The County Commission of Upshur County West Virginia, held their regular meeting at the Courthouse Annex on Thursday, September 08, 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 Terri Jo Bennett, Administrative Assistant. 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 reading of the minutes, on motion by Creed G. Pletcher, seconded by JC Raffety, the Commission approved the regular meeting minutes of September 01, 2011 as submitted.

Joyce L. Harris-Thacker, Upshur County Family Resource Director, appeared before the Commission with Neil Cummons, Hall Neighbor’s House representative and JK McAtee, Peer Recovery representative, and reviewed planned activities of their support groups and requested the Commission to sign the “National Recovery Month” proclamation. The purpose of the proclamation is to “bring attention to the problem of substance abuse and call upon the people of Upshur County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies…” After discussion, on motion by Creed G. Pletcher, seconded by JC Raffety, the Commission approved and authorized the Commission to sign the proclamation which designates the month of September as “National Recovery Month” in Upshur County.

Betty Sargeant, “Parents of Murdered Children and Homicide Victims” representative appeared before the Commission and requested the use of the Courthouse Plaza (or Annex foyer in case of rain) on September 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. for a “Candlelight Vigil”. After discussion, on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission approved the request.

Rod Godwin, Upshur County resident, appeared before the Commission and expressed concerns regarding a tax issue on the filing of a managed timberland assessment application. Mr. Godwin provided a brief review on the background of the Middle Fork Club. No action was taken at this time pending follow up with Helen Phillips, Upshur County Assessor and Jacob Reger, Prosecuting Attorney. (Note: item not on agenda, report only)

The Commission recessed at 10:10 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

After discussion, on motion by Creed G. Pletcher, seconded by JC Raffety, the Commission approved the employment of Douglas Roberts as Deputy County Clerk effective September 12, 2011 at the rate of $8.00 per hour.

After discussion, on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission approved the appointment of Wayne Strader to the Upshur County Fire Board. Mr. Strader’s term of office will expire on June 30, 2014.

Gary Bailey, Maintenance Supervisor, was not available for his appointment and will be rescheduled on next week’s agenda.

Donnie R. Tenney reviewed the following “For Your Information” items:
1. Public Notice on the Inspection and Test of the Election Equipment for the October 2011 Special Election
2. Lewis-Upshur-Braxton (26th Judicial Circuit) Community Corrections-Annual Report for the Period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011-on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission approved the report as submitted
3. Invitation to attend and participate in the Exercise After Action Report Conference and Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan Introduction hosted by the Mountain Host Exercise Planning Team on Wednesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the Stonewall Resort
4. Correspondence to Ralph E. Bennett and William E. Bennett from Kelly Lavender, Tax Audit Clerk-Mined Minerals GIS Property Tax Division, State of West Virginia, concerning valuation of mineral account
5. Correspondence from FirstEnergy Corporation concerning fuel cost recovery
8. Upshur County E911 Communications Center Reports:
   • Monthly Call Summary Report-August 2011
   • Monthly Departmental Call Report-August 2011
   • Monthly Wrecker Report-August 2011
9. Agendas and/or Notice of Meetings:
   • Upshur County Family Resource Network-September 12, 2011
   • Upshur County Public Library Board-august 30, 2011
10. Meeting Minutes and/or Financial Reports:
   • Upshur County Family resource Network-August 01, 2011
11. Meetings:
   • 09/06/11-7:00 p.m. -Hodgesville Public Service District
   • 09/06/11-6:00 p.m. -Elkins Road Public Service District
   • 09/08/11-1:00 p.m. -Adrian Public Service District
   • 09/08/11-3:00 p.m. -Tennerton Public Service District
   • 09/08/11-6:30 p.m. -Upshur County Safe Sites & Structures Ordinance Board
   • 09/12/11-12:00 p.m. -Upshur County Family Resource Network
   • 09/12/11-4:30 p.m.-Upshur County Solid Waste Authority
   • 09/12/11-6:00 p.m. -Buckhannon-Upshur Recreational Park Advisory Board
   • 09/12/11-6:00 p.m. -Community Corrections Board-Braxton County 09/14/2011 -7:00 a.m. -Upshur County Development Authority – Exec. Board
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- 09/14/11-7:30 a.m. -Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority
- 09/14/11-12:00 p.m. -Upshur County Senior Center Board
- 09/14/11-1:30 p.m. -Upshur County Conventions & Visitors Bureau
- 09/15/11-6:30 p.m. -Upshur County Fire Board
- 09/15/11-6:30 p.m. -Upshur County Youth Camp Board
- 09/19/11-7:00 p.m. -Upshur County Fair Association
- 09/20/11-10:00 a.m.-Wes-Mon-Ty Resource Conservation & Development
- 09/20/11-5:00 p.m. -UC Enhanced Emergency Telephone Advisory Board
- 09/21/11-7:00 p.m. -Lewis Upshur LEPC
- 09/28/11-7:00 a.m. -Upshur County Development Authority
- 09/28/11-10:00 a.m. -James W. Curry Advisory Board
- TBA-4:00 p.m. -Upshur County Public Library Board
- TBA-7:00 p.m.-Region VII Planning & Development Council

12. Appointments Needed or Upcoming:
- Adrian Public Service District-(Sharon Bowen 10-31-11) County
- Buckhannon-Upshur Airport Authority-(Charles Anderegg 6-30-11) County
- Farmland Protection Board-(County Commissioner-Four Year Term) County
- Farmland Protection Board-(Executive Director UCDA-Four Year Term) County
- Farmland Protection Board-(Farmer & County Farm Bureau-Two Year Term)-County
- Farmland Protection Board-(Farmer & Conservation District-Four Year Term)-County
- Farmland Protection Board-(Farmer -Four Year Term) County
- Farmland Protection Board-( At-Large Non-Farming -Two Year Term) County
- Farmland Protection Board-( At-Large Non-Farming -Four Year Term) County
- James W. Curry Advisory Board-(Craig Presar 12-31-11) County
- James W. Curry Advisory Board-(Joyce Harris-Thacker 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
- Region VII Planning & Development Council-(Connie Tenney 12-31-11) County
The Commission approved all invoices for payment. (copy included)
The Commission approved the following Settlements:
- Roy S. Collins-Final Settlement
- Mabel R. Lough-Final Settlement
- Albert N. Price-Final Settlement
- Ursula JoAnn Serwatka-Final Settlement
- Alicia Jane Smith-Final Settlement
- Lillian Hornbeck Waugh-Final Settlement
- Ricky W. Zickefoose-Final settlement
- Arnold James Zirkle-Final Settlement
- Levera Alkire Clark-Final Settlement
- Charles M. Hymes-Final Settlement
- Carolyn S. Blake-second Annual Settlement
The Commission approved the following “Exonerations and/or Refunds”: (copy included)
- Norma L. Lloyd-#2920-$9.98
- Stephen L. or Sandra McCartney-#2921-$13.92
- Dane T. or Carrie Stark-#2922-$235.50
- Lee Phillips Enterprises-#2923-$315.10
- LaDonna Jane Rockey-#2924-Corrective Ticket
- Sean Carpenter & Carl Junior Martin-#2925-Corrective Ticket
The Commission approved the following “Request to Attend Meeting” for Commission employees: (copies included)
- Steve Linger-September 21, 2011
- James Farry- September 21, 2011
- Terri Jo Bennett-October 4, 2011
- Terri Jo Bennett-November 3, 2011
- Terri Jo Bennett-December 5-7, 2011
The Commission approved the following consolidation of land tracts: (copy included)
• Buckhannon Corporation District-Map 11-Parcel 203 with Map 11-Parcel 201- owners Grace Landmark Baptist Church
• Warren District-Map 5B-Parcel 12 with Map 5B-Parcel 13 and Map 5B-Parcel 13- owners Rodney Lloyd

The Commission recessed at 12:00 p.m.
The Commission attended the meeting of the Upshur County Policy Board at 1:00 p.m.
The Commission attended the meeting of the Upshur County Departmental Supervisors at 2:10 p.m.
The Commission reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Jim Rose, Upshur County resident, appeared before the Commission and expressed concerns regarding requirements and the procedure for recording a deed. Mr. Rose was advised to follow up with Debbie Thacker Wilfong, Upshur County Clerk.

The Commission discussed the “Streetscape Light Project”. No action was taken at this time pending further follow up with Ron Pugh, “Create Buckhannon” committee member to get a list of participant landowners and budget.

With no further business, on motion by JC Raffety, seconded by Creed G. Pletcher, the Commission meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.