The County Commission of Upshur County West Virginia, held their regular meeting at the Courthouse Annex on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Donnie R. Tenney called the meeting to order. There were present Donnie R. Tenney, Commissioner; Creed G. Pletcher, Commissioner; JC Raffety, Commissioner, William A. Parker, Administrator and Jackie Dinklocker, Secretary. The meeting began with a moment of silent meditation and prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

Joyce Harris-Thacker, Upshur County Solid Waste Authority Chairperson, appeared before the Commission to present the “Make-It-Shine Month Proclamation” designating April as “Make-It-Shine Month” in Upshur County which encourages citizen participation in the “Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Spot Programs” with emphasis on reducing the amount of solid waste and promoting a clean environment. After discussion, on motion by Creed G. Pletcher, seconded by JC Raffety, the Commission approved and authorized the Commission to sign the proclamation. Ms. Harris-Thacker provided an update on upcoming events which include a “Cigarette Butt Clean Up” on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at Jawbone Park and at the City Park from 1:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m.; an “Electronics Recycling Event” on April 16, 2011 at the Cross Roads Recycling Center from 9:00 a.m. to noon and a “Tire Amnesty” on June 4, 2011 at the City of Buckhannon Recycling Center on Mudlick Road from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (copies included)

After discussion, on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission approved Jennifer McGinnis for the Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) for Janitorial duties, effective April 4, 2011.

Donnie R. Tenney reviewed the following “For Your Information” items:

1. Announcement-Senator Jay Rockefeller’s Mobile Office at the Upshur County Courthouse Commission Meeting Room (301), Friday April 1, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
2. Invitation-Reception for First Lady Tomblin on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm at the Region VII Conference Room
3. Invitation-Goody’s Grand Opening and VIP Ribbon Cutting, Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 8:45 am at Skyline Plaza
4. Agendas and/or Notice of Meetings: None
5. Meeting Minutes and/or Financial Reports:
   • Upshur County Youth Camp Board-February 17, 2011
6. Meetings:
   • 04/05/11-7:00 p.m. -Hodgesville Public Service District
   • 04/05/11-6:00 p.m. -Elkins Road Public Service District
   • 04/06/11-1:30 p.m.-Upshur County Conventions & Visitors Bureau
   • 04/11/11-12:00 p.m. -Upshur County Family Resource Network
04/11/11-4:30 p.m. - Upshur County Solid Waste Authority
04/11/11-6:00 p.m. - Buckhannon-Upshur Recreational Park Advisory Board
04/13/11-7:00 a.m. - Upshur County Development Authority – Exec. Board
04/13/11-7:30 a.m. - Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority
04/13/11-12:00 p.m. - Upshur County Senior Center Board
04/14/11-1:00 p.m. - Adrian Public Service District
04/14/11-3:00 p.m. - Tennerton Public Service District
04/14/11-6:30 p.m. - Upshur County Safe Sites & Structures Ordinance Board
04/18/11-7:00 p.m. - Upshur County Fair Association
04/19/11-5:00 p.m. - UC Enhanced Emergency Telephone Advisory Board
04/20/11-10:00 a.m. - James W. Curry Advisory Board
04/20/11-4:00 p.m. - Upshur County Public Library Board
04/20/11-7:00 p.m. - Lewis Upshur LEPC
04/21/11-6:30 p.m. - Upshur County Youth Camp Board
04/21/11-6:30 p.m. - Upshur County Fire Board
03/21/11-6:00 p.m. - Community Corrections Board
04/25/11-7:00 a.m. - Region VII Planning & Development Council
04/27/11-7:00 a.m. - Upshur County Development Authority
TBA-3:00 p.m.- North Central WV Trade Development Assoc.- Clarksburg
05/16/11-6:00 p.m.- Community Corrections Board (at Lewis County Courthouse)

7. Appointments Needed or Upcoming:

- Adrian Public Service District -(Sharon Bowen 10-31-11)-County
- Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority -(Robert Baker 06-30-11) County
- Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority -(Glenn Davis 06-30-11) City
- Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority -(Al Tucker as of 4/1/11 Term Ends 06-30-13)-City
- Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority -(Charles Anderegg 6-30-11) County
- Buckhannon-Upshur Board of Health -(Amy Rohr-Queen 06-30-11) County

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- Buckhannon-Upshur Parks & Recreation Ad. Bd.- (Tappan Squires 06-30-11) City
- Buckhannon-Upshur Parks & Recreation Ad. Bd.- (Alan Suder 06-30-11) Bd. Of Education
- Buckhannon-Upshur Parks & Recreation Ad. Bd.- (Bill Roby 06-30-11) County
- James W. Curry Advisory Board- (Craig Presar 12-31-11) County
- James W. Curry Advisory Board- (Jerry Reynolds 12-31-11) County
- James W. Curry Advisory Board- Debra Brockelman 12-31-11) County
- Region VII Planning & Development Council- (William A. Parker 12-31-11) County
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- Region VII Planning & Development Council- (Connie Tenney 12-31-11) County
- Region VII Planning & Development Council- (Vacant Position 12-31-10) County
- Region VII Planning & Development Council- (Dr. Pamela Balch 12-31-11) County
- Region VII Planning & Development Council- (A.G. Trusler 12-31-11) County
- Tennerton Public Service District- (Rex Reeder 07-31-2011) County
- Upshur County Building Commission- (Joe Malcolm 11-10-11) County
- Upshur County Development Authority- (Glenn Hawkins 06-30-11) County
- Upshur County Development Authority- (Sue Johnson-Phillippe 06-30-11) County
- Upshur County Development Authority- (Don Nestor 06-30-11) County
- Upshur County Development Authority- (Dennis Xander 06-30-11) County
- Upshur County Development Authority- (Sharon McNemar 06-30-11) County
- Upshur County Development Authority- (William Wellings 06-30-11) County
- UC Enhanced Emergency Telephone Ad. Bd.- (Joey Baxa 06-30-11) County-EMS
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- UC Enhanced Emergency Telephone Ad. Bd.- (Betty Hinkle 06-30-11) County-Comm
- Upshur County Fire Board-(George Smith 06-30-11) County-3rd District-Community
- Upshur County Library Board-(Neil Brake 06-30-11)-County/Bd. of Ed.
- Upshur County Solid Waste Authority-(Jacqueline McDaniels 06-30-11) PSC
- Upshur County Youth Camp Board-(Debbie Miller 05-31-11) County-NominationReq.
- Upshur County Youth Camp Board-(Debbie Hull 05-31-11) County-NominationReq.

The Commission approved all invoices for payment. (copy included)

The Commission approved the following Settlements:
- Olen L. Carpenter-Final Settlement
- Michael Rodger Trusler, Jr.-Final Settlement
- Hoy Junior Wilfong-Final Settlement
- Claude Earl Williams-Final Settlement
- Lula Eileen Tallman Williams-Final Settlement
- Keith Franklin Woody-Final Settlement
- Roselyn Ann Ogden-Final Settlement
- Gary Wayne Marple-First Annual Settlement

The Commission recessed at 9:25 a.m.
The Commission reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Merrily M. Cheek, Program Director for Lewis-Upshur-Braxton Community Corrections and Rodney Rolenson, Home Confinement Supervisor for Lewis-Upshur-Braxton Community Corrections appeared before the Commission and provided an update on the West Virginia Community Corrections Grant Program Application in the amount of $243,539.86. After discussion, on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission approved and authorized the President to sign the grant application and all related documents. (copy included)

Upshur County Sheriff, Virgil D. Miller, was unable to attend as scheduled and will follow up at a later time.

The Commission recessed at 10:20 a.m.
The Commission reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Joyce Harris-Thacker, Upshur County Family Resource Network Director, appeared before the Commission with representatives from Women’s Aid In Crisis (WAIC), Child Advocacy Center (CAC), Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Mountain CAP (Mt. CAP) and the Upshur County Board of Education
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(UCBOE) and provided an update on activities and events during the month of April concerning the promotion of child safety and/or protection.

Priscilla Peggs, WAIC representative, presented the “Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month” which encourages community support for the prevention of sexual abuse. After discussion, on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission approved and authorized the Commission to sign the proclamation designating April 2011 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” in Upshur County. (copy included)

Tammy Hatfield, CAC representative presented the “Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month” which solicits community involvement in the efforts of child protection. After discussion, on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission approved and authorized the Commission to sign the proclamation designating April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Upshur County. (copy included)

Joyce Harris-Thacker presented the “Proclamation for the Children’s Memorial Flag Day” which is to recognize and remember children who die at the hand of violence each year. After discussion, on motion by Creed G. Pletcher, seconded by JC Raffety, the Commission approved and authorized the Commission to sign the proclamation designating April 28th, 2011 as “Children’s Memorial Flag Day” in Upshur County. (copy included)

Ms. Harris-Thacker presented a “Children’s Memorial Flag” to John Haymond, Upshur County Board of Education representative, to fly at Upshur County schools throughout the month of April.

Ms. Harris-Thacker provided an update on the “Light of Hope” service to be held on April 28, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. and an invitation to the Commission to attend the service and a noon luncheon at the WV Wesleyan College-Benedum Social Hall. The service and luncheon will honor community professionals for their work on child abuse prevention. (copy included)

The Commission recessed at 11:05 a.m. and attended the flag raising activities in the courthouse plaza area.

The Commission reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

The Commission recessed at 11:25 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Virgil D. Miller, Upshur County Sheriff, appeared before the Commission and provided a review of personnel concerns and a request to employ a temporary part time deputy. William A. Parker was requested to follow up with budgeting information and will report back at a future meeting.

The Commission discussed age and years of service and cost requirements associated with insurance eligibility at retirement and the “Other Post Employment
Benefits” (OPEB) and possible modification to the recently adopted policy. William A. Parker will follow up and provide further details at a future meeting.

The Commission discussed personnel issues relating to the Pool Director and Assistant Pool Director positions at the Buckhannon-Upshur Recreational Park Facility.

The Commission discussed personnel issues relating to the Maintenance Department and the hiring of temporary part time personnel for the completion of the WVU Extension Service Office project.

With no further business, on motion by Creed G. Pletcher, seconded by JC Raffety, the Commission meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.