Barbour County Commission Meeting November 4, 2024 5:00 pm

JAMIE CARPENTER COMMISSION PRESIDENT, DAVID STRAIT COMMISSIONER, JEDD SCHOLA COMMISSIONER, LAURIE AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK, SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Rhett Dusenbury, Judy McDaniel, Keith Knight, Thomas O. Wright, Patty Bowmar, Phyllis Deffet, Ira McDaniel, Diana Johnson, Grace Stemple, Judy Shaffer, Wanda Burgess, Ben Propst, Lisa Knight, R.W. Guthrie, Bob Richardson, H. David Talbott, Dylan Harper, Kim Lewis, Corey Brandon, Mary M. Poling, Senator Bill Hamilton

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the October 22, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented. Jamie Carpenter also discussed a letter received from WV Coal Reserves LLC that requested 2022, 2023, and 2024 taxes be refunded because they were erroneously charged. In a letter from the WV State Tax Department, a clerical error in appraising occurred and recommended to change minerals for tax year 2024 of producing coal value to \$0.00. After review of property ID# 01-04-9999-0405-3900-0000, it was determined this parcel was indicated to be in an active coal mine, where it received an active appraisal, instead of a reserve appraisal. In response to the WV State Tax Department's clerical error, the Assessor's office prepared an exoneration reflecting their recommendation.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, three (3) final settlements were approved. 3/0

DELORES J SLAY, EMMOJEAN VANDALL, BILLY LEE WHITE

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to name the Barbour County Circuit Courtroom after the Honorable Judge Moats, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

Senator Hamilton and Senator Karnes secured the Tacy Community Association a \$50,000 Local Economic Development Grant for building improvements. Senator Hamilton presented the check to the Tacy Community Association members.

Brian Kilgore, Fraternal Order of Police, submitted a request for support of their annual Christmas initiative. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, a \$2,500 contribution was approved. 3/0

Quotes were received for the Barbour County Park Improvement grant project that includes a swing set, dugout construction, field drainage improvements, and lighting upgrades. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait the following quotes were approved: Swing Set- BSN Sports \$7,138.49, Lights- LED Light Experts \$20,866.89, light materials- Builders Center \$7,751.08, equipment rental- JRT Rental \$5,240.00.

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One bid was received for the dugout construction from JC Construction. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the bid from JC Construction in the amount of \$18,830.00 was approved for the construction of two dugouts on the upper ball field. 3/0

The lower ball field drainage was tabled and will be reposted.

Corey Brandon reported that Governor Justice issued a proclamation that bans all outdoor burning throughout West Virginia, effective November 4th and will remain into effect until rescinded by further proclamation.

Dylan Harper reported that \$206,000 in Homeland Security grant funds have been awarded to Barbour County since 2021.

The floor was open for public comment in order of the meeting sign-up sheet.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2024 at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President