

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
FOR
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**Barbour County, West Virginia
March 20, 2020**

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to be a worldwide pandemic, and

WHEREAS the Barbour County Commission takes notice that on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of West Virginia declared a State of Emergency for all fifty-five counties to allow agencies to coordinate and create necessary measures to prepare for and respond to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of West Virginia has issued several Executive Orders, and will continue as needed, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, this situation has caused considerable hardship for the citizens of Barbour County; and

WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susie Cvechko, President, Barbour County Commission is issuing the Executive Order, by the authority vested in me by WV State Code Section 15-5-1 and WV State Code Section 15-5-8, do hereby declare a LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY exists in Barbour County for the period starting today, March 20, 2020 until further notice, and direct that:

1. The local Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Barbour County Commission, shall be fully executed to direct all local disaster and emergency response forces and operations in Barbour County.
2. The Director of Barbour County Emergency Management, under authorities provided in WV State Code Section 15-5-8, the local Emergency Operations Plan, and local orders or ordinances shall take immediate actions to protect public safety and direct the provision of such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate the response of all local agencies that provide assistance in Barbour County.
3. All agencies in Barbour County should cooperate to the fullest extent with the Director for Barbour County Emergency Management and should provide such assistance as may be requested or required for response to this emergency.

4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in WV State Code Section 15-5, the county commission can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to:
- a.) Performance of public work;
 - b.) Entering into contracts;
 - c.) Incurring obligations;
 - d.) Employment of permanent or temporary workers;
 - e.) Utilization of volunteer workers;
 - f.) Rental of equipment;
 - g.) Purchase and distribution of supplies, materials and facilities;
 - h.) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and
 - i.) The demolition and removal of damaged public and private structures.



President, Barbour County Commission

March 20, 2020

Date