



UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

GILMER, TEXAS

May 21, 1979

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with all members present.

Judge Dean read the minutes of May 14, 1979. J. W. Meadows made motion, seconded by Floyd Drennan to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Tish Brown, of the East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, meet with Court asking that Council be placed in County Budget for the coming year, beginning with calendar quarter October-December 1979. (Copy attached.)

Motion made by Charles Still, seconded by Floyd Drennan for County Clerk and District Clerk to attend Annual Convention at Kerrville, Texas, June 12 thru 15, 1979. Motion carried.

Motion made by J. W. Meadows, seconded by Charles Still for load limit signs to be placed on any and all county roads when needed. Limit of 8,000 lbs. per axle to be used for Special Road Use. Motion carried.

Motion made by Charles Still, seconded by J. W. Meadows to table discussion of Dog Control Election of Upshur County until Court had opinion from Attorney General. Motion carried.

Motion made by J. W. Meadows, seconded by Charles Still to adopt Road Maps of Upshur County, being prepared by Texas Highway Dept. and supplemented by each Commissioner. Motion carried.

Motion made by J. W. Meadows, seconded by Charles Still to pay unpaid bills. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)

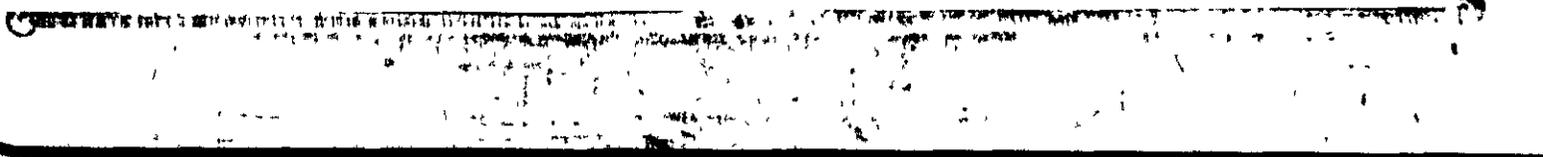
The Commissioners Court closed for Executive Session.

Ewart Dean

J. W. Meadows

Charles L. Still

Floyd Drennan



TO: Upshur County Commissioners Court

FROM: The East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ETCADA)
a non-profit, voluntary health agency

ETCADA HAS been providing services in prevention and rehabilitation, education, public information, employees assistance programs and development of services in East Texas since 1966. Since, 1972, the area the agency serves has grown to encompass the 14 counties of State Planning Region 6.

As much as 80% of the funds necessary to deliver services to your community have come from state and federal sources in the past. These funds were obtained by matching them with local funds from 17 East Texas United Funds. Now, however, state and federal dollars are declining due to the philosophy that local funding sources should replace them. In 1978, 70% of our total budget dollars were grant funds; in 1979 this figure dropped to 55%; and in 1980 the ratio will be 47% grant funds to 53% local. Therefore, in order to continue delivering services, we must have additional funds from the communities we serve. Failure to generate these funds will mean curtailment of services.

Local governments pay a heavy toll in providing services for alcoholic persons and their families. This is validated by law enforcement, the judicial system, public health services, juvenile and adult probation systems, local welfare, as well as other hidden costs. We believe that local government has an interest in programs and services that will work toward prevention of this problem as well as programs enabling the alcoholic person to recover and remain a tax producing citizen instead of a tax burden.

There are twenty states which dedicate tax funds for alcoholism/alcohol abuse programming. Texas is not one of these. However, there is a tax that is placed on the user of beverage alcohol that could be utilized for this purpose by local governments. The Alcoholic Beverage Code, Section 202.02, describes a tax of 10% that is imposed on the gross receipts of a permittee from the sale of mixed drinks or from the sale of ice or non-alcoholic beverages which are served for the purpose of being mixed with alcoholic beverages and consumed on the premises. Subsequent sections describe how the tax is collected and submitted to the State of Texas, providing for the issuance to each county or city 15% of the receipts collected in their jurisdictions. The Act itself has no limiting words speaking to the funds usage by the governmental entity to which it is returned. The 15% returned to Upshur County in 1978 was \$504.46.

Beginning in April of 1978, in an effort to develop a stable and continuing source of local funding, ETCADA is requesting that this revenue be allocated to ensuring continuation of our current programming. As of March 1, 1979, five counties and seven cities have agreed to divert all or part of this revenue to this purpose.

We therefore respectfully request the County Commissioners take the necessary action to enable the East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to receive annually an amount equal to the revenue received by Upshur County, through Section 202.02 of the Alcoholic Beverage Code as received quarterly, beginning with calendar quarter October-December 1979.

GENERAL FUND

<u>Claim No.</u>	<u>Pay To:</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>
497	Keith Barber	Services & Charges	167.28
498	Larry Z. Sechrist	Services & Charges	8.00
499	Bessie Faye Hill	Services & Charges	55.19
500	Ronnie Mitchell	Services & Charges	56.72
501	General Telephone	Services & Charges	301.33
502	Harry R. Heard	Services & Charges	100.00
503	Wayne Tolliver	Services & Charges	50.00
504	Lowell C. Holt	Services & Charges	300.00
505	John - Stewart Insurance Agency	Services & Charges	484.98
		TOTAL	<u>1,523.50</u>

ROAD & BRIDGE #1

116	Gulf Oil Corporation	Supplies	525.25
117	First National Bank	C.D. Purchase	<u>7,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>7,525.25</u>

ROAD & BRIDGE #2

158	Gulf Oil Corporation	Supplies	613.63
159	First National Bank	C.D. Purchase	<u>10,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>10,613.63</u>

ROAD & BRIDGE #3

128	First National Bank	C.D. Purchase	7,000.00
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ROAD & BRIDGE #4

160	Gulf Oil Corporation	Supplies	1,235.18
161	Guy White	Extra Labor	21.75
162	First National Bank	C.D. Purchase	9,000.00
163	Guy White	Extra Labor	10.15
		TOTAL	<u>10,267.08</u>

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