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Commissioners Court met in special session. Minutes of previous meeting was read. J. W. Meadows made a motion, seconded by Floyd Drennan, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Resolution read asking for a block grant from ETCOG to be used on the lateral roads. This will be attached to the preapplication. (Copies of all attached to minutes.) Floyd Drennan made the motion, seconded by Charles Still to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Motion made by Floyd Drennan, seconded by J. W. Meadows, to accept provision contained in minute order #70767 from State Highway Department on the 1.8 miles of road from State Highway 154 at Rhonesboro, North to Grice. Motion carried. (Copies attached)

Discussion of a mini-bus for the aged was brought before the court. There was a need for the county to pass a resolution before a grant could be made; will be brought up at the next meeting.

J. L. Clark wants to sell auto license at Simpsonville. Bill Jones, Tax Assessor, asks the court to approve this substation. Motion made by Floyd Drennan, seconded by J. W. Meadows to approve this. Motion carried.

J. W. Meadows made motion to adjourn, seconded by Floyd Drennan. Meeting adjourned.

Ernest H. Davis

J. W. Meadows

Charles L. Still

Floyd Drennan

Texas Highway Department
Form 130-B

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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UPSHUR County

District No. 19

MINUTE ORDER

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In UPSHUR COUNTY a FARM TO MARKET ROAD is hereby designated extending from State Highway 154 at Rhonesboro, North a distance of approximately 1.8 miles, subject to the condition that Upshur County will furnish all required right of way clear of obstructions and free of cost to the State and acquisition procedures will be in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws governing the acquisition policies for acquiring real property.

At such time as the County shall accept the provision of this Order and agree to the furnishing of the required right of way, the Engineer-Director is directed to proceed with the engineering development and construction of the project in the most feasible and economical manner at an estimated cost of \$390,100 as authorized in the 1975 Texas Farm to Market Road and Off System Roads Program, and to assume the road for State maintenance upon completion of the construction.

This Order is subject to acceptance by the County and if not accepted within 90 days of the date hereof, the action herein contained shall be automatically cancelled.

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Submitted by:

Examined and recommended by: REPLY

(Title) Program Engineer

Approved

Assistant State Highway Engineer
Assistant to the Engineer-Director

Approved

State Highway Engineer
Engineer-Director

Commissioner

Minute Number

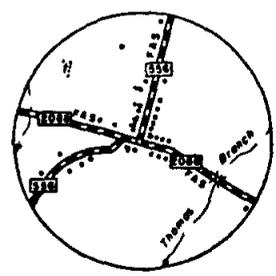
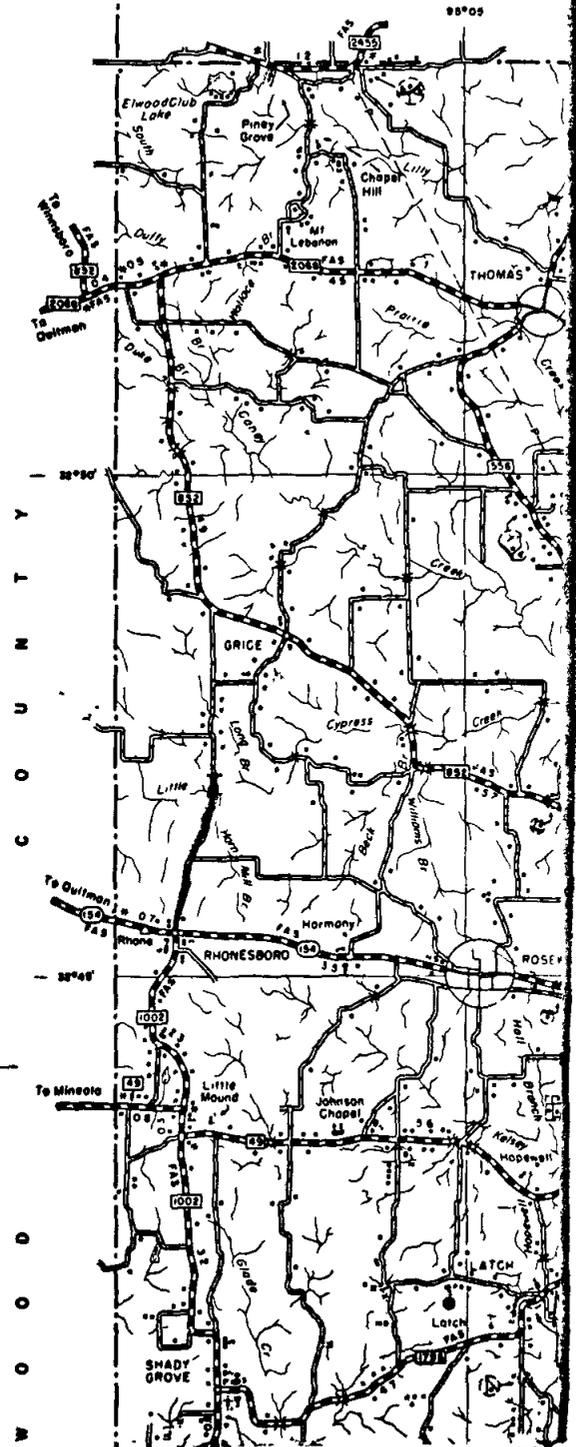
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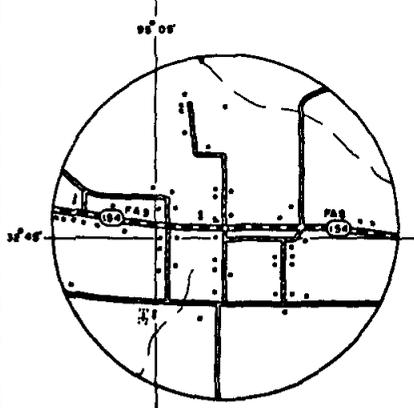
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UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
GILMER, TEXAS

January 26, 1976

The Commissioners Court of Upshur County, Texas, met in special session with all members present. Be it resolved that the Commissioners make application through ETCOG to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a discretionary block grant for improvement of lateral roads and bridges in Upshur County. This resolution to become a part of the preapplication forms and shall be an application in the amount of \$250,000.00. Approved this 26th day of January, 1976.

Ernest Deane

Joe Miller

J. W. Meadows

Charles L. Mill

Flloyd L. Manning

January 26, 1976

We, the undersigned, as President of Upshur County Farm Bureau, President of Upshur County Industrial Foundation, President of Upshur County Program Building Committee, County School Superintendent, and individual Superintendents of the Independent School Districts of Upshur County, that the application for Federal Grant to improve the lateral roads and bridges in Upshur County will serve the best interest of more people than any project discussed. We, therefore concur in the resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court this 26th day of January, 1976.

E. D. Willis
President - Farm Bureau

Ray A. Greene
President - Industrial Foundation

E. D. Willis
President - Program Bldg. Comm.

Norman J. Tuel
County School Superintendent

H. H. Wilson
Superintendent Gilmer ISD

D. J. B. Morris
Superintendent Ore City ISD

Charles Jemmy
Superintendent Big Sandy ISD

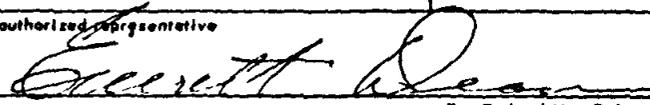
Dr. J. C. Lock
Superintendent Harmony ISD

Harlan Shucker
Superintendent Diana ISD

Robert A. Casper
Superintendent Union Grove ISD

Jace
Superintendent Union Hill ISD

L. Scott Pickett
Postmaster Gilmer, Texas

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PREAPPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PART I		1. State Clearinghouse Identifier	
3. Federal Grantor Agency <u>HUD</u> Organizational Unit <u>Dallas Area Office</u> Administrative Office <u>2001 Bryan Tower 4th Floor</u> Street Address - P.O. Box <u>Dallas Texas 75201</u> City State Zip Code		2. Applicant's Application No. 4. Applicant Name <u>County Upshur</u> Department Division <u>Commissioners Court</u> Street Address - P.O. Box <u>Box 790 Gilmer Upshur</u> City County <u>Texas 75644</u> State Zip Code	
5. Descriptive Name of the Project <u>Road and Bridge Improvement Program for Upshur County</u>			
6. Federal Catalog No.		7. Federal Funding Needed <u>\$ 250,000.00</u>	
8. Grantee Type _____ State, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County, _____ City, _____ Other (Specify)			
9. Type of Assistance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant, _____ Loan, _____ Other (Specify)			
10. Population Directly Benefiting from the Project <u>22,297</u>		12. Length of Project <u>Anticipated this project will require a minimum of 3 years</u>	
11. Congressional District a. <u>1st District, Texas</u>		13. Beginning Date <u>upon approval of funds</u>	
b. <u>County wide</u>		14. Date of Application <u>January 26, 1976</u>	
15. The applicant certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, the data in this preapplication are true and correct, and the filing of the preapplication has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant. <u>This Preapplication for this project stated in item 5 above has been approved by the Commissioners Court of Upshur County and copy of resolution is attached.</u>			
Typed name <u>Everett Dean</u>		Title <u>County Judge</u>	
Signature of authorized representative 		Telephone Number AREA CODE NUMBER EXT. <u>214 843-2823</u>	
For Federal Use Only			

PREAPPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PART II					
INDICATE ANSWER BY PLACING "X" IN PROPER COLUMN				YES	NO
1. Does this assistance request require State, local, regional or other priority rating?					X
2. Does this assistance request require state or local advisory, educational or health clearance?					X
3. Does this assistance request require Clearinghouse review?				X	
4. Does this assistance request require State, local, regional or other planning approval?					X
5. Is the proposed project covered by an approved comprehensive plan?				NA	
6. Will the assistance requested serve a Federal installation?					X
7. Will the assistance requested be on Federal land or installation?					X
8. Will the assistance requested have an effect on the environment?					X
9. Will the assistance requested cause the displacement of individuals, families, businesses, or farms?					X
10. Is there other related assistance for this project previous pending, or anticipated?					X
11. Flood Hazard Insurance Requirements					
a. The project <input type="checkbox"/> is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not located in an area designated by HUD as an area having special flood hazards under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234)					
b. The area in which the project is located <input type="checkbox"/> has <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has not been identified by HUD as one in which sale of Flood Insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001).					
PART III - PROJECT BUDGET					
FEDERAL CATALOG NUMBER	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE LOAN, GRANT, ETC.	FIRST BUDGET PERIOD	BALANCE OF PROJECT	TOTAL	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
1					
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6. Total Federal Contribution				\$250,000.00	
7. State Contribution					
8. Applicant Contribution				200,000.00	
9. Other Contributions					
10. Totals				450,000.00	
PART IV - PROGRAM NARRATIVE STATEMENT (Attach Per Instructions)					
Attached					



UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
GILMER, TEXAS

PREAPPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

PART IV

The Commissioners Court of Upshur County has made an extensive study of county needs. Meetings have been held with the Upshur County Program Building Committee, County School Superintendent, Independent School District Superintendents, mail carriers, members of the Industrial Foundation and Upshur County Farm Bureau. Several projects were suggested and discussed, but it was unanimously agreed that the project most urgently needed and would afford the greatest benefit to all citizens of the county would be a program for improvement of the county roads and bridges.

Upshur County is located in the South central part of North East Texas. It is almost a perfect square and contains 586 square miles of territory (376,790 acres) and is a rural county. Upshur County has 4 incorporated towns: Gilmer, the county seat, estimated population (1965) 4,560; Ore City, in the Northeast section with 819 population; Big Sandy in the Southwest section with 848 population; and West Mountain, a newly incorporated town, of approximately 300 people. The approximate population of Upshur County to date is 22,000 persons. Agriculture accounts for about 20% of the total income of the County. Approximately 75% of the total population of the county reside in the rural area of the county.

This application for block grant funds is submitted under criteria #2 and #3.

Upshur County has 598 miles of rural lateral roads which are crisscrossed many times by creeks and streams that require bridges and culverts for traffic crossing. The lateral roads of Upshur County are primarily native gravel roads that become an almost impossible situation as to travel during periods of wet weather. The condition of these roads are a hazard to persons carrying mail, school bus routes, older persons needing medical attention from doctors and agriculture persons in the transporting of feed and produce. School districts are encountering maintenance problems with school buses due to the poor conditions of these roads.

There are approximately 5,950 households in Upshur County with an average population per household of 3.6 (4.62 non-white and 2.5 white).

The population trend is as follows:

Urban 25.8%
Rural farm 12.3%
Rural non-farm 61.9%

The family income data is:

Median - white - \$3,661.00
non-white - \$1,998.00
% Families below \$3,000.00 - white - 38.1%
non-white - 67.6%
% Families \$7,000.00 and above - white - 24.2%
non-white - 5.9%

The total work force of Upshur County is approximately 4,050 with 3,900 employed and 3,560 of these in non agricultural employment. Of this work force only 0.6% use any form of public transportation for work travel. These figures indicate the number of persons that use the lateral road system of Upshur County for travel for daily work.

There are seven Independent School Districts in Upshur County. These school districts have 7 High Schools, 1 Junior High School, 1 Intermediate School, and 7 Elementary Schools. The total enrollment of these schools is approximately 4,600 students. These schools are served by 49 school bus routes within Upshur County, transporting approximately 2,500 pupils daily to public school on the lateral roads of Upshur County for a daily mileage run of 2,519 miles. During wet and icy weather this constitutes an extreme health and safety hazard for these children. Approximately 19% of the population of Upshur County are 65 years or older, which means that our older people are traveling these same hazardous roads for shopping and medical care which is a necessity for everyday needs.

All residents of the county would benefit from the improved road conditions, particularly the elderly, the minority and depressed groups who live in rural areas and must travel to work each day. The school districts would benefit greatly from reduced maintenance on school buses and it would insure the children getting to school each day without the necessity of sometimes walking great distances to better transportation arteries due to bad roads during wet weather. Practically all the gravel roads are mail routes and the conditions of road and bridges often prevent the delivery of mail in wet weather. Also dairy farmers in the county must be able to deliver their milk as it is a perishable product.

It is anticipated that at least ten unemployed persons would gain work through this program if the project is approved.

Work on the project would begin immediately after funding and could be completed within three years.

Equipment necessary for the implementation of this project is owned and would be furnished by Upshur County. Technical and work supervision, and administrative work would be furnished by the Commissioners of Upshur County and their work crews. It is estimated that the \$250,000.00 grant would be expended as follows:

Road Oil	\$175,000.00
Steel Culverts and Bridge Material	\$75,000.00

There would be close coordination with the schools, postal authorities, various communities, Upshur County Program Building Committee, to set priorities for roads and bridges in this program.

After completion of the initial phase, there would be a continuation of the project. The continuation would be funded by the County with the Commissioners Court having fiscal, administrative, and managerial responsibilities for its continuation.

Under the provisions of Paragraph 570.304, Upshur County request a waiver of the final application requirements authorized in Paragraph 570.303 (a) and (b) of Rules and Regulations, Federal Register, November 13, 1974.

This attachment further describes the work to be done in the preapplication for Discretionary Block Grant for Road & Bridge Improvement Program for Upshur County.

The population of Upshur County is 25.9% non-white with 35% of the persons over 65 years of age being non-white.

Below are listed the roads to be improved in Upshur County under this grant. The roads are described and are marked in red on the attached map. All road improvements will serve almost entirely elderly, non white, and low income population. The approximate cost per mile for sub grading, bore preparation, sand and road oil will be from \$3,700.00 to \$4,000.00 per mile, depending upon the cost of road oil. This unit of cost does not include culverts for bridges and materials for headwalls and backfill. All roads will be built to county road specifications as prepared by an engineer in cooperation with the County Commissioners.

The roads to be improved and the service as to population, school bus routes, mail routes, churches, cemeteries, and type of population is listed as follows:

1. Red Maple Road - approximately 4 miles. This road serves approximately 93 persons of non white and low income, also serves a minority church and cemetery. Is a schoolbus and mail route.
2. Almond Road - approximately 2 miles. Almond Road serves more than 50 persons, all over 65 years of age. Locust Grove Church and cemetery is served by this road and is a schoolbus and mail route.
3. Nutmeg Road and into and down Sassafras Road - approximately 3 miles. These roads serve almost 50 persons of retired age and low income. Also a schoolbus and mail route.
4. Appletree Road and connecting Aspen Road - approximately 2½ miles. This road serves 97 minority low income people, schoolbus and mail route.
5. Sweetgum, Mesquite and Juniper Roads - approximately 4 miles. These roads serve a community known as Red Rock Community, which is 100% non white with many low income and elderly. There are 2 churches and cemeteries, schoolbus and mail route with 405 persons served, all of whom are non white.
6. Mule Deer and Llama Road from FM 2454 to US Highway 271 - approximately 6 miles. This road serves 121 persons which is 100% low income minorities. A church and cemetery are served by this road which is a schoolbus and mail route.
7. Mink Road through Possum Road to US Highway 271 - approximately 6 miles. These roads serve the Wallace Chapel Community, with church and cemetery. Wallace Chapel Community is non white with approximately 111 persons, also schoolbus and mail route.
8. Poppy Road from FM 2263 to Aster Road follow Aster Road to FM 2796 - approximately 7 miles.

These roads serve the Zion Hill and Paradise Communities which are 100% low income minority persons. There are 2 churches and 1 cemetery with more than 140 persons in the two communities. These roads are schoolbus and mail routes.

9. Narcissus Road from FM 1649 to Petunia Road to Snap Dragon Road from FM 1649 to US Highway 259 - approximately 11 miles. These roads serve the Snow Hill Community which is 100% non white, population of approximately 140. There are 2 churches, 1 cemetery served by these roads which are also schoolbus and mail routes.
10. Elderberry Road - approximately 3½ miles. On this road are approximately 96 persons, 80% which are low income minority. A church, cemetery, schoolbus and mail routes are also on this road.
11. Pear Road - approximately 1½ miles. Serves church, 60 persons of which 90% are low income non white.
12. Sheep Hill Road to Squirrel Road including Squirrel Road to Piney Grove Community - approximately 5 miles. These roads serve the Mt. Lebanon Church and Chapel Hill Community which is non white with more than 93 population, is schoolbus and mail route.
13. Cherokee Trace to Cat Trail ending at FM 2454 - approximately 5 miles. This route serves the Bethlehem Community which is 100% non white with about 97 population. This community has a church and cemetery and is a schoolbus and mail route.
14. Bobolink Road from State Highway 300 to US Highway 271 - approximately 9 miles. This road serves approximately 144 persons, 2 churches, schoolbus and mail routes. Approximately 75% of persons served by this road are low income minority.
15. Guinea Road from Bobolink Road to US Highway 271 - approximately 1½ miles. Connects schoolbus and mail routes and is principal artery of travel for approximately 15 elderly persons.
16. Bluebird Lane from US Highway 271 to State Highway 300 - approximately 2½ miles. Serves the Piedmont Community of about 65 persons, which is 100% non white. Also church and cemetery. This is a schoolbus and mail route.
17. Gardenia Road from FM 1649 to FM 726 - approximately 7 miles. Serving the Valby View Community which is 100% non white of about 171 persons. This community has a minority business, 2 churches and cemetery, also schoolbus and mail route.
18. Spider Lily Road from State Highway 154 to return at point of Highway 154 - approximately 4 miles. Serves 76 persons which are 90% low income minority, also schoolbus and mail route.

This grant is being requested and will be used to serve Communities and people that are more than 95% minority, low income, and elderly. These roads, in their present condition, are a hazard to health and safety during periods of wet weather.


Everett Dean
County Judge, Upshur County, Texas

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UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
P.O. Box 720, Gilmer, Texas 75644

UPSHUR COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS MINI-BUS

UPSHUR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

IN

COOPERATION WITH UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

2. The Upshur County Senior Citizens mini-bus would be a transportation service without charge to senior citizens 60 and older, regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin. Persons using the service would receive transportation from their home or community location to medical facilities, shopping areas, utility offices, banks, post office, consulting agencies and legal services and be returned to the same location. If these vital services were not used at a specific time, the bus would be available for educational and recreational purposes. The bus would operate on a 5-day schedule throughout the county and be driven by a qualified driver. The bus would be operated primarily in the county with out of county trips to be approved by the citizens committee. This county-wide committee would be appointed by the county court and work in cooperation to perform administrative duties as needed.
3. The service would operate for Upshur County citizens throughout the county. Trips outside of the county would be by special approval by the citizens committee.
4. According to the 1970 census, 3,060 persons in the county were age 60 and older. This number is continually growing. Of this number qualifying for the service, we hope to serve at least 300 of these persons the first year.
5. Other agencies to be involved in the project include the Department of Public Welfare, Social Security Administration, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Upshur County Chamber of Commerce, and City Governments located in the County. Community contacts, civic clubs and news media would help

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS: the East Texas Area Agency on Aging, a division of the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG), through the funding agency for Title III of the Older Americans Act, has available funds for transportation of senior citizens age 60 and over, and

WHEREAS: an Upshur County Citizens Committee sees the need for a Mini-Bus transportation for the Upshur County older Americans without charge to these citizens, and

WHEREAS: this Citizens Committee has formulated a transportation project proposal to facilitate this project,

BE IT RESOLVED: This day that the Upshur County Commissioners Court, will be the contacting agency and be responsible for the 10% cash and/or in-kind matching funds needed for the first year funding; provided the proposal is approved. The court will also assist in continuing this service after the first year funding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth year.

Everett Dean
Everett Dean, Judge of Usher County

Offie Nobles
Offie Nobles, Commissioner of Precinct 1

J. W. Meadows
J. W. Meadows, Commissioner of Precinct 2

Charles L. Still
Charles Still, Commissioner of Precinct 3

Floyd Drennan
Floyd Drennan, Commissioner of Precinct 4

SIGNATURES affixed before me this 2 day of February 1975

J. B. Hill Jr. County Clerk
WITNESSED BY:

This 2 Day of Feb. 1975

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J. B. Hill, Jr. Upshur County Clerk

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