

IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
AUGUST 4, 2021

DIRECTIVE NO. 10

IN RE:

DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL ESSENTIAL WORKERS DURING THE COVID-19 PREMIUM PAY PERIOD

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Act of 2021 specifically authorizes and promotes the use of funds for retrospective and premium pay to those persons who provided services necessary to protect the health and well being of the residents of this county between February 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, and further the said Act of Congress authorizes the undersigned as Chief Executive Officer of Upshur County, Texas to designate persons who should receive premium pay who have not otherwise been accounted for; and

WHEREAS, the Upshur County Commissioners Court meeting in regular session did on July 30, 2021 authorize the payment of said premium pay to Upshur County employees and all persons affiliated with ongoing operations of the 115th District Court, the Upshur County Court, the Upshur County Supervision Department, and the Upshur County Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service, among others; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned does designate the following individuals as essential workers during the premium pay period and hereby directs and orders payment of premium pay to said persons, to-wit;

Mr. Trace Hudgins, Chief Officer of Upshur-Marion Counties Community Supervision who was called on to assist and in fact did render services on a continuous and ongoing basis by staffing both

Courts with probation officers to allow the Court operations to continue, and for his service as a member of the Upshur County Covid-19 Committee;

Mr. Barry Clark Wallace, who worked each day during the premium pay period as an Assistant Attorney prosecuting Child Protective Services cases and mental health cases, none of which abated during the crisis period;

Hon. Billy Byrd, Upshur County District Attorney, who worked daily during the premium pay period to prosecute cases, both in the 115th District Court and the Upshur County Court, none of which could have been accomplished via Zoom, telephone or any other remote procedures, but likewise had to risk his health to keep this county operational and safe; and

Hon. Dean Fowler, 115th Judicial District Court Judge, who presided over criminal cases throughout the period of time of the Covid crisis which exposed him to Covid-19 on a weekly basis because the adjudication of criminal cases could not have occurred via Zoom, by telephone, or any other remote means, this county not having the facilities therefor.

IT IS, THEREFORE RESOLVED, ORDERED and DIRECTED the Upshur County Treasurer pay the above four identified persons premium pay because all four were essential workers to the operations and functions of this County between February 1, 2020 through June 20, 2021 in whatever amounts may be designated by the Office of the Upshur County Auditor.

DONE and ORDERED this 4th day of August , 2021, at 10:30 o'clock a.m.



Todd Tefteller
Upshur County Judge

This document shall be filed with the Upshur County Clerk and posted on Upshur County's website.