. Hayes stated that the Great American Smokeout will be observed on November 18, 2021. After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved and signed the Great American Smokeout Proclamation. (copy included)

Lori Ulderich Harvey, Upshur County Family Resource Network Director, appeared before the Commission to discuss adoption and foster care. Ms. Harvey read the National Adoption Month Proclamation, which designates November, 2021, as National Adoption Month in Upshur County. Ms. Harvey stated that National Adoption Day is observed on Saturday, November 20, 2021. After discussion, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission approved and signed the National Adoption Month Proclamation. (copy included)

Leah Smith, NECCO Foster Parent Recruiter, appeared before the Commission to discuss the foster care program. Ms. Smith reported that the number of children in West Virginia in foster care is over 8,000 and this number does not include those children who are being raised by grandparents who are not the legal guardians of their grandchildren. This number has doubled since 2017. There is an urgent need for foster care parents.

The Commission received project updates and reviewed Administrative business items.

With no further business, on motion by Sam Nolte, seconded by Kristie Tenney, the Commission meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.